

INIMĂ PENTRU INIMĂ FOUNDATION

A Non-Governmental Romanian Organization in Social Services



How the Foundation "Inima pentru Inima" took life?

From the beginning, "Inima pentru Inima" has been build up from many teenagers, always keeping an eye at the diversity of the social and human problems in the society, and with an exceptionally pursuit of helping and understanding.

Watching with my own eyes the life of the abandoned children, living day by day suffering and desperate families in front of the poverty and helplessness, we all think that the sadness, depression and indignation won't resolve anything, and then we decided to exist. Face to face with the pain, poverty and ignorance, is how our pursuit of happiness, of giving and helping start.

This was ... The beginning....

The building of the community for children and teenagers: (Casuta cu Pitici from Ocnele Mari,2000) where you fell like making pace with the Universe. Casa Raffaela (2001) where the teenagers learn what means hope, the social apartments (2002) with a lot of happiness when the teenagers, who not far for the present they were confused and uncertain, they earn their first salary. Casuta cu Povesti, Macin(2003), Life is beautiful- Braila, in 2004 Casuta cu Solar, in 2006 Day Centre Petria) it was just a part of our living experience.

Apart from this we learnt how to help everyone. Listening and trying to understand, we learnt from every person, how to live every moment. But the most important we tried to find a Heart in every person around us, the energy of changing what we do not like, without fear to tell the truth even is it was disagreeable or inconvenient.



We learned that being close to the disadvantaged people, close to poorly people where is missing the fairness is the best thing we can do.

Our work is based on the solidarity, for abandoned children who need love, for elderly people who want to be listen and for teenagers who want to live a honest life.

We learned to make...politics. True politics. But not the one from political party, we learnt the one who guarantee every child rights, every rights of women and men living on this Earth. We know how to solve all the problems, we know that over the heart we need professionalism and competence, without this two only heart is not enough.

Where we going?

After 21 years of social work we understand that we all have targets, we want to be, to have and to get where we want. But for some of us this remains just dreams and for others accomplishments.

I think that difference consist in setting up a target. It is an imaginary target or a written target, like a map with a clearly destination.

To get the target you want, you need to develop confidence, self esteem, to overtake all impediments and to accept all challenges.

In 21 years we understand that promoting wellbeing means improvement of quality of life, a life without positive references, without the chance of speaking, staying and making with everyone.

First of all we need to understand what are a person needs why is in that difficult situation which is making the situation more difficult.

Only if you know the reason why you know to give the right help, and then building a plan to help education, to spread the culture and solidarity.

I will like to say thank you to everyone who participate and support at realization of this project and to say a big thank you to everyone who forgot about a 8 hours shift ,forgot about family and been beside of all the impediments, pains, happiness, worries of the people who mad "The Big Family" of the Foundation "INIMA PENTRU INIMA"

Lidia Dobre
President and founder of the "Inimă pentru Inimă Foundation"











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The Mission of the Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation was founded by Mrs. Lidia Dobre, president, on July 23rd, 1997, through the civil sentence no. 1432 of Valcea Court. It is registered under number 21/2004 from the Register of associations and foundations in Ramnicu Valcea Court.

Its initial statutory objectives are: to promote children rights and monitoring how they are met, the integration of children in foster families, including internal and international adoption, restructuration of social services for people in need, improving the living conditions of institutionalized children in collaboration with public authorities.

Along the way, the scope of the organization was expanded in order to give all types of social services under the laws in force for all categories of beneficiaries in need.













THE TYPOLOGY OF THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- Day care centers
- Social centers for children and young people
- National and international voluntary service
- Educational Programs
- Programs to prevent child abandonment
- Studies and research in social services



Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

Copăcelu Day Care Center

The project gives children from families in difficulty (at risk of abandonment) the chance of a normal life with their families and help improve the relationship child - parent. The Day Care Center is a viable alternative for the placement center. It is a project developed in collaboration with Râmnicu Valcea Archdiocese - "Intrarea Maicii Domnului in Biserica" Parish, Traistari from the city of Ocnele Mari and the Association "Bambini in Romania", Italy.

The Social Services provide appropriate social and educational services, without removing the child from the family and social environment. The target group (direct beneficiaries) consists of children aged 3-7 years. In the day center children benefit of nutritional support (lunch and snack). The day care center is also an alternative to spending free time.

