

Rezults 2006 and goals for 2007

Cursuri de pregatire/Trainings:

1. Psychology Conference Cluj, Bucuresti, (Ioana)
2. Neurology and physical recuperation Conference Sibiu, (Ioana, Razvan, Romana)
3. Balkans conference of physical therapy Felix (Razvan)
4. Lift training- Types of abuse, Parent-Child Relationship, Brain development
5. AIDS/HIV – offered by DGASPC Bistrita Nasaud
6. CSR- offered in partnership with Chamber of commerce
7. Evelien Dijkstra – ComVor
8. Advocacy, Lobbying, Fundraising, NGO Management and organizational Development – Silistra, Bucharest and Timisoara (Marin)

Changes in the staff:

Laura Huzmezan, program director left in May, Nicoleta Stangu – literacy program coordinator left in March and Mariana Marinescu from Bucharest left in the Spring

New hires: Andy Barta- Accountant

Romana Avram- speech therapist

Simona- physical therapist

Visits and volunteers from other countries:

Groups:

Tasis England- February

Rivers and Nobles US-June

Boston College US-August

Individual persons:

Lisa Mandelblatt- Iune

Sarah Santoro-June

Eveline Dijkstra-April, July, September

Lisa Holmstrom - September

James- September

Katie Smith -September

Sheila Anderson- September

Bob Stern- October

Wendy Gediman -August

Mike Carroll-November - December

Eileen McHenry-November - December

Dennis Irish - November

Other achievements:

- Brochures for all the programs – 11 different types in Romanian and English
- Poster for Early intervention for children with special needs
- 2% campaign February - April
- Accreditation for the organization in March and April
- New projects: Early intervention-French grant and Corporate Social Responsibility- USAID grant in partnership with CCIA

- Visits of FONPC colleagues and other NGO's in May
- Visit to Aurora organization in Bucharest in October
- We organized the Retreat in September with all FI staff (15 persons)
- We bought equipment and furniture from the French grant
- We helped Lift the Children to organize the training in Bucharest and Bistrita
- In December we bought our one apartment in Bistrita!!!!
- We organized Christmas parties for children from foster care, Group home Nasaud, Placement center
- We offered Christmas gifts to the children with special needs from community (Early Intervention program) and in Bucharest
- We offered material support for the children with special needs (clothing, shoes, special equipment)
- We offered material support (clothing) to the people from Tarlisua. We also organized a local campaign to rise materials for bring to Tarlisua
- We started a new collaboration with Lacrima special school. We are offering transportation for 3 children with special needs in order to attend the classes of this school.
- We have received 2 transportation of clothing (1000 boxes) and special equipment for persons and children with special needs from Stichting Hulp Kindertehuizen Roemenie, an NGO from Holland
- We have a new volunteer from US, who is working with the toddlers from the Placement center - Natalie
- In December we started to give donation of clothing (from the second transportation from Holland) to the poor families identified by DGASPC (DSS) and all FI staff.
- In November, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce in Bistrita we organized trainings and an International Conference on CSR (Corporative Social Responsibility)

Goals for 2007:

- Consolidating our good relations and communication with the present sponsors and donors, like Lift the Children, French Foreign Ministry, all the RCR's sponsors and other local, national and international sponsors, donors and supporters.
- Improving our communication with the FI's Board in order to face as fast as possible all the challenges from this year;
- Reconsider all the legal documents concerning FI:
 - ✚ revise the Board of founders for FI;
 - ✚ new decisions of the Board of directors of FI, for all the important decisions like: the new budget, new programs, changing of the legal office of the FI in Bistrita and the satellite in Bucharest, etc.
- Create a local Advisory board in Bistrita
- Intensify the collaboration with the Dutch NGO, Triade (Evelien) and Stichting Hulp Kindertehuizen Roemenie (Kees)
- Transferring the apartment from Mike to FI as new legal office, buy furniture, arrange it and install a network of cables for internet;
- Getting our own working space for FI's specialists and programs in Bistrita;
- Getting somehow a new apartment / office for Bucharest;
- Obtaining a car for Bucharest
- Obtaining a van for Bistrita
- Buy computers for Alex and Tibi (laptops)

