

Dear sponsors,

We hope that you have all had a great summer! The children and youth that you support hope you feel joy and satisfaction in what you do. For them it means an opportunity to a life with hope and meaning! Your monthly gift makes it possible for FCE to continue helping all the children, youth and families that are in our care.



Family home children

The work started at the beginning of the 90s with the goal that the abandoned children would receive a loving family and that the youth would gain the tools they need to manage on their own. Of course since then many have moved on and others have come. It's encouraging to receive greetings from those who, today, are grateful for the help they received! Also this summer we were visited by one of the children who was adopted from Casa Alba. A lovely 16-year-old girl came, together with her grandma, to meet those who took care of her as a little girl and to see Casa Alba,

which she doesn't remember much of, but has heard so much about.

FCE is blessed with nice buildings. One of the reasons for this could be that Lars Gustavsson, who initiated FCE and has been its president up until this year, is a construction engineer. He doesn't take any pride in this though, but means that building a house is easy, but what is most important to him and to FCE is to restore and build up the lives of people which is harder.

During the Spring, a team of experts from Sweden came to do an evaluation of FCE's buildings and to make a list of things that need to be done, especially to adapt the family home houses to the needs. This Autumn we are counting on at least four construction teams coming for a period of two weeks, to take care of what needs to be done. A dream we have is to make the environment around the houses look nice!

The Day Centre

Every building owned by FCE is a miracle and has its own history! In just a couple of months during Spring 2014, one of them grew in front of our eyes. Swedish construction teams came to build an extension to the warehouse so construction materials etc that had previously been stored outside can now



be kept under a roof. This freed up a large area at FCE's base. Two barracks, that FCE received last year from the motorway construction site that was stopped, were placed approx 12 meters from the carpentry work shop. Then the area between the barracks and the carpentry workshop was built in.



The new Day Centre. To the left is the warehouse extension for construction materials.

Of course there was a lot of work where employees and volunteers worked hard under the pressure of time, but it looked easy and it was fascinating to see a nice building, the new Day Centre, become a reality!

The need for new premises for the Day Centre was urgent and we wanted it to be close to the candle workshop at the FCE base. Thanks to Dutch involvement, the Marghita Rotary Club could make a matching grant with Rotary clubs in Holland, which gave money to FCE's new Day Centre in the little town of Marghita.

The opening was held on May 19 with the young people who attend the Day Centre as the main attendees as well as guests from Holland, Great Britain, Sweden and Romania. Once again we stood amazed over what can happen when many good wills work together! The Day Centre is a very important place for our young people who, due to varied disabilities and special educational needs,

are unable to be employed and get a job in society. Here they have a meaningful occupation and can feel important!

Summer Camps

Thank you to all of you who took on the quest to gather and donate money for our summer camps! A wonderful summer of camps is coming to its end and thanks to your effort, many children and young people have had the opportunity to go on camp! Some of you have given your birthday money, some have run a marathon and others have "begged" among friends and acquaintances! Those of you who had planned to help, but for different reasons couldn't make it happen, still have the opportunity! If you donate 10 Euro to FCE's account, you will pay for one camp day for a child and 50 Euro will pay for a five day camp for one child.

For many of the children these camps are the absolute highest point of the year!

Andrei Loghin is responsible for the camps and he says:

"FCE's camp venue in Chişlaz is the place where many nice memories are being born in the minds of children from poor families and abandoned children from Marghita and the surrounding villages. There we arrange camps together with volunteers, mostly Romanian students, who are filled with love for the children. Our longing is that these children should feel like princes and princesses. In the moment I am writing this, we have 24 children here at camp.

One evening a child came to me crying really hard. I didn't know why he was crying but I held him in my arms and after a while he calmed down and could talk about a hard memory that had hurt him a lot in his life. I was shaken and told myself that I am ready

to fight to create good memories in the lives of these children.

This place is a true blessing! Here the children get the opportunity to go swimming, go on excursions and they can take part in a lot of games and pedagogical gatherings. I invite you all to join the fight for good memories for the children in Romania!"



Anita and some of the children in camp

One of the volunteers, Anita, writes:

"My name is Anița Tătar and I am 25 years old. I live in Cluj and work in customer services at a supermarket. My passion for people in general and especially abandoned children was born when I met Christ. He received me, forgave me and taught me what true love is. I have understood that what I have received, I have been called to pass on to others.

My work as a volunteer started four years ago when I started to visit elderly people who were lonely and to give food to homeless children on the streets. I noticed how God made my heart soft for helpless people.

I came as a volunteer to FCE's camps through a friend. As soon as I met these wonderful children, God gave me love for them and he shapes me through serving them. I love to help people and to be used by God! I wish to invest something in these children which they can carry along all of their lives. We are called to be parents to those who are abandoned!"



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to all of you
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**Warm Greetings,
FCE**

"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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