

NEWSLETTER

Dear Supporters,

Summer has arrived and we hope you all are having a wonderful time!

Thank you for your support! It helps us to help those who are in need.

Begging EU migrants, many of whom are Romanian Roma people, are a hot topic in Sweden. Journalists from the TV channel TV4, reported that the majority of beggars come voluntarily to make money for their impoverished families back in Romania. They choose this uncomfortable and even degrading life because they cannot acquire an adequate income back home. It was also reported that, unfortunately, merciless people exploit those who are weaker and keep them under slave-like conditions, even taking from them what they had managed to beg.

EFI Fadder / FCE on Swedish TV!

The Swedish TV program 'Cold Facts' on May 12th, showed a touching story of the TV team rescuing a young Romanian man from a horrible situation. You can follow his emotional journey from Malmö in Sweden to Marghita. In TV4's morning news on May 13th the reporter explains how FCE accepted the young man and offered him a place in an assisted-living facility, the halfway home 'Brândușa'. Lars Gustavsson was in the studio and got the chance to talk about our Foundation. A call went out to support organisations that are on the ground, helping people in need.

Reactions after the TV programs were positive and abundant. Many people expressed the joy and pride at being involved in and supporting an organisation such as FCE. Others had never heard of us before. They wrote to us saying that they were very impressed and had questions about how they could help.



http://www.tv4play.se/program/kalla-fakta?video_id=31790576

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Provide a camp experience!

Preparations for our camps have started and even this summer we want children to have unforgettable experiences that they can hold onto during their tough every-day lives. For £50/75\$ you can help a child attend a full camp week. You can send any amount to the FCE account using the bank account codes on the last page of the newsletter and mark it "Camp".

Gifts & Abilities

Britt-Louise came from Sweden to Marghita as a part of a construction team. She started sewing beautiful bags, all of which quickly sold out. Each bag purchased a week of camp for a child! It was very inspiring to see all the gifts represented in these construction teams and how well all the different abilities fit in with the work that needed to be done. The building extensions were completed this spring and renovation work including painting window frames and doors. There are still outdoor projects remaining but the courtyard of Casa Alba, where the school children play at break time, has had a real makeover!

Ingvar from Skövde brought his accordion which was a joy for both young and old. Kea from Värnamo, who worked as a chef and came to Marghita for the 39th time, did the cooking for the team during the two-week period. Anna, who lives in Stockholm, stayed in Marghita for a month and used her gift to lead children's gymnastics. You can read about that on the FCE website.

The list of activities may be long, but let us also mention Steve from England. He has been in Marghita a few times previously and came again this Spring to help out for a month. He was helpful in so many ways. In addition to practical work in the warehouses, he was a great blessing among the children and young people in the Club as well as to the state care residence in Ciutelec with his ability to both teach, play and sing.

In September and October there will be more construction team trips and in December we are looking for volunteers for all of the work before Christmas.



Steve repaints the Club

Help for the poor

During the Easter weekend, many poor families, mostly in Marghita Roma communities, were visited by staff and volunteers from FCE. Easter food such as meat, potatoes and eggs were handed out and the families who are in FCE's 'Poor family' project and the 'Afterschool' project also received clothing and groceries. It is difficult to alleviate all distress and the initiative we carried out over the Easter period seems like so little, but it means something to them.

We believe that the most significant thing being done for these families is that the children get a chance to go to school. Some thirty children are picked up every day and taken to FCE's Education Centre (After-school project) to receive help with their homework, to receive a hot meal and the opportunity to shower and wash their clothes. The activities are supported by the organisation 'ERIKS Development Partner' and are showing good results. The help that the children receive allows them to be accepted and integrated in both the school and society.

Casa Silvia

"Casa Silvia opened in 2003 as a home for 8 special needs children. Most of them were our children who used to be at Casa Alba. With so many people around, it became too overwhelming there for them. So a nice cosy house was bought and renovated just for them.

They were cute little children and now five of them have turned into young adults who want to be responsible and take care of their home. They get along very well together, they are loving and "sweet" as Silvia would say and there is an atmosphere of harmony.

There is the simplicity of thought, trust and the freedom to be yourself in these young people. Many times I feel blessed to be able to work with them. They don't feel shy to hug or to tell you they love you or missed you, or that they are sad and need a hug themselves.

I can also see the seeds of faith sprouting in them. They love to go to church, the ones who are able read the Bible and they refer to it on a daily basis.

For a while, Silvia has expressed her desire to be baptised because she says, "I want to be with God in heaven when he calls for me." She was baptised on Easter Day this year in April. Her faith can humble you and encourages you to become more practical in your belief.

Thank you for being partners with us in this work and when you need encouragement and a hug ... come to Casa Silvia!"

Lidia Micula



Silvia is being baptized

Wedding

One Saturday in April, many people came and shared in the joy with Iosif and Kinga on their wedding day! These two young people are still very much a part of the life and work of FCE. He works at the car wash and she at Casa Silvia. Both grew up in orphanages and both have received help in FCE's projects. It is so encouraging to see how these young people have received help and have continued to develop in such a fantastic way!



The happy couple Kinga och Iosif

Thank you
for your prayers!
May God bless
all of you!
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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