Copăcelu Day Care Center supports the organization of festive meals celebrating the birthday of the children with priority to the family. It also organizes celebrations with the occasion of holidays (Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Children's Day). In the day care center the child is offered numerous learning activities and situations to develop age appropriate independent living skills. The educational activities are carried out individually or in small groups of children, considering the age of the children and their acquisitions.

Copacelu Day Center is the only one of its kind operating in the area of Ramnicu Valcea. After a period of six years the day care center is required as reference for the type of services it offers.







Copăcelu Day Care Center Râmnicu Vâlcea









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Măcin Day Care Center, Tulcea County

Macin Day Center helps to develop a network of social services provided to vulnerable groups, especially of children at risk of abandonment. The development of these community-based social services is an alternative to institutionalization and a condition to respect the right of every child to grow and develop in their own family. The target group consists of children aged 3-7 years, from families in social risk situations, with domicile / residence in the city radius of Macin (single parent family, families with social and economic problems, families with many children, poor Romany families). The activities performed within the Day Centre:

- nutritional support;
- daytime care and supervision;
- increasing the interest of the child for new knowledge by
- conducting educational and recreational activities;
- formation and development of communication skills;
- stimulating the child's free expression of opinion;
- discovering and encouraging the practice of business skills, abilities available.

The project is supported by the Association "Cuore per Cuore", Italy and seven City Halls from the province of Milan, coordinated by Sedriano City Hall from Italy.

Macin Day Centre initiates and shares information regarding community services, its role in the community, access and operation, as well as the existence of these important community services for children and their families, support for awareness campaigns in order to prevent child abandonment and institutionalization, periodically publishes relevant data on its activities to ensure the compliance with the current legislation on child protection in relation to other institutions, ensures the collaboration with the community institutions (city hall, medical units, police).



Măcin Day Care Center, Tulcea County









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Current projects of the "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

Brăila Day Care Center

The project gives children the possibility of a normal life, with their families, improving the parent-child relationship and represents a viable alternative to institutionalization. In the project are given adequate social and education services, keeping the child in the family, in his social and natural environment. Life in common must allow the return of children to a level of "normal" health starting from an initial medical evaluation and reaching, if applicable, to a specialist evaluation. Also, children should receive a proper diet, goal which can be reached through the nutritional support offered within the day care center, as well as through a training for health and hygiene problems of marginalized children and families.

The Day Center offers children recreational and socializing activities in order to achieve a balance between learning and the relaxing and playing activities. The educational staff develops the program of recreational and social activities, including sleep and rest periods, taking into account the preferences and features of each child. The project became functional since 2008. The day care center capacity is of 20 preschool children aged 3-7 years, coming from families at risk, from the city of Braila. The hygienic-sanitary situation of the target group is very poor and requires continuous and professional medical examinations. The medical activities are coordinated with the volunteer doctors from the Association "Medici Volontari Italiani" from Italy.





Brăila Day Care Center, Brăila County









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Ocnele Mari Day Care Center

Ocnele Mari Day Center is located in the building owned by the Heart to Heart Foundation, located at Strandului Street, no.1 Ocnele Mari City. The children who receive the day care center services are selected through an assessment by the specialist staff of the Centre by specific assessment tools. The criteria taken into consideration will take account of: the material conditions of the family, the work program of family members, the child's health, the number of children in that family; the family can also join the program center and the distance between home and center.

The day care center offers parents advice and support on request or whenever it is considered by the professional staff that it is in the child's benefit and his family. Emotional support service and the counseling is provided by the center psychologist. Psychological counseling involves identifying risk situations, difficult moments in the life of the child or his family and an intervention based on a custom program and a psychological record. The project is funded by the Association "Bambini in Romania", Italy.

Ocnele Mari Day Center offers child services after school. At the day center are organized drawing and painting workshops, dance, computer use and Internet communication in Italian and English.

It carries out activities of care, education, recreation, socialization, training and developing independent living skills, parenting advice, discussions and provides informative materials to parents. The activities carried out are not only interesting in terms of educational and formation, but also creative and based on a participatory approach.

The target group was adapted to local community needs and includes school children aged 7-12 years. The day care center capacity is of 20 seats.