- Obtaining new resources from community (especially financial and human), both in Bistrita and Bucharest
- Develop economical activities to produce our own income
- Organizing a 2% campaign – January - April
- Contracting services from DSS, beginning with those for disabled children
- Developing the new Day care centers/services in Nimigea and Rebrisoara
- Hire a new outreach worker for Beclean
- Sent 2 or 3 employs in the States to see, learn and steal “know how”
- Enlarge the number of children that go to Lacrima
- Making a new brochure for Early intervention program – on developmental mile stones
- Create and multiply a poster for 2% campaign
- Finish and print the new brochure RCR and INOCENTI in Romania, 8+16 years of history – January-February
- Start the new prevention program in Bucharest, desine for families confronted with different kind of problems that might increase the risk of child abandonment in hospital
- Organizing Special Olympics in May or June in Bistrita
- Organizing an advocacy campaign program for special needs children and young adults
- Develop a new program to support local networking and the development of the civil society in County Bistrita Nasaud
- Develop an international networking program with NGO’s from other Eastern countries, like Moldova and Bulgaria, to share our experience with the other local NGO
- Develop a program in collaboration with IDC (the Institute for Child Development in Bucharest) in order to multiply our Child’s Life program in other pediatric hospitals in Romania
- Organizing a training on autism for medical doctors and other specialist

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Numbers of children who benefit from our services:

- Abandoned babies on the preplacement section that came to the playroom: 35 children
- Abandoned babies on the hospital section that came to the playroom: 36 children
- Abandoned children on the preschool section that came to the playroom: 53 children
- School age children that took part at the fi activities: 295 children

Early Literacy Program

The main goal of ELP is to develop the activities of writing, reading of the institutionalized children and to promote education.

This initiative offers opportunities for volunteering to students and adults.

- 4 institutionalized children benefit of reading
- we had 2 volunteers in this program and they had 14 reading sessions.

PROGRAM ACHIEVMENTS

The results of the FI activities for the abandoned children in 2006 were:

- 37 developmental and psychological assessments
- 28 developmental and psychological intervention plans

- 7 physiotherapy assessments (November and December)
- 5 physiotherapy intervention plans
- 30 Life Books for the children with a long hospitalization period
- advocacy for Ioana, hydrocephalic, Bianca, cerebral palsy, Mirica, cleft palate, Regep, autistic, Daria, heart problems, Stefan, cleft palate and bones malformation, Maria, cirrhosis and for a number of 10 children with long hospitalization we did advocacy in order to leave the hospital.

THIS YEAR FI STAFF ACOMPLISHED:

- the accreditation of the RCR/FI programs in Bucharest
- the partnership contract with the hospital for 5 years
- the improvement of the children playground supported by two sponsors
- the partnership with FICF on abandonment and abuse prevention
- training on child abuse prevention at FICF
- started the support groups for mothers
- hired a physiotherapist, Simona Enache
- helped organize and took part at the Lift the Children training on child development 0-3
- organized a training for 10 people in the Literacy Program
- offer support in organizing Lift the children training in September
- Cristina finished the 1 year Counseling training
- Dana started the training for Autistic children

GROUP VISITS AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE PROGRAM- 133

- 6-14 January SAYRE McAULIFFE and OLIVIA WINFREY
- 18-19 February TESIS- England group
- 27 February TESIS- SWITZERLAND group
- 3-4 March Boston University: Dr. Sharon Cermak and 4 students
- 11- 21 March Rivers High School group
- 24- 26 March Wendy Gediman with 5 people
- 9-16 April ASP group
- 15 April Deanne Moore group
- 16- 23 April ASP group
- 21-28 May ASP group
- 22-23 June Lisa Mandelblatt and Sarah Santoro
- 15- 17 August Wendy Gediman and Sophie
- 28 October- 4 November ASP group

SUPPORT GRUP FOR MOTHERS

GOALS:

- to offer them information and hope,
- to share the ups and downs from their lives
- to offer them a private place where they can express their feelings without being judged
- to learn one from another
- to support those who had children with special needs

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- this program started in June as a partnership with FICF
- the support group takes place 3 times a week for about an hour (70 meetings)
- from June till December we had 202 mothers
- the most discussed topics were: Child development, Communication, Birth control, Hospitalization for children, to “understand” a child with special needs and guide them about social services.

EVENTS:

- 13- 16 September staff retreat in Poiana Zanelor
- 27 November team building in Bucharest
- 20 October the opening of the playground

FINANCIAL REPORT

External sources

1.	George Horn	4800 Euro diapers
2.	George Horn	430 Euro playground gravel
3.	George Horn	370 Euro Christmas gifts
4.	Sayre McAuliffe	\$400 for medical emergencies
5.	Wendy Gediman	\$263
6.	Lynn Gorrell	\$800
7.	Frank Klein	\$5000
8.	George Horn	150 Euro Regep’s bed

Internal sources

1.	Ioan Vranceanu	1000 Euro
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Contribution in goods

1.	Pepsi Company	Juice	\$300
2.	Quadrant Company	Toys and games, books, baby shampoo, cereals and a DVD player	\$1800
3.	Danone Company	Yoghurt	\$600

Annual Report 2006 “Child Life Program” Bistrita

The past year was one with a lot of changes in ‘Child life’ program, first because according with Romanian standards this program is now considered as a Day care service and we have a legal accreditation for that.

