

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM: START, MOTSOR, AMP

Bucharest: due to our effort at the job fair in February within the MOT&SOR project, 12 people with disabilities benefited by initial counseling, 12 people were offered jobs (mediation) and 6 people were hired at: Auchan (2), Carrefour (2) and Elevate Media (publicity company) (2). We'll keep you updated when new contracts are signed.

Furthermore, two young people with Down syndrome were selected for the interview and for the skills test (which they successfully passed) at Auchan's bakery department, where they rolled bread sticks and packed different products. Anda, our job coach, accompanied them and worked at their side for a few days, while Roxana, our colleague from Special Olympics, and Alexandru (mediator) convinced their parents (and it took quite some dedication ☺) that their children can handle a job and be independent.

The two young people mentioned above are Ionut, who represented Romania at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho (USA) in December 2009 and Andrei, who took part in Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai (China) in the summer of 2007. At this moment we are in the stage when the potential employees have sent their files to the labor health specialist. We hope that by the end of April we'll give you news about how they are doing at their new workplace!!

Neamt: 33 people with disabilities received initial counseling; 19 persons received mediation services and 2 were hired. Our colleagues (guided by Emma and with the help of AREAS Foundation) delivered a seminar for employees without disabilities from different organizations/institutions from Suceava, hosted by the Institution of the Prefect of Suceava County. Participants included representatives of the Social Assistance Department (DGASPC) Suceava, Areas Foundation, Institution of the Prefect, Inclusion Centre no.1 Suceava, Inclusion Centre Sf. Andrei Gura-Humorului, Placement Centre Laurentia Ulici from Gura-Humorului, Neuropsychiatric Rehabilitation Centre Mitocul Dragomirnei, Social Assistance Faculty and Orizonturi Foundation (see photos below).



Bihor: The North-West Team offered initial counseling to 25 beneficiaries and mediation to 14 of these. Just like every startup (2 months since the regional centre was opened), our colleagues are about to sign collaboration protocols with institutions/organizations in the region, such as: DGASPC Bihor, Caritas Eparchial Oradea, The Centre for Inclusive Education no. 1, “Caminul Felix” Foundation, Human Resource Association Oradea, the Special School in Popesti, Popesti Town Hall, The Christian Foundation Elim Marghita, Association of Persons with Hearing and Speech Impairments from Oradea, Association of People with Hearing Impairments, Association of the Blind, Association of People with Disabilities from Satu Mare and Gheorghe Sincai Library - where we`ll be able to use the rooms for seminars or meetings at no charge).

Mehedinti: on March 16, our colleagues from Special Olympics organized within MOT&SOR project a seminar at Beethoven School in Craiova, where the project was presented to representatives of specials schools from Dolj, Gorj and Mehedinti. The event was attended by the teachers who work in special schools and representatives of other institutions interested in the subject of hiring people with disabilities.

At the same location, a week later, MOT&SOR teams organized a sport and recruitment event for 87 young people with developmental disabilities and/or hearing and speech disabilities from Craiova, Drobeta Turnu Severin and Targu Jiu. They took part in activities such as Fun Fitness (where we had the help of volunteers from Craiova Medical Faculty), Health Promotion assessments, interviews with the Employment Team (Bucharest-Mehedinti), assessments made by the labor health physician (Octavia has recently joined our team) and sport activities (see photos below).



WHEELCHAIRS DISTRIBUTIONS AND TRAINING OF USERS, PERSONAL ASSISTANTS AND SPECIALISTS

Project: RETEA (NETWORKING)

Prahova Team

- Secured accreditation certificate as a centre for independent life training on March 3rd.

- Peer Group Training Seminar in Tirgoviste, March 23-25, 2010. The seminar was organized in collaboration with Social Assistance Department from Tirgoviste. 11 people with disabilities, 4 personal assistants and 2 specialists attended the event.



- 18.03.2010, independent living promotion seminar at CIA Mislea Centre. The event was attended by 8 people with disabilities and 1 specialist



- Occupational therapy seminar (painting on clay products) at Prahova Regional Training Centre. Two young people with developmental disabilities from Motivation's homes, 2 specialists from the Day Centre and 8 volunteers from Ploiesti attended the seminar.

