

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Project: START, MOT&SOR, AMP

Bucharest: For nearly a week, the team hosted the meeting in Bucharest of all colleagues involved in the Employment Program with Reta, our colleague from Shaw Trust Scotland.



Reta told colleagues from the newer teams (Bihor and Mehedinti) about the employment program at Shaw Trust and about the methods they use to succeed in the field.

Together with the more experienced teams (Neamt and Bucharest) we talked about how to improve our indicators and practiced ways to be more persuasive with employers and beneficiaries.

Less good news is that the project whereby we planned to employ 36 people with speech and hearing disabilities at Carrefour supermarkets, for which we had identified 50 suitable, well motivated candidates, was cancelled. We are trying now to find other employment offers for some of these candidates.

In June, the Bucharest team advised 13 beneficiaries and employed 3.

Neamt: In June, Neamt team went through the experience of organizing the first job fair in their region, which was the third job fair for people with disabilities in the Mot-Sor project.

The event was attended by 11 employers interested in hiring people with disabilities in fields such as recruitment agencies, manufacturing (textiles, paper bags, machine and tools), trade, construction materials, retail, cleaning services, public transport, waste management and representatives from National Agency for Employment Bacau.



A total of 34 beneficiaries, youth with disabilities in the last year at arts and crafts schools in Bacau and Comanesti, talked with employers, presenting their CVs and showing their eagerness to have a job and become independent.

The job fair received significant coverage in the local media, and the event was attended by reporters from



"Bacau Newspaper", "Desteptarea Newspaper, "Adevarul de Seara" Bacau, Reality TV and 1tv Bacau.

Also in June, colleagues from Piatra Neamt advised 30 beneficiaries.

Bihor: Colleagues in Bihor attended the training in Bucharest. Although two of them were on vacation this month, the team completed a significant number of mediations (18), but, what is more important, six people received employment counseling and two of them were hired.

Mehedinti: Colleagues from Mehedinti focused on counseling beneficiaries from Craiova who were going to finish school. Although they are a new team, they managed to advise 17 teenagers in June.

WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTIONS AND TRAINING OF USERS, PERSONAL ASSISTANTS AND SPECIALISTS

Project: „RETEA PENTRU INCLUZIUNE” (NETWORKING)

Prahova Team

Information and awareness seminar in partnership with Multiple Sclerosis “Hope” Association in Prahova, on June 7th 2010 at Prahova Regional Training Center. The seminar was attended by 13 persons with disabilities, five family members from the Association of MS Hope Prahova and profesoor Nicoleta Ionovici, a neuroscientist at University Hospital in Bucharest.



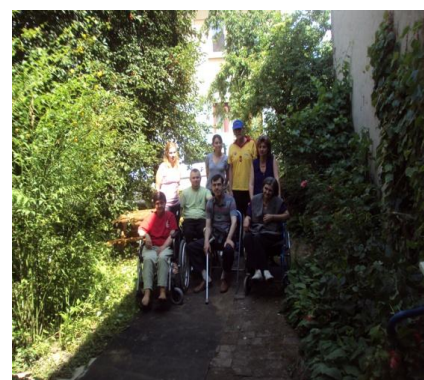
Training seminar for persons with moderate mobility disabilities organized by Motivation Romania Foundation in partnership with Prahova Social Assistance Department and CITOPAH Urlati between 28 and 30 June 2010. The training was attended by 12 people with mobility disabilities, 27 CITOPAH Urlati specialists and two CPRR specialists from Rose House for people with disabilities.



Independent living seminar for people with reduced mobility skills, June 1-14, 2010 at the Regional Training Center Prahova, Gheorghe Grigore Cantacuzino Street No. 48, Ploiesti.

Wheelchair / urinary supplies:

- 25 home visits / visits at centers
- 35 assessments and mobility equipment prescription
- 2 files sent to HIA
- 30 files sent for urinary supplies
- 8 decisions for urinary supplies
- 5 wheelchairs deliveries



Others: Prahova team submitted a project proposal to Petrom – Petrobrazi Refinery for which we obtained a grant worth 15,000 RON. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Mehedinti Team

Information and awareness seminar on June 17, 2010 at the Drobeta Turnu Severin Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Hospital. The seminar was attend by 19 people with disabilities, a family member and three experts, two nurses and hospital department chief of physiotherapy and rehabilitation department.



Wheelchairs and urinary supplies:

- 14 home visits
- 15 assessments and mobility equipment prescription
- 2 files sent to HIA for wheelchairs

Others: the accreditation documents were submitted to the Ilfov County Commission for Accreditation of social service providers.

Sibiu Team

Independent living seminar for persons with reduced mobility skills from city / county of Sibiu, from **May 26 to June 6 2010**. This training was attended by five people with disabilities (children) and five personal assistants.