Because of these changes our professional methods of working were changed. As a Day care service we keep the updating files of the children who participate to the activities from the program and they are participating with the written accord of the chief doctor from the pediatric section.

Our work was much better organized regarding the keeping records of the children issues.

We started to make periodical assessment and individual intervention plans for each abandoned children with a goal which had to be reach through various activities (play therapy, literacy, motor activity, etc).

We worked with a number of 14 abandoned children and a number of 495 hospitalized children (preschoolers & scholars) and 68 mothers with infants. We made supports groups with mothers and we talk with them about growing stages, alimentation, nutrition, hygiene and contraception (they received folders from “Health Protection”)

We were helped by 2 volontaires in the literacy program and by 1 volunteer (Lucia) in the all other activities. On 05.12.2006 we celebrate NGO Day and she was appointed as “The volunteer of the year”, also she donated windows and a door for the play rooms.

The best co-worker for our program was the hospital social worker, Renata Racu.

When we celebrate several important days (The international day of Anti-Aids, The international day of Anti Drugs, etc.) we invited a doctor from Health Protection to talk with children about this topics.

On 01.06.2006 we celebrate The International Day of the Children and we give them presents. Also, for Christmas we organized a Christmas party for 65 children from the hospital (preschoolers, scholars and mothers with babies) and offered them presents from Santa.

We consider the year 2006 was a good one and we hope that this year it will be better.

Here is the nominal list with abandoned children that we worked with during 2006.

We worked with 13 abandoned children in 2006.

Goal for 2007:

- Try to implement more elements of original Child’s Life program from US

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BENEFICIARIES:

➤ 38 children with special needs needs from Camin Spital and Special Kindergaten Beclean had benefits by ours services

-14 from foster care

-16 from the group homes (Nasaud ,Chirales)

- 8 from residential centre

- 8 toddlers from the Placement center
- 13 children with behavioral problems from foster care had benefit by psychologist services and one child by PT services
- 250 children from foster care (indirect beneficiaries- they benefit of gifts and parties on the special occasions)
- 190 foster parents (indirect beneficiaries –newsletter)

* The psychologist offered counseling for 3 mothers from communities who have children with mental disorders.

ACTIVITIES:

- Developmental assessments and intervention plans. Assessments will be used to create developmentally appropriate Individual Activity Plans, which will recommend daily activities and literacy goals for foster parents/caregivers/outreach workers.
- Periodic evaluation and specialized support
- Provide materials and supplies
- Celebrating Easter, 1 July, Christmas
- Day care for emergency situations and for the monthly meetings for foster parents
- The newsletter will be distributed monthly, detailing child development issues, activity ideas, and upcoming events.
- In April 2006 a speech-therapist from Holland, Evelien, was in our program and explain us the method CoomVoor. We started this method with Geta for whom we chose concrete materials. We started very small, she only has one concrete material who brings her to the room where she works with the specialist. In July Evelien examined another 3 children: Ramona, Marin and Vasile but for them it was to soon to examine them with this test. They are not used to be taken from the group, go to another room and work there on a table. For these was made a report with advice and we worked with them using the recomandationes made by Eveliene.
- In June 2006 two specialist from USA, Lisa and Sarah, had spend a few days in our programs and we evaluated 23 children with special needs from Placement Centre.
- In Octobre 2006 we integrate 3 children (Eugenia, Geta, Paul) with special needs into the educational system (Lacrima School) as a result of advocacy activities.
- In November 2006 we started the socialization program with 7 children with special needs from Placement Centre

Goals for 2007:

1. New materials (adapted to Romanian culture) for the communication kits – we will sent the list in the States to see if is posible to make those new items.
2. Hire new outreach worker for Beclean area.
3. Day care center Rebrisoara and Nimigia, will include activities like:
 - support groups for parents,
 - literacy activities
 - recuperation.
4. Trips for children with special needs-2/year
5. Continue the collaboration with Lacrima special school
6. Buy or get somehow a minivan (very important!).
7. Start a program for advocacy and integration of children with special needs in normal schools. We would like to organize in May or June a Special Olympics.

Annual report “Literacy program” 2006

Descrierea activitatilor in anul 2006/Activities in 2006

In anul 2006 au fost facute 2 sesiuni de recrutare de voluntari, una in februarie si una in octombrie. Au fost recrutati voluntari de la 3 licee mari din Bistrita: Colegiul Liviu Rebreanu, Colegiul Andrei Muresanu si Liceul de muzica. Pentru cei interesati sa se implice in programul nostru am organizat 3 cursuri de pregatire, unul in februarie si doua in noiembrie.