- Raluca Popa (physiotherapist) was selected to be hired. She attended the training at Panduri Medical Rehabilitation Centre, held during March 15-18, 2010

Wheelchairs and urinary supplies

- 42 assessments and equipment prescriptions
- Files at Health Insurance Agency (HIA): 10 wheelchairs and 4 urinary supplies
- 11 decisions for wheelchairs
- 12 deliveries

Sibiu Team

- Peer Group Training seminar in Sibiu, March 10-12, 2010, attended by 7 wheelchair users from Sibiu, 2 personal assistants, 11 representatives of public authorities and NGOs in the area



- Sibiu, 17.03.2010, seminar at One Child – One hope Foundation. 8 family members and 3 specialists attended the seminar
- Seminar at Neuromotor Rehab Centre “Pruncul Isus”, Medias, Sibiu. 4 people with severe disabilities, 6 personal assistants and 1 specialist attended the seminar
- 3 partnerships were signed with DGASPC, SPAS, and UCOS Foundation.

Wheelchairs:

- 5 assessments and mobility equipments prescriptions
- 8 files at HIA
- 2 decisions for wheelchairs were obtained- CONGRATULATIONS!
- 3 wheelchairs delivered

PROJECT: MOBILE TEAMS

March was a month full of achievements for Mobile Teams. The teams ended the first cycle of independent living training seminars and also achieved good results in all project activities. Congratulations!

- In March our regional teams offered their services to a total number of 100 people with disabilities.
 - Assessments and equipment prescriptions: 75
 - Intervention plans: 96
 - Meeting reports: 79
- Requests submitted for funding by HIA: 41 for wheelchairs and 4 for urinary supplies
- 7 decisions for wheelchairs and 1 decision for urinary supplies
- 2 partnerships were signed and 21 collaborations with potential partners were initiated



March 11-12, 2010, Iasi team organized a seminar for people with disabilities and specialists. The event was attended by 13 people with disabilities, 10 personal assistants, 14 specialists and 45 students from “Al. Ioan Cuza” University, Physical Education and Sports Faculty, Physiotherapy and Special Mobility Department.



March 25-26, 2010, Arges team organized the seminar “Abilities for an Independent Life”. The event was attended by 10 people with disabilities, 10 personal assistants and 10 specialists.



March 10-11, Timisoara Mobile Team organized at Strelitia Hotel the seminar “Abilities for an Independent Life for people with disabilities”. The event was attended by 14 people with mobility disabilities, 4 personal assistants, 14 specialists from different institutions, DGASCP, hospitals, NGOs, associations, etc.

Mures Team has a new member - Orsolya Kovacs, physiotherapist - who attended the training for physiotherapists in Bucharest



The seminar “Abilities for an Independent Life”, Mures, March 25-26, 2010, attended by 30 People.

Project USAID

Neamt Team

Wheelchairs and urinary supplies

- Requests for funding submitted to HIA for wheelchairs: 11 files and 1 decision obtained
- Requests for funding submitted to HIA for urinary supplies: 10 files and 15 decision obtained
- Wheelchair assessments: 56
- Home visits: 53
- Urinary supplies deliveries: 12
- Mobility equipment deliveries: 18 wheelchairs and 1 walking device



PGT

- March 11-12 - Iasi team offered support for the seminar
- March 24-25 - Targu Mures team offered support for the seminar
- March 16 – local promotion and information seminar for specialists of the Institution of the Suceava County Prefect, 21 people attended the event

OTHER INFORMATION

- 3 partnership conventions were signed with Social Assistance department from Gura Humorului Town Hall, Valea Ursului (Neamt County) Town Hall, Frasin (Suceava County) Town Hall.
- 317,711 RON were invoiced to DGASPC Neamt for stationary printed at our printing workshop (Law 448)

Bihor Team

Wheelchairs:

- Requests for funding submitted to HIA: 9 files and 5 decisions obtained
- Assessments for wheelchairs: 43 people in Bihor, Satu Mare, Salaj and Cluj counties
- Mobility equipment deliveries: 12 wheelchairs



Bihar Team adventures during their travels to identify and assess beneficiaries, somewhere in a rural area in Satu Mare County.

South Team

PGT

- March 3rd - “Rotile schimbarii” (Wheels of change) seminar organized in Giurgiu at the “Holy Trinity” Baptist Christian Church. 14 people with motor disabilities, 13 personal assistants and 12 specialists attended the event.



- Stelica Matreata (trainer) attended the PGT seminars that took place in Timisoara and Pitesti
- Stelica Matreata also attended the training seminar for physiotherapists from the regional teams that took place in March 15-19, at Panduri Medical Rehabilitation Centre.

