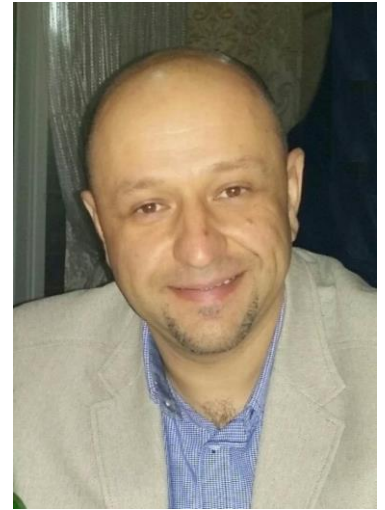


Christmas Newsletter 2015

Dear friend and supporter

Once again I have been given the privilege to update you all on the last few months for Fundatia New Life.

As many of you know I came to England just after Easter to meet some of our supporters and to spread the word about Fundatia. I want to thank the people that I had a chance to meet for their warm welcome that I received when I visited. It was really good to meet so many positive people who support us and who are keen to help spread the word about our charity. Now more than ever the boys at Amara need your continued support to help face a lot of new changes that have happened in Romania. The most important changes are to do with regulations that the charity now has to meet. This will impose both financial and time restrictions on the charity making it even more expensive to run each month. This is why I would like to ask as many of you as possible to help raise awareness about Fundatia New Life and the important work we do in Amara. Your support and the support from new people has never been so crucial.



In a continued effort to raise new support for the charity I am pleased to tell everyone I shall be visiting England again next year around Easter time. I am already looking forward to meeting our supporters and I am keen to explore any ideas or suggestions anyone might have to help with our cause. I will be sending out my exact movements during my visit in the next newsletter but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to arrange to meet with me during my stay.



Since my last visit there have been some changes at the house. Now we have a new member in our family. Beginning in June Ionut has joined the staff team as a nurse. It was not easy to find someone to replace Marian who had been with us for more than 15 years. However Ionut was a great find as he has a lot of experience with similar boys. Ionut was quick to adapt to working at the house and was more

than prepared to go above and beyond to help. Especially as working at the house meant more than being just a nurse. Ionut quickly became part of the family. Both the boys and the other staff accepted him easily.

Under his direct guidance Ionut and the boys have breathed some life into the garden at Amara growing new vegetables which will help us during the winter months. Also already Ionut has plans to restore the green house and to continue growing in there. This is not only good for the Amara House, as it will make it more self-sufficient, but it also gives the boys an exciting activity to enjoy.



This summer finances were restricted and unfortunately we didn't manage to take the boys on a camp. However we did manage to take them on several day trips instead. We took a fantastic day trip to Constanta and to the Black Sea where we took the boys on a boat trip which they really enjoyed. This was the first time that we had been on the sea.



It was a lovely sunny day and the boys had a great time. We spent also sometime on the beach and after all the time walking in the sunshine we took a well earned rest in the local MacDonalD's which was a special treat for everyone. In addition to the Black Sea we also had trips to Bucharest, Braila and other surrounding towns. We enjoyed as much of the Romanian summer as we could.

Christmas will soon be here and we all from the house in Amara want to send our thoughts and warmest greetings to you all. We hope that you have a special time with your friends and family during the festive period but would ask if you could find it in your hearts to spare a thought for us all here too.

We are keen to share our home with you and would like to invite anyone who wishes to visit to come and meet us!

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all of us at Fundatia New Life!

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