Ocnele Mari Day Care Center, Vâlcea County











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<u>The Socialization Center Goranu</u> <u>Râmnicu Vâ</u>lcea

The Socialization center Goranu aims at ensuring the general conditions necessary for an independent life of the youth within the protection system of Valcea County. The target group consists of young people aged 16-21 years. It has a capacity of 10 seats. The building consists of three bedrooms, kitchen, lounge, two bathrooms, offices and annexes. The sponsor of the center is the Association center "Bambini in Romania", Italy. The Centre has a small tailor and crafts shop; the space is destined for occupational therapy activities, equipped with work tables, sewing machines, etc. The activities carried out:

- activities of training, developing and strengthening the skills for everyday life:
- activities of training, developing and strengthening the skills for living and using community resources;
- activities of training, developing and strengthening the skills for life in society;
- activities of training, developing and strengthening the skills for individual activities and work;
- socialization through group therapy;
- leisure activities;

For a successful intervention, the child is assisted by a member of the interdisciplinary team. It thus follows an integrated process for personal development and school education, learning community living skills, developing the capability of operating in the community, vocational training, socioprofessional integration with the purpose of material autonomy and personal achievement of the child, for the benefit of the family and other significant persons in his life.



The Socialization Center Goranu, Râmnicu Vâlcea









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<u>The Socialization Center Copăcelu,</u> Râmnicu Vâlcea

It became functional since October 2006. The Project of Copacelu Socialization Center is the result of a partnership between Traistari Parish, Rotary-Cozia Club, Ramnicu Valcea, the "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation and the Association "Bambini in Romania", Italy. The target group consists of children aged 5 -14 years. Copacelu Socialization Center has a capacity of 10 seats. The project promotes the right to a differential education, creating the technical and logistical support to the formation of children. The purpose of the project is to help children from disadvantaged backgrounds with great potential to achieve professional and step out into the social life. The force of example may allow a further expansion of the project to also integrate groups of children, without special skills that come from disadvantaged backgrounds, into social and economic life. The activities carried out:

- creation of an internal climate, ideal for a successful intellectual activity.
- personal development by enabling the full psycho-intellectual, emotional and physical potential;
- organizing tutoring programs in order to improve personal performance through more individualized lessons under the supervision and monitoring of a person with competence in selected areas (teacher) based on identified needs and options of the beneficiaries;
- training and developing of skills and behaviors necessary for independent life;
- identifying the problems faced by beneficiaries;
- support, incentive and motivation in order to achieve performance;
- developing public-private partnerships between public institutions and governmental organizations or NGOs dealing with children.





The Socialization Center Copăcelu, Râmnicu Vâlcea











The Socialization Center Copăcelu, Râmnicu Vâlcea











Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation





Social apartments in Râmnicu Vâlcea

The project of the socio-professional integration service Ramnicu Valcea is aimed at ensuring the necessary conditions for an independent life of young people. Given that all young people are for a long time in the centers of socialization, their support mainly refers to work and self-management, prerequisites of an autonomous life. The youth also receive financial support from donors for a limited period after which they shall manage alone. The project is funded by the Association "Bambini in Romania".

Types of services:

Social assistance (social worker intervention, assessment of the case, social diagnosis and intervention plan or spectrum of services required, in agreement with the customer, conclusion of the service contract and mutual responsibility, mediation with local actors and structures,

Psychological and psycho-pedagogical support (initial and periodic psychological evaluation, a plan of action based on identified psychological problems, learning problem solving strategies, acquiring self-control skills, emotional conflict resolution, psychosocial and vocational counseling - individual and group).

Professional assistance provided by the guidance and training staff.

The activities conducted are especially those in the field of socioprofessional integration, especially for young people who are already integrated in the labor market and which are supported in maintaining their job.



The Socio-Professional Integration Services Râmnicu Vâlcea (social apartments)









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Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO PREVENT ABANDONMENT BRAŞOV

Support for mother and child from the very beginning

The Counseling service offers the following: counseling, language and communication, sociological, social assistance, family planning and contraceptive education, aiming at preventing abandonment and institutionalization of newborns in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital (maternity) Brasov. The project assures the prevention of child abandonment in the maternity of Brasov, by providing social services to mothers at risk to abandon their children.

The funding is provided by the Association "Bambini in Romania", Italy.

