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We are very happy to share with you the latest edition of the FCE Newsletter!

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Continuing

Every day here at FCE is a battle to change the lives of people who are in difficult situations. In the midst of building work, ongoing projects and the realisation of dreams, altruism – putting the interests of others before one's own, has always been the driving force for the development of our organisation.

Passion, energy and vision are qualities to be found within every person willing to achieve something in life! They are also very important resources for making a commitment to FCE. The road to success goes via many different life experiences, everything from pleasant and delightful, to frightening and

discouraging. Through it all, we encourage one another to continue. There is no going back on the commitments that we have made together.

Thank you for the joy of working together for good!

*Valentina Ferche
President FCE*



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Community Centre and Hygiene Centre

During the Spring, Swedish construction teams helped us a lot with our building projects. The majority of them are skilled pensioners. They have the ability of seeing what needs to be done and doing it quickly and efficiently. They participated in the renovation of our previous Family Home in Chiribiş, which is being transformed into separate apartments. They also renovated the storage facility for the second hand shop and even had time to begin to extend it.

The biggest, and for the moment, most important project is the construction of the Community Centre. It is located within the Roma community on the outskirts of Marghita where FCE runs its integration project in collaboration with ERIKS Development Partner. The building is situated next to the Hygiene Centre which FCE's construction team has built. The facilities will provide well-needed showers, toilets and a laundry room.

The Community Centre is built with wall panels produced in Lindstad, Sweden where there is a workshop. A Swedish team put together the roof trusses and finished the roof during May. The building will provide us with the opportunity for teaching and other educational activities for both children and their parents. Hopefully both of these buildings will be functional before the end of the year.

A new construction team will be coming to Marghita to help us during October 2018. Why not join them?



Community and Hygiene Centre

A New Life

FCE has skilled and ambitious employees with a wide spectrum of knowledge and experience. FCE has staff who are needed for the different projects and the employees have a meaningful job which also enables them to provide for themselves and their families.

Costel Bocan works with FCE's building team. When asked if he would like to share his story in the newsletter, he replied with a big smile "Of course!"

Costel is 35 years old and comes from Bucharest. He is the father of twin girls who will turn 13 this year. Their mother left the family when they were small and Costel later moved to the county of Bihor with the girls. He worked in Oradea for a while and later on came to Chiribiş. He came in contact with FCE after experiencing some difficulties. He was offered a home and even a job. His life changed!

"I had my training in the building trade but have learnt a lot here at FCE. I met Teresa who was a single parent with three small children, and when FCE offered us a flat in Poiana we moved there with the whole family. The children go to pre-school and school and have free transport to school. I am also very happy that they can participate in FCE's children's camp!" Costel tells us that they have an increasing number of hens and rabbits.

"I don't want to interfere, but I can't turn a blind eye to what I hear and see here in FCE. You can't help but notice that it is a good organization and that the employees take good care of the children. I have seen some things in our country, but this is good. I especially like the fact that the young people continue receiving support even after they have moved out.

We, who work in the construction team, are working hard to complete the Community Centre and Hygiene Centre. I can see how people are living in the Roma Community and I want the children to have a better life-situation."



Costel Bocan

Romania Trip 2018

"I have had the privilege of following FCE's work in Marghita ever since it began after the revolution in Romania. Looking back at the fruit of the work after all these years you can really see that it is very good!

One day we accompanied two FCE workers to a Roma village about 10km from Marghita. Yes we certainly saw all the misery there; the lack of water and sanitation, houses without doors or windows BUT what gives us hope is the way in which the FCE workers treated the people with respect and an open heart. The children came running and were really happy to see us. The children are our future and they need a hope and a possibility to raise themselves from the slum. It's not an easy task because there are so many obstacles in the way, BUT it will and must happen!

What should be done then? A Hygiene Centre in one of the Roma communities is being built. An even larger number of children participate in the After School project where they receive help with their homework, food and help to look after basic hygiene. This is what is necessary so that the children will have a chance to integrate into society.

Trained teachers and educationalists participate enthusiastically, keen to help. The Romanian school is very difficult with lots of homework which demands a lot from both pupils and their families. If the parents are illiterate, the chances for success are almost non-existent if help is not coming from another source. Without schooling – no job and no future!

It is a source of great joy and happiness to meet young people and adults whom I have followed since they were children. Seeing the joy they have simply because they were given a chance and seeing that they can manage by themselves. Even young people and children with special needs and physical disabilities are happy that they have a meaningful occupation and care.

We visited the family in Casa cu Flori, one of the Family Homes. We had a nice time with the parents and the children. It is a joy to see the parent's commitment to their "extra children". It was also very interesting to be able to listen to the children's dreams for the future and even their understanding of what is necessary to enable them to reach their goal.

It was an intensive week with all the meetings, places and experiences etc. However one of the highlights was meeting all the FCE employees who give so much of themselves and their hearts to all those in need. When you see the light in their eyes and their warm smiles, you know that the work rests in safe hands. This is something that I want to continue working for and recommend to all I meet, because that which fills the heart is also spoken through the mouth.

Anders Olsson, Sweden

Summer Camps

The first group to participate in one of FCE's camps in the camp building in the village of Chişlaz, about 20 km from Marghita, is from the After School project. The children are divided into two groups. The youngest from After School came during the first week of the summer holiday. Some of them will be there for the first time so it will be a unique experience. It is not always easy to sleep without mum and dad but all the fun, games and swimming in the pool help to compensate for the absence of parents.

The camp will be used for different groups of children and young people over the whole Summer. Participating in one of these camps is a very enriching experience for them! Thank you to everyone who makes it possible!

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Jesus, Matt 25:40

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It is still possible to contribute to the running of the Summer camps.

Your gift of €10 pays for one child for a day at camp and €50 covers a whole week at camp. Payments can be made into one of FCE's bank accounts depending on currency.



*Warm Summer
greetings to you all
from FCE*

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