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Would you like to know what the Motivation family did for the past months? Enjoy reading below!



Fulfilling Hopes!

For Ancuta, Mihaela, Nicoleta, Florin Edi and another five youth with developmental disabilities at Motivation, the first half of June was one full of joy and hope. "Fulfilling hopes!" is the title of the project funded by Vodafone Romania Foundation and carried out between May 31st and June 11th, 2010 in Clinceni. Over 200 volunteers from Vodafone, "assisted" by experts from Habitat for Humanity Romania, worked on the construction of a new home. The five teenagers from the IMPACT program will move to the semi-independent living home soon, under the watchful care of Crina, Dana and Stelian, our colleagues from Motivation (wheelchair users). On June 7th, Romania's best athletes were "trained" to work on the construction site. Doina Melinte, Violeta Beclea-Szekely, Valeria Răcilă Cristian Gațu, Laura Badea, Monica Rosu, Otilia Badescu, Ionela Tarlea and Doina Ignat handled with skills and dedication the saw and hammer to help build a new home where our youth will learn to be more independent.

New products at the Occupational Workshop

The 25 children and youth deinstitutionalized by Motivation have enjoyed these days working in the occupational workshop on new products. Motivation staff received with excitement the outcomes of the youngsters' work, and became the fist fans of these beautiful objects. Once we learn to make several models of brooches, earrings, bracelets, and key rings, we will present them at exhibitions at companies, museums and special events.

We are Special Olympics athletes!

And because sports are essential for healthy living, our children have not missed this year's National Special Olympics competition dedicated exclusively to people with developmental disabilities. Ancuta, Mihaela, Nicoleta, Edi, Florin and Marian visited Satu Mare during June 18-21, and returned victorious. No less than 11 medals were added to those won over time by Motivation's SO athletes.

The competition in Satu Mare, involving 250 Special Olympics athletes, proved to be a good opportunity for Mihaela, Nicoleta, Florin and Edi to demonstrate that they can represent with honor their friends in the group homes where they live. We are sure we will be proud of them at the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, where they will join 7,500 athletes from around the world.



„Fulfilling Hopes” construction site in Clinceni



The VIP of the occupational therapy workshop



Special Olympics Award ceremony

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Celebration with good friends

On May 6th, in the presence of friends from Shaw Trust and Mosaic, Motivation inaugurated the new building where the foundation employees will work. We and our children enjoyed the visit of our distinguished guests and celebrated together 15 years of Motivation! Our children and teenagers at Varatec camp!

Our children, guests at the Varatec Camp!

The children and young people living in Cornetu group home are the first who have arrived in the beautiful place. There, they have long walks in nature, play in the grass and visit the monastery Varatec. Our children will stay in Varatec camp for two weeks.

MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE!

We thank once again the companies and people who answered the campaign initiated with Vodafone Romania Foundation to raise funds for the sports trainings of Edi, Florin, Mihaela and Nicoleta from now until the 2011 SO World Summer Games in Athens. With your help we raised 9,700 EURO which will cover these trainings and their participation to the Games in Athens. If you did not have a chance to join this campaign, you can help one of the other 21 children and youth deinstitutionalized by Motivation in the IMPACT program. You will thus join our donors and funders who continue to enable us to respect the promise made to the children eight years ago, when we transferred them from the institution! **Every dollar donated since June 1st will be doubled by the Impact Alliance!**

Read the story of each child, choose the one you want to support and send us your monthly donation. We will send you periodic updates on their progress and on the new programs Motivation develops to make their dreams come true. Talk to your friends about our children and invite them to join us. **Each helping hand makes a difference! The impact of your monthly donation is important**

- ✚ 15 USD give one child new clothes in a month
- ✚ 30 USD give eight teenagers living in one of our 3 group homes healthy food for one day
- ✚ 60 USD allow one of our children to enjoy one week at the Motivation Camp in Varatec



Varatec Camp



We had a party on May 6th



Our teenagers had a wonderful time in the last months

We are proud with the results of the other Motivation programs. In the first months of 2010, our 11 regional teams helped 1,406 people with disabilities receive Peer Group Services such as two-week Active Rehabilitation Trainings, camps and seminars. 341 people received appropriately prescribed, personalized wheelchairs through our efforts. With help from the Employment Team, 459 people with disabilities were advised and 25 placed on the labor market, although more recently the economic crisis has decreased recruitment and employment efforts of most employers.