Activities carried out:

- providing social services (counseling and family planning) to prevent abandonment in the pre-conceptual period, monitoring, assistance and support for pregnant women prone to child abandonment (identification of the mother at risk, counseling and parental education), information / accompaniment of pregnant women and their families regarding approaches in obtaining identity documents, marital status, personal documents, etc; mediation of the relations between the pregnant woman and her family, reducing the number of children abandoned or at risk of abandonment, monitoring vulnerable families with high risk of abandonment and their support to keep their children in the family, by providing material support (milk powder, baby food supplements, clothing, etc)

Results:

- reducing the number of abandoned children, prevention of institutionalization of children from health facilities, open community awareness and involvement in the work of rehabilitating single mothers, decreasing the number of children abandoned at birth and increasing number of mothers who receive specialized services, resolving situations that encourage or maintain cohabitation, extramarital relationships, divorce, prostitution, etc., reducing the number of mothers likely to abandon minor children due to their rejection by the community and the natural family, creation of a community-wide consciousness about helping these young mothers at-risk, creating a basis for the development of these types of social services will be extended in the future.



Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

The support service for mothers and children

The project involved setting up a social service within the Heart to Heart Foundation, to assist families at risk, finding the necessary resources and best solutions to ensure those children an appropriate living environment needed for their development. Ignoring risk situations in families with children generates the phenomena such as neglect, abuse, family separation, institutionalization, illiteracy, social exclusion of children. Some parents are not aware of the issues affecting a child's development and families get in serious cases, difficult to overcome without the support of specialized social services. The project aims to promote adequate access to public or private services to families affected by social exclusion in the municipality of Ramnicu Valcea, especially families whose members come from the protection system and the social programs undertaken by the Heart to Heart Foundation.

The project objectives are:

- increasing the number of parents who realize their child needs to develop into a stable family environment emotionally;
- increasing the number of parents who realize the factors that endanger the health, safety, moral development, education and social integration of the child;
- improving the skills of parents in regard to child care and development;
- supporting families / parents by developing networks / support groups;
- reducing the number of children who arrive in institutions because of temporary difficulties experienced by their parents;
- increasing the involvement of community services professionals in early detection of risks that determine the child's separation from his family.

It aims to support and assist parents / potential parents to cope with psychosocial difficulties that affect family relationships, parenting skills development, to prevent the separation of family and child and support the children when problems arise in their development.

The program operates within the operational headquarters of the Heart to Heart Foundation from General Magheru Street, no. 9, Block S1, Sc. C, 5th Floor, Apartment 17, Valcea County.

The services offered:

- 1. Advice and information
- 2. Support and parenting
- 3. Financial and Material Aid

We have developed cooperation with local institutions involved in promoting social protection policies, as well as professionals involved in health, police and church.

The target group consists of a total of 10 young mothers and their children, from the protection system, in situations of social risk or in temporary crisis situations



Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR THE SOCIALIZATION OF INSTITUTIONALIZED CHILDREN

The program aims primarily at the socialization of institutionalized children through various leisure activities during school holidays, and exchange of experience in protecting children at risk. The activities are initiated by members of Italian volunteer groups (who came through the Association "Bambini in Romania" from Italy) and Romanian volunteers (about 200 each year) together with the staff in placement centers, aiming at developing team spirit, the competition, but also a harmonious upbringing of the child on all levels. These playful activities enable the maturity and building of their own identities, the game representing "the leading wire" of a positive human development.

The program helps to integrate institutionalized children in the community, but also to build harmonious personalities and the discovery of human value. The implementation of the project involved working with specialized public services for child protection in the counties of Brasov, Tulcea, Valcea for organizing activities that are aimed primarily to the socialization of institutionalized children through various leisure activities (sports, playful activities, simple games, celebration of birthdays for children from orphanages).

The activities consisted of organizing social animation activities (simple games or sports, or hiking, trips or camps) for institutionalized children who are helped to freely express their own opinion, happiness and personality.



THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR THE SOCIALIZATION OF INSTITUTIONALIZED CHILDREN









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THE YOUTH VOLUNTARY PROGRAM

The Inima pentru Inima Foundation promotes volunteerism among young people, aiming to develop projects for young Romanians and foreigners, aged between 16 and 30 years, who are willing to volunteer in another country, in social, cultural or environmental protection. The duration of a voluntary training can be between two and twelve months.

Volunteers needn't have prior professional experience. They must have only availability for new things, a spirit of adaptation to different living conditions than those encountered so far, availability of intercultural "confrontation" and a minimum of knowledge of international languages.

All these volunteer activities are conducted by projects with European funding under the program "Youth in Action", Action 2, the *European Voluntary Service*, a project of the European Commission managed in Romania by the National Agency for Community Programs in Education and Training from the Ministry of Education and Research.