Independent living seminar for people with reduced mobility skills from June 10 to 23, 2010 at the Sibiu Regional Training Center, Justitiei Street 14, Sibiu. The event was attended by six adults with reduced mobility skills, 3 family members and 2 psychologists from the Occupational Center for Persons with Disabilities in Sibiu.

Wheelchairs / urinary supplies:

- 32 home visits / visits at centers
- 32 assessments and mobility equipment prescription
- 13 files sent to Health Insurance Agency (HIA) for wheelchairs
- six decisions for wheelchair funding obtained from HIA
- 2 wheelchair deliveries



Others: accreditation documents submitted to the Ilfov Commission for Accreditation of social service providers.

GENERAL

Training for physiotherapists with Sarah Frost, Motivation Charitable Trust (UK), June 21 to 24 at our headquarters in Buda, Ilfov.



Project: MOBILE TEAMS

The services offered by the five regional teams helped in June over 100 people with disabilities, as follows:

- Service evaluation and prescription of mobility equipments for **107 people**;
- **25 files for wheelchair payment sent to HIA**;
- **19 decisions** for wheelchairs obtained;
- **protocol of cooperation** signed and contacts established with seven other potential partners;

Pitesti regional team participated in the cultural event organized by Hand-ROM Foundation in Pitesti, June 1 - 2.

Regional Team Iasi organized from June 14 to 19 in Varatec the camp for children with mobility disabilities and parents/ personal assistants. The Camp was a success even if the weather was not too good. Nine children with mobility disabilities and 12 companions/family members participated in various activities: from simple games to get to know each other, which started moments of joy among them, to more complex, competitive games, to help participants learn independent living skills, or artistic activities. There were visits to monasteries, various tourist attractions (Creanga's theme home in Humulesti, the bison reserve). A disco was organized every evening, this being the most awaited moment by both children and adults at the camp.



Project: USAID

At Panduri Center we organized two trainings and two-week independent living seminars for people with mobility disabilities, from June 9 to 25 and from June 28 to July 7, attended by 18 beneficiaries.



Bihor team organized on June 2nd an independent living training seminar at the Day Center of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation in Bihor, which was attended by 10 people with mobility disabilities, six personal assistants and 11 specialists. A representative of the South team also participated in this seminar as PG trainer.



Wheelchairs:

- 14 assessments and mobility equipment prescriptions;
- 2 files sent to HIA and six decisions for wheelchairs were obtained;
- 3 wheelchairs have been delivered;

Neamt team: The new building for Neamt team is finished, as you can see in these pictures.



From June 14 to June 19, the teams from Iasi and Neamt organized together in Varatec a camp for children with physical disabilities and for parents / personal assistants. The Mures team joined them at Varatec, where nine children with disabilities and 12 attendants participated. Congratulations to the organizers because the camp was very much appreciated by participants! (See details and pictures from Iasi team).

Wheelchairs and urinary supplies:

- 20 assessments and mobility equipment prescriptions;
- six files were sent to HIA for wheelchairs and 12 decisions obtained;
- 4 files sent for urinary supplies and five decisions obtained;
- 8 wheelchairs have been delivered;

Bucharest-Ilfov Team:

Wheelchairs and urinary supplies:

- 52 assessments and mobility equipment prescriptions;
- 24 files sent to HIA for mobility equipments, and 22 wheelchair payments received;
- 48 files sent for urinary supplies and 62 decisions obtained;
- 41 wheelchairs have been delivered, and two people received other mobility supplies;
- 23 wheelchairs were repaired and adapted;
- 9 cars have been adapted.

PROJECT: IMPACT

- our 10 children who are in school finished another year;
- work in the Clinceni greenhouse continued and first products began to be harvested: tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, cabbage, eggplant;
- from June 18 to 21, Edi, Nicoleta, Mihaela, Florin, Ancuta and Marian participated in Special Olympics National Games held this year in Satu Mare



- On June 6 the group home in Clinceni hosted an activity about the Solar System, in partnership with UNAWE Organization. The children re-created the solar system using colored sand and a given model, and at the end of activity they received the „young astronomer” title from their new friends;



- From June 25 to June 30 we organized at Varatec the first camp for children and staff from Clinceni group home. During the camp, we cleaned and painted the group home, and the exterior will be finished until the summer ends;



Sponsorships for the IMPACT Program

- On June 1st, Children's Day, the **World of Children** Company's representatives, who provide funding to buy fruit for the children every month, visited us to meet our teenagers. They were invited to see the pageant organized by our youngsters and offered sweets and snacks.
- The following day, June 2nd, employees from **Telelink** visited our children and young adults from our group homes and offered them sweets and fruits.



- **DToys** Company from Sfantu George sent 160 puzzles and other games for our children and young adults living in the group homes.
- This month we extended the partnership with **BauMax Romania!** The company supported us with construction materials for renovation works at the group homes where our children live.
- **Farmexim** Company joined the Impact program this month and offered medicines worth 1,672 RON.
- **Romet Buzau** donated a water purification filter for the group home in Cornetu.

