



FUNDATIA NEW LIFE

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Dear friend and supporter of Fundatia,

This summer we are a little late with the newsletter! Usually, I am waiting for the camp in the mountains to happen then I start working on it! This year the camp was one month later but I thought it was worth waiting so I can offer you some pictures and news from it.

I have always believed that a camp or even a day trip to nearby cities are a good opportunity to see how our boys react in a different environment or with different people. A camp in the mountains, with no staff from the house, is the best way to see how they can look after themselves for a few days (by that I mean showering, changing clothes, keeping the room clean or interaction with other people from the camp). And I have to say that I am very proud of Sandu and Gabi! I think that they have managed very well and they behaved themselves!



Sandu and Gabi, proudly wearing a traditional Romanian shirt for the dancing contest



Breakfast at the camp



Sandu dancing with a young girl that he met

The camp takes place once a year, for one week, in the city of Sibiu and the costs are covered by the Special School in Slobozia, to who we say a big "THANK YOU".

Every year, Sandu and Gabi have a great time in the camp! They are very excited looking forward to it and I am thinking of the early days when everyone from the house would go to the camp! These days, this is not possible anymore due to the costs and the medical problems the others have!

As you all know already, each one of our boys have different medical problems and as they get older, it becomes more serious!

Codreanu has always been the most difficult one, due to his mental illness that makes him want to harm himself. Since the first day at the house, our goal was to prevent him from doing that. Even at present, we still have to immobilize his hands for his own safety, his condition has improved a lot. He understands a lot and he wants a ride in the car, every day, if possible! And he has his own way to tell you what he wants. The other day, as he was sitting under a tree, in the shade, I went to say "Hello". Before I knew it, he grabbed my hand, he opened the front gate and jumped straight in the car for a ride! He gave me no chance to say "no"!





In my previous newsletter I was telling you how fortunate we were to find, after many years, a physiotherapist for Emil. Since then, thanks to your support, we were able to continue his therapy session. Beyond that, it turned into a very strong friendship and Emil is extremely happy when Cristina comes at the house! Emil will never walk again but look at his face when she showed up for his birthday! And... it is not just Emil that is happy but all the other boys as, when she comes at the house, she tries to work with the others, too, not just Emil.



Dear supporter, some of you have been with us since the first day of the house, 22 years ago! That is a very long time and I have no words to express my gratitude for your dedication to our work!

Times are difficult all over the world and I find it more and more difficult each month to keep the house running! But I choose not to worry and to trust in God more and more, instead! At the end of a day, when I realise how difficult it has become to keep it going, I turn on my computer and look at the pictures of our boys! I try to remember how they were in the past and how much we have done for them! Then I thank God for each one of you that has made this possible! Thank you all for your dedication over the years and I do hope that we will continue our work together for as long as we can!



Having a pizza at a local restaurant, in Slobozia

Before I say “Good bye”, please, allow me include a short note from Peter Newell, a very good friend of Fundatia!

Marius Istrate,
Project manager

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Hello Everyone,

I am pleased to introduce myself as the newest Trustee and your new primary point of contact for the Charity. In recent months, I have transitioned into the role of Treasurer, succeeding Ray Roberts, who communicated this change to you along with the previous newsletter. While my tenure as Trustee is relatively recent, I would like to express my deep commitment to Fundatia New Life, and to the ongoing work of the charity. I have had the privilege of knowing Marius for many years and have visited the house on numerous occasions over this time. I look forward to continuing my support for Marius and Fundatia New Life, as well as collaborating with you, our valued donors, whose generosity is essential to his work. Please feel free to contact me should you require any assistance.

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*Yours Sincerely,
Peter Newell*