The Heart to Heart Foundation is accredited for the implementation of projects within the European Voluntary Service, with the possibility to run them as a host organization, for reference and accreditation and coordination. The accreditation number Is 2017-1-RO01-KA110-037052



Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

Project JUST/2009/FRAC/AG/1032 " Promoting the rights of children and adolescents Romania and Italy - PRO -CHILD "

The overall goal of the project PRO-CHILD is to promote and support children and adolescents the right to be raised in their own families and be fully integrated into local communities. PRO-CHILD will address, in particular, issues extremely vulnerable group consists of children and adolescents in Romania and Italy living in Romania and Italy which are neglected by their parents or risk being abandoned, being victims of racism and intolerance based on ethnic considerations and stereotyped .

The specific objectives are:

- **1**. Increased awareness of the right of children and adolescents to grow within their own families, and addressing issues of racism, stereotypes and intolerance for migrant families, ethnic groups and other vulnerable groups;
- 2. Protecting the rights of children and adolescents to healthy relationships with family and parent-child relationships, and their right to grow and learn in the local communities where they come from ;
- **3.** Strengthening the capacity of relevant stakeholders to formulate, develop and implement policies and strategies relating to the abandonment and neglect of children and adolescents, as well as racism, stereotypes and intolerance for families who migrated to ethnic minority groups and other vulnerable groups. This project addresses to a vulnerable group consists of children and adolescents under 18 years and are located in different social insecurity situations. In Romania, some children and teens involved are institutionalized, neglected by their families. In Italy, in addition to those stated, this vulnerable group belongs to the categories of immigrants, especially among first-generation immigrants, so their exclusion of social is compounded by language and identity issues, and legal issues that impact their rights civilian in the country of residence, but most of all stereotypes.



Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

"The social economy - real opportunities for a better life"

General objective: Development of social economy at the level of regions South-West, Southeast and Central of Romania.

Specific objective: Increase the level of knowledge and interest in the social economy in the the regions South-West, Southeast and Central of Romania. Increase abilities and skills of vulnerable groups, regions South-West, South - West and Central, in the domain of social entrepreneurship. Development of mechanisms and tools to support the structures of the targeted groups: disadvantaged people: - ethnic gypsies, people with disabilities, young people over the age of 18 who leave the system of child protection, women in social risk situation, managers of social enterprises, specialists and trainers involved in the social economy. The main activities developed within the project, in order to achieve the objective assumptions are:

- carry out two studies in the domain of the social economy in collaboration with foreign partners;
 edited two publications in the domain of the social economy: an information brochure and a guide of good practices;
- carry out an information campaign and awareness raising on the social economy;
- carry out a training program for trainers and specialists in the domain of the social economy;
- carry out the training program "Development of entrepreneurship for vulnerable groups";
- carry out a training program for managers of social enterprises;
- create a network of Centres of Support Structures for the Social Economy;
- 3 constitute social enterprises;
- constitute a consortium of social enterprises



Current projects of the The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation INTER CAMPUS ROMANIA

The Inter Campus project as it is known throughout the world, developed by FC Internazionale Milano in 20 countries from 4 continents, is primarily focused on social advancement through sport. In Romania, "Inimă pentru Inimă"Foundation developed the project since 1999. The educator (coaches) who participate in the project organize the educational and sports activity for the children from orphanages and the local community. The activities aim to enrich the program areas of personality development in a motivated context where "the magic" of the game, as action - relationship – identification, stimulates the potential of each child, the sports activity being thus a manifestation of wit, skill, speed, self-mastery, a race with others and themselves. In 2009, the project took place in Tulcea, Valcea, the educators conducting weekly sports activities with the children in orphanages, as well as with those in the community. Partners / funders: Inter Futura, the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea, the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Tulcea.

For children who are part of the Inter Campus phenomenon, football is the rediscovery of the game, the entertainment and pleasure to be with other children. The game is now a universal concept in theory, everywhere in the world. But in practice we find more difficult realities in which there are no moments of relaxation, where the game takes on a diverse meaning. Where everyday needs compel children to give up childhood. These realities are the place where Inter Campus works, trying to bring serenity and hope.