Since June, people and companies who want to support the children and young adults in our group homes through Make My Dream Come True! Program can do this via **PayPal** - an electronic payment mechanism easy to use for donors from the country and abroad. The first donation came from a donor in France, whom we thank for the patience he showed us until we started this payment mechanism.

The children's party on 1st of June

Young people from Motivation had a Children's Day celebration. They danced, played games and received gifts.



Also on June 1st, the stories of the children living at Motivation could be heard on Radio Europa FM, in the main journals of the day. Due to these reports, we were contacted by a Romanian living in France who donated for one of our children.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Habitat construction site

From May 31 to June 11, the volunteer project Fulfilling Hopes took place in Clinceni with support from Vodafone Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. Over 200 Vodafone volunteers worked 10 days on the construction site to build a home. Stelian, Dana and Crina, our colleagues who will live in the new home, went on the construction site together with five young adults from the IMPACT program, with whom they will share the new home.



On June 7, they were visited by important guests. Athletes Doina Melinte, Violeta Szekely Beclea, Cristian Gatu, Laura Badea, Monica Rosu, Otilia Badescu, Ionela Tarlea and Doina Ignat worked on the construction site. Also on June 7, on the Clinceni site we worked with our colleagues Roxana Ossian and Katharina Kiss from Special Olympics Romania.



Motivation Volunteers at Global Biking Initiative

Between June 1st and June 8th, eight volunteers for Motivation participated in Global Biking Initiative cycling race, held this year between Prague and Dusseldorf. Vlad Mihalache, Silviu Petran, Calin Soreanu, Dorin Branza, Marius Banu, Raul Hidegcuti, Mihai Ureche and Octavian Stanciu started the race on June 1st in Prague and went through the whole bike route to Dusseldorf within a week. Through their work they supported the fundraising campaign initiated in January 2010 when, through the financial contribution of Vodafone Romania Foundation, Delta ACM 93, Ion Mos, Maguay, Global Vision, ISYS Professional Laropharm, Travertin Ltd., Wiebe Romania, Rombiz Ltd. and individuals we raised 9.700 EUR. These funds will finance, between now and 2011, trainings for athletics and bocce for Nicoleta, Mihaela, Florin and Edi, Special Olympics athletes from Motivation, who will participate in the 2011 Special Olympics Summer World Games in Athens. The campaign was also supported by JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, WorldClass Health Academy, The Grand Bucharest and Hypersport.

Street Delivery

Motivation participated, between June 11 and 13, in Street Delivery, a cultural event organized annually on Arthur Verona street in Bucharest. Visitors of the stand co-hosted by Motivation and Active Watch-Media Monitoring Agency admired the objects made by youth people with disabilities in the occupational therapy workshop, and Dana, our colleague, made a wheelchair

basketball demonstration. Also, we set up a route for participants who wanted to try using a wheelchair.



Active in the Coalition for the Structural Funds

On June 29 we participated in the Coalition for Structural Funds at discussions with the Management Authority - Human Resources Development Operational Program about the Guidelines for Applicants - General conditions, and the next round of funding by this European Social Fund.

Participation in other NGO initiatives

Together with other NGOs, Motivation signed the open letter drawing attention to the consequences of reducing with 20% the state allowance for food for people living in social assistance public institutions.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR JULY

Project RETEA (NETWORK)

- Home visits
- Assessments and mobility equipment prescription
- Three day seminars in the Center region and Drobeta Turnu-Severin
- Seminar in the community in Sibiu, Ploiesti and Drobeta Turnu-Severin
- Two-week active rehabilitation (PG) session in Ploiesti and Sibiu

Project: MOBILE TEAMS

- July 19 to 24: PG camp at Herculane organized by the regional team Timisoara
- July 26 to 31: PG camp at Mile 35 (the Danube Delta) organized by the regional team Galati

Project: USAID

- Between 18 and 24 of July, Bihor team will organize a PG camp for people with disabilities in Gilau, Cluj county
- Neamt team will be involved in organizing Motivation camps in Varatec
- All teams will continue home visits to beneficiaries in centers or hospitals to provide assessment, prescription, adaptation services and mobility equipment delivery

Project IMPACT:

- Camps in Varatec: From July 1 to 16 - children and young people from Cornetu home, July 19 to 24, children and youth from Clinceni home
- Experience exchange with Caritas Satu Mare in the European Social Funds project, between July 7 and July 11
- repair and painting of Clinceni home, and finishing the exterior
- ESF Financial and Technical Report No. 2

Welcome to our colleagues Ionut Bald – physiotherapist, Galati, **Emil Mazilu** - volunteer physiotherapist - Pitesti, and **Eduard Bacula** - adviser, Iasi.