Grace Notes

October 2022

HANNAH works in Romania to bring Hope and Nurture to children and families who struggle to care for their own.

The work focusses on strengthening families and building links within their communities by providing social work support and training.

Hannah's prayer is also HANNAH's prayer ...

"There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God... He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap"

1 Samuel 2 v 2,8.





Kati (HANNAH), Enikó (Caritas) Cath, Delia (Caritas)

Our Vision:

For every child to know they are loved, valued, nurtured and have a hope and a future - *Jeremiah* 29:11

At the time of the previous newsletter, we were anticipating the **Partnering For Safety Training** by Catherine Santoro, Trainer - Coach - Consultant in Child Protection.

It is a pleasure to report that this training was a wonderful success. A huge thank you to Cath, and to Caritas for providing such a great venue and resources. HANNAH organised this in conjunction with Caritas. Fifteen social workers came from 6 different organisations. Kati was buzzing with excitement for days afterwards.

One of the first things explained was the 'working alongside the client' model rather than the elephant (the professional) and the mouse (client) relationship that typically develops. Kati was so happy to see in people's faces that although this was new to them, that they 'got' it.

Some Feedback:

- "I will use it. It was great that I saw another perspective on how to work with families."
- "I totally agree with the values of this training, I can see that this training is authentic, trustworthy, this is a living tool."
- "I like this method to work with clients. With renewed power, motivated, I leave this place."
- "I will work on how I could pass on this whole knowledge to my staff and colleagues."









The Elephant & the Mouse

Caritas reported: "The training was very successful and due to high level of interest we would like to continue working with Mrs Santoro and organise more trainings with HANNAH in the future."

Plans are already underway for further training next year. God has certainly blessed us in our mission to share our knowledge and access to training with others, so that hundreds of families and potentially thousands of children in the wider community can benefit.

CE News update

CE (Christian Endeavour), who we partner with in Romania, has recently announced that they have a new Executive Director, Szabó Istvan...

"There have also been some changes over the summer that I would like to announce. Our Executive Director Tünde Orosz has resigned, God has assigned us a new former staff member for whom CE is not only a job but also a matter of the heart and a calling to this work." (CE President)

We are really looking forward to getting to know Szabó Istvan and to working with him.





Szabó Istvan

Rupi's house - nearly done

Rupi's house

A big 'thank you' to all you were able to help fund windows and a door for the ground floor of 'Rupi's House' so the family can be together in the warmth this coming winter.

The family were overwhelmed. Teresa says, "We saved some money (over summer), which isn't enough. Thank you for this helpfulness, and care for us. God bless you all.... as He blessed us with this support."

We don't often do fund raising on this scale for one particular cause but it has been a privilege to respond to Kati's request to help them. After Rupi's parents passed away, his brother and sister-in-law took over his care rather than send him to an institution. They have really put his needs before their own.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." - Luke 6:38

HANNAH Strategic Plan 2022

Continuing the intention to include excerpts from our Strategic Plan we now bring you...

Our Mission: "To invest in children, families and communities living in impoverished circumstances."

We do this by building long term relationships of deep trust, sharing our hearts, skills and knowledge to inspire hope and motivate change.

Based on these respectful and trusting relationships, we provide:

- Christian based, therapeutic and transformational social work
- Life skills education and art programmes to equip children for life.
- Community support, education and advocacy for the families.
- Leading, evidence based, **social work training** to our staff and those of like-minded organisations.

Prayer

- For the new CE director in Târgu Mureş, Szabo Istvan, as he takes over the reins and seeks God's guidance for where He would have him lead the CE organisation.
- For the nearby conflict in the Ukraine. For peace.
- For provision, as fuel and food prices sky rocket around the world and those already marginalized and in poverty suffer the greatest impact.

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