

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for continuing to help heal Romanian children wounded by poverty and marginalization. Each child's story is being changed from sadness to joy as they are fed, provided for, and receive educational help to stay in school.

Denis who is 6 years old, came to the Centre completely downcast with a broken toy in his hand. In the first few days he didn't speak, but that changed when he had his first hot meal. The smiles started and he now runs, plays and sings with energy. Alex is a quiet, sensitive 6 year old in

need of healing and at the Centre he has learned to feel part of a family, a family who accepts and loves him and teaches him that every difficulty can be transformed into a strength.

Six year old Bogdan is full of energy and questions. When he received a workbook, he patted it like it was a treasure and said "this is the first thing that is mine." He comes from a very poor, needy family so at the Centre he is happy to have his needs met, to learn and to be listened to. Every day he grows in trust and courage.

Seven year old Maria has become a happy child, having learned what being safe means.

After new activities she hugs our women and thanks them for teaching her something new. Her life has been transformed into joy. Nine year old Alexandra is musical and loves to sing and dance. The workshops that the Centre puts on gives her the

occasion to develop her creativity. She sometimes talks about missing family, but more often about how happy she is at the Centre because it's "warm and beautiful."

Patricia is 10, has a big soul and always wants to help, especially with the younger children. She wants to go on to high school,

which we encourage, and dreams of becoming a teacher, seeing the success of 2 girls we helped through vocational school. Often she says that she "wants to be like the ladies at the Centre." Eleven year old Gabi has an empathetic heart and is benefitting from the Centre's nurturing environment. As he experiences healing through goodness, he is empowered to help the more needy children.





The farm is the children's quiet place where they learn responsibility by taking care of the animals. They feel useful, seen and peaceful. Eggs, milk and cheese are sold which helps with expenses.

With economic insecurities affecting donations, income from another source is needed. Oana and Marius, our social workers, have received guidance from a neighbour foundation to set up a community store. A specific donation made this possible.



The new store "AgroMix" on the Centre's land has become a joy for the community. Oana and Marius found direct suppliers and manufacturers to offer products with a fair price. The store has products with accessible prices so that people from the village can buy what they need without leaving the community, and

they are delighted. They understand that their purchases enable the very poor children to have their education sustained, preventing school abandonment, and for vulnerable families to be supported at the Centre.

The profits from the first months will be put into merchandise to have a stable stock. Then



proceeds from the store will be to cover the expenses of utilities, electricity, water and wood for winter heating. It is a long road, but healthy, towards independence and sustainability.

Please help us keep feeding, teaching and loving these children. The salaries of our caring, devoted staff are the biggest expense. Your support is invaluable to changing children's lives and the far-reaching effect this has on the community. Because of your generosity, children who once faced impossible odds now wake up with hope and opportunity. Thank you for being the hands and heart of this mission!

God bless you, with love,

Kathy



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