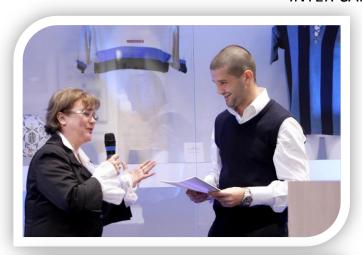
The program's target group consists of children aged between 6-12 years. The number of children enrolled in the program: 200 The program impact on the target group:

- playing a sport (football);
- involvement in activities that lead to the use of newly discovered skills;
- increasing the number of friends of children;
- greater number of social contacts for the institutionalized child;





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INTER CAMPUS -COPPA DEL MONDO

Inter-Campus Tuscany World Cup 2009, a football tournament organized in 2009 by FC Internazionale Milano Football Club, a club whose player is Cristian Chivu, the captain of the Romanian national soccer team. The initiative involved 300 children from 20 countries around the world: Italy, Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Iran, Lebanon, Morocco, Mexico, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, and Uganda. The Cuban team would be present too, but because this country is led by dictatorial policy, the delegation was prevented from participating. Instead was present a mixed team composed of children from Israel and Palestine.

Each national delegation was represented by a team of 14 children, aged between 11 and 12 years accompanied by educators and representatives of sports organizations worldwide involved in the Inter Campus project. All had one thought; to wear the equipment of Inter club, to participate in a tournament where prizes do not certify the best player or the best team, but the simple desire to play football.

During the Intercampus tournament, between 18 - 29 September 2009, 190 football games have been played in Tuscany, in the sports complex Coverciano-Florence, where Italy's national soccer team trains. 300 children were ambassadors of the tragic realities from the countries they come from.

Romania was represented by a team of 14 children from orphanages or poor families, from the counties of Brasov, Tulcea, Olt, Valcea, where the socialization project is implemented through the sport of children, developed in Romania by the Heart to Heart Foundation in collaboration with FC Inter Milan.









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PARTNERSHIPS

The project "The Care and Support Centre Bistrita", which was submitted for the bid of proposals: Phare 2004-2006, Economic and Social Cohesion, Phare budget line 2006/018-147.04.02, Reference 02, Social Services. Funding was obtained by the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea, as principal applicant and the Heart to Heart Foundation, as partner. The attributions of the Heart to Heart Foundation in the project:

- specific training and supervising staff
- action plan for specific training
- the development of the first Centre documents
- project monitoring and evaluation
- preparing the evaluation on the degree of fulfillment of minimum standards, according to a scorecard with precise indicators
- care, assistance and rehabilitation for the beneficiaries the Assistance and Care Center Bistrita by volunteer activities
- carrying out social activities with the beneficiaries of the center, through volunteers which will mobilize them for these activities.



PARTNERSHIPS

The project "The Emergency Reception Center for children", which was submitted for the bid of projects: Phare 2004-2006, Economic and Social Cohesion, Phare budget line 2006/018-147.04.02, Reference 02, Social Services. The funding was obtained by the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea, as principal applicant and the Heart to Heart Foundation, as partner.

The attributions of the Heart to Heart Foundation in the project :

- providing donations consisting of toys, clothing and supplements to organize festive meals for celebrating and organizing children's birthdays;
- supervision by the specialist center staff made available;
- internal assessment of the service for obtaining the operating license of the newly established service;
- supporting the social and recreational activities for children who will benefit from hosting by involving the volunteers attracted by the organization.



PARTNERSHIPS

The project "Day and night shelter for street children" which was submitted for the bid of projects: Phare 2004-2006, Economic and Social Cohesion, Phare budget line 2006/018-147.04.02, Reference 02, Social Services. The funding was obtained by the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea, as principal applicant and the Heart to Heart Foundation, as partner.

The attributions of the Heart to Heart Foundation in the project :

- multidisciplinary team training
- consulting both in developing technical reports, and to obtain accreditation by assessing the degree of fulfillment of minimum standards, organization of service according to law; service organization and administration have been pursued primarily, professional ethics issues, the rights and participation of beneficiaries;
- activities to attract volunteers
- support from volunteers to carry out social and recreational activities
- support through volunteer activities in implementing information and communication activities with the community in terms of shelter services, its role in the community, access and operation, and the importance of this service for children living on the street.



Reference projects for The "Inimă pentru Inimă" Foundation

The social and socio-professional integration Service Ramnicu Valcea PIN 1/2005 VL

The Project- The social and socio-professional integration service Ramnicu Valcea - PIN 1 / 2005 VL was held in accordance with the Funding Contract for services No. 7605/01 August 2005, concluded between the National Authority for Child Protection, acting as contracting authority, the foundation "Heart to Heart" Rm. Valcea as provider and Valcea County Council – the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea, as beneficiary and was held from August 1st to December 31st, 2005.