In 2006 we had 2 recruitment periods, one in February and one in October. We recruit volunteers from 2 High schools from Bistrita. We also organized 3 trainings-one in February and 2 in November.

Luna/Month	Nr. Voluntari/Volunteers	Outreach workers	Nr. Beneficiari/Beneficiaries
Februarie (for Feb-July 2006)	20	4	42 (24 cu nevoi speciale/special needs children)
Noiembrie (for Nov 2006 – July 2007)	40	4	80 (39 cu nevoi speciale/special needs children)

O componenta noua a programului a constat in aplicarea programului si copiilor cu nevoi speciale. In acest sens a fost adaptate activitatile si materialele cu ajutorul colaboratorilor din Statele Unite. S-au alcatuit pachete speciale cu activitati si materiale care sa se potriveasca cu nevoile copiilor cu deficienta. Copiii cu nevoi speciale carora ne adresam, sunt de asemenea beneficiari ai programelor Eu si Familia Mea si Programul de interventie timpurie pentru copilul cu deficienta. Acesti copii sunt vizitati saptamanal de un outreach worker care lucreaza cu jumatate de norma la Funadatia Inocenti. Acestea lucreaza dupa metode adaptate nevoilor copiilor.

A new component of this program is that we included children with special needs in our program. We adapted our materials and activities with help from our collaborator from US. We made special kits with materials and activities in order to serve each child needs. The children with special needs from Literacy are also beneficiating of services offered by Me and my family program and Early intervention for children with special needs. These children are visited weekly by an outreach worker that is working with them and using adapted activities and materials.

Locul de provenienta/Location	Nr. Copii/Children	Person who is working
Centrul rezidential Bistrita / Placement Center	24	Outreach worker/Volunteers
Casa de tip familial Nasaud / Group home Nasaud	9	Outreach worker
Comunitate/Community	5	Voluntari/Volunteers
Foster	29	Voluntari/ Volunteers
Spitalul Judetean/County Hospital	3	Voluntari /Volunteers

Lista voluntarilor si a copiilor repartizati:

Volunteers and children from foster care who are beneficiating of Literacy

1.	Ban Eliza	Ratiu Daniel
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2.	Bartos Nazarica	Ovidiu Steopan
3.	Petrut Denisa	Bota Octavian
4.	Nicoara Raluca	Doda Maria
5.	Morar Timeea	Lacatus Sidonia
6.	Vesa Ioana	Lacatus Gheorghe
7.	Borodi Claudia	Bratfalean Liviu
8.	Moldovan Cristiana	Muresan Camelia
9.	Peter Andrada	Rostas Lidia
10.	Curean Maria	Mihut Marian
11.	Fluta Ana	Rus Ioan
12.	Morar Teodora	Panti Claudiu
13.	Deak Izabela	Tinis Dorina, (child with special needs)
14.	Somfelean Lidia	Bercki Cristian
15.	Bosbici Iulia	Cheresi Daniel
16.	Moldovan Gavril	Lenghel Paul
17.	Charchaci Marcela	Cosma Patricia
18.	Zegrean Mihaela	Lacatus Mihaela
19.	Rus Diana	Morar Gheorghe
20.	Moisil Maria Viorica	Razvanta Ioan
21.	Rosu Veronica	Toroski Lorena
22.	Ciubuca Violeta	Capra Maria
23.	Moldovan Diana	Rostas Lucian
24.	Toma Ana Carmen	Varga Teodor Dan
25.	Ciuta Georgeta	
26.	Iugan Ioana	
27.	Bacea Diana	
28.	Gaga Maria	
29.	Orsan Diana	

Children with special needs from the community

1. Istrate Camelia – Echim Teodora , copil cu nevoi speciale(child with special needs)
2. Seceac Bianca – Stir Alexandra, copil cu nevoi speciale (child with special needs)
3. Suciu Oana – Stir Darius, copil cu nevoi speciale (child with special needs)
4. Hodoroga Luana – Nicula Andrei, copil cu nevoi speciale (child with special needs)
5. Iliesiu Ioana – Clapa Denisa, copil cu nevoi speciale (child with special needs)

Hospital volunteers:

1. Trisca Raluca – Spital / hospital
2. Baci Carmen – Spital / hospital
3. Szabo Erzsebet – Spital / hospital

Placement Center volunteers:

1. Tomuta Paula – Centru
2. Tomuta Teodora – Centru
3. Trombitas Laura - Centru

Goals for 2007:

- Reading Day (March 20)-Romana will make a plan till 8 of January
- Starting literacy at Nasaud
- Buying new books – till March 2007