Wheelchairs, urinary supplies and car adaptations:

- 49 home visits
- 50 assessments and mobility equipments prescriptions

- 49 people received a wheelchair and were trained how to use it, 5 people received other mobility equipments
- 18 decisions were obtained from HIA and 14 wheelchairs were sold
- 37 decisions for urinary devices were obtained from HIA
- 7 cars were adapted

IMPACT

Occupational workshop

- The products made by our children in the occupational workshop were very successful this year. The products were bought for March 1st and Easter by Vodafone Foundation, Aviva, BRD, Oracle, Green City, United States Embassy and by our colleagues from Bucharest, Timisoara, Ploiesti and from Special Olympics.
- The products made by our children were displayed at the Village Museum and Peasant Museum for the March 1st and Easter holidays. In the first semester more than 2000 spring decorative objects were created in our workshop and sold for over 8,400 RON (2,000 EUR).
- Starting in April our young adults will learn to create new decorative products and we will start working again with clay and wax for candles. The new products will be sold permanently at the Geology Museum in Bucharest.



- Three specialist from the Day Centre attended a course of combined art techniques organized by Infantia Association and FCS Bacau
- We hired a physician - Popa Simona and a direct care worker - Lazar Monica
- Our team was present at the national conference entitled "Social Services Reform in Romania: sustainability, quality, financing"
- We started gardening in the Clinceni greenhouse
- Dana Mihaela Jianu presented to our Day Center employees the doll Dan a Joy

OTHER RESULT

The building of our new building in Buda advanced very fast as you can see in the pictures below.



Fundraising

- Make My Dream Come True – an initiative similar to the EmbraceOne project initiated by Mosaic in the US - started in Romania on January 1st, 2010. Until now, Motivation employees who joined the program donated 1,770 RON (approximately 560 USD/400 EUR). To encourage more Romanian donors to join this program, Mosaic and the IMPACT Alliance decided to match dollar for dollar the funds raised in Romania starting on July 1, up to a total of 3,000 USD. We thank IMPACT for their continued support for our children!
- Our donations account also holds 20,060 RON (approximately 6,600 USD/5,000 EUR) raised through the efforts of five Vodafone employees who will participate in the Vodafone Global Biking Initiative competition (June 1 – 7), biking from Prague to Dusseldorf to support a humanitarian cause. They chose to support Motivation by raising funds for the participation of Edi, Nicoleta, Mihaela and Florin in Special Olympics trainings in view of attending the 2011 SO World Summer Games in Athens, Greece.
- 5 companies joined us in offering Easter presents to our 25 children from the group homes. They sent gifts: fruits, pound cakes, toys, clothes and dairy products
- 2 representatives from ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) visited the children and offered each of them a knapsack with sweets and writing materials
- 2 catering companies agreed to offer the children in our group homes a meal each Tuesday and Wednesday

- This month we launched the project “Help them be independent!” whereby we invite companies and individuals to offer at least 100 RON in an account meant to help buy wheelchairs for people with disabilities. One person has already joined our action.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR APRIL

➤ **EMPLOYMENT**

- April 27, MOTSOR project presentation seminar at special schools in Bacau and Neamt
- April 29, job fair in Oradea

➤ **WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION AND TRAINING**

PROJECT RETEA (NETWORKING)

- PGT seminar in Slobozia
- Assessments and mobility equipment prescriptions in Ialomita County
- Seminar in the community - Sibiu
- Assessments at Medias, Nocrich and Sibiu
- 2-week-training in Sibiu and Ploiesti

PROIJECT USAID

- Neamt Team: travels for assessments/deliveries - 2 days/week, preparing Varatec camp
- Bihor Team will identify, recruit and train a new physiotherapist and trainer, will identify and develop partnerships with NGOs and local authorities from Bihor and Cluj-Napoca, will make home visits and will assess, prescribe, deliver and adapt personalized mobility equipments.
- South Team will continue the assessment, prescription and delivery of mobility equipments, making home visits and submitting requests for funding to HIA

➤ **IMPACT**

- Press conference within the ESF-funded project
- The occupational activities will become more diverse by restarting candle-making and pottery, and learning to make decorative objects from Fimo paste
- April 17, 12.00-17.00 our youth from the IMPACT program will take part in the event “Bucurestiul Fluiera Fault” (Bucharest whistles fault) within Volunteer’s Fest 2010 in Tineretului Park. The event is organized by AIESEC and its purpose is to raise awareness among people in Bucharest of the city’s problems, such as the lack of accessibility and the discrimination towards people with disabilities. Volunteer Fest will present NGOs and will stimulate the long-term involvement of youth as volunteers for NGOs. This event continues AIESEC’s awareness initiative “Life Portraits” which included meetings between students and organizations with social purpose. More information about the two project is available at <http://www.csr-bridge.aiesec.ro>
- Submit RTF2 (Technical Financial Report) to ESF

➤ **SPORT**

- April 9-10, Motivation sports team will take part in Galati Danubius Cup. They will compete in track and field, table tennis, basketball and bowling.