Target groups: 102 young people from the Placement Centre no. 11 - Bistrita, belonging to the General Direction of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea, arrived at 18, young people with special needs (medium and light mental deficiency, behavioral disorders)

Accomplishments: The creation of two departments within the service: vocational guidance and counseling department of Bistrita and residential section Ramnicu Valcea (at the ground floor of the Placement Centre no. 5 DGASPC Valcea, with a capacity of 12 seats

Results

- total beneficiaries of the residential component: 12 young people;
- number of contracts of employment for the beneficiaries of the project: 11;
- number of beneficiaries deinstitutionalized by integration / reintegration in the family: 42 young people;
- number of partnerships made with other institutions: 31

Financed by the National Authority for Child Protection



The social and socio-professional integration Service Ramnicu Valcea PIN 1/2005 VL











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Social Map of Vâlcea County

- The project aims to harmonize through its implementation, social services with the needs of the population, through a detailed analysis and overview of the specific problems of each category of beneficiaries, their share and importance in the specific of Valcea county, the density of each category of beneficiaries in each community and the obstacles met in access to social services. On the other hand, by evaluating the possibilities of network providers of social services, it aims also to respond appropriately to the demands imposed by each category of population. The project is a scientific approach that seeks to establish local priorities in social protection through a detailed analysis of the area, and focused on every community, to provide the social players with the information needed to identify alternatives to solve social problems or even private social cases.
- Analysis and centralization of each supplier of social services in the county is an activity that will be achieved through a standardized tool in the form of questionnaire, that will be directed at social service providers, questionnaire whose dimensions will assess how the social service provider meets the needs of beneficiaries, which category is he aiming to, what type of services is he providing, which is the demographic area of coverage, which is his ability to meet the needs of the area, how they select the beneficiaries, how they can be contacted by the population and other scales of the study that can provide information on the service provider's ability to meet social needs in the area. The instrument for data collection will be developed after the organization of seminars, focus groups with specialists in social protection, legislative and administrative factors of decision, in conjunction with data obtained from the meetings with the beneficiaries. With the centralization of data we will produce a map of the distribution of social services in the county of Valcea. Through coordination of the two instruments, the needs map and the map of social services we will make a social map of Valcea county.
- Project cost is 66531 Euro, the amount requested from the NGO Found is 59851 and the value of our contribution is 6680 Euro Schematically, by the implementation strategy of the project we aim to collect two categories of information: information on social issues and specific county needs and information on social services providers.

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Ambulatory rehabilitation center Voineasa

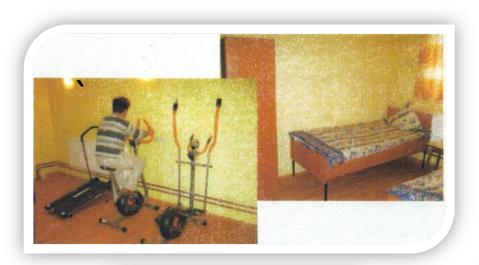
The project aimed at establishing a recovery center for ambulatory services with a component of respite in Voineasa resort, Valcea County. The activities developed in the center aim at the restoration or development of individual capacities and hence the increase of life quality of neuro-motor disabled persons in families or in institutions and limiting the risk of "institutionalization" and social exclusion. The project was implemented in 2008, Pater Pio Foundation and the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea ensuring the sustainability of activities under the obligations of the financing contract.

The target groups consist of neuro-motor and locomotor disabled adults from the north of the county Achievements

- creation of an ambulatory rehabilitation center, allowing accommodation for 6 persons per series;
- the construction and modernization of the building in which the center is operating was achieved in proportion of 100%;
- the equipment of the center with furniture and equipment for operation was performed in proportion of 100%;
- the bases of developing support networks have been started, which will be completed through partnerships with local communities.
 - **Results** (throughout the funding period 4 months)
- 18 people housed in the breathing component;
- 18 disabled adults who have benefited from the ambulatory recovery services;
- developing individual plans for services for 36 locomotor or neuro-motor disabled persons;
- ensuring recovery services for a flow of 36 beneficiaries per month, each person benefiting from a recovery cycle of 10-12 days.
- the construction and modernization works of the building where the center will operate were achieved in full.
- **Financed by** the National Authority for Disabled Persons.
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