

G. Anca-Larisa: Tg-Jiu



Larisa is a 34-year-old mother who struggles with medical problems – even though she's physically well (all her tests came good), but these seem to be psychological problems as she's complaining of heartaches and pain in her legs, having an imminent feeling of death. Because she doesn't have a job (she finished 8 grades), she doesn't benefit of free medical insurance which means that every medical service must be paid for. Our intention is that she could be integrated in a handicap grade (ulterior being able to access social insurance and benefit of free medical assistance). For this she needs to be seen by an Evaluation Committee who will decide. Before that, she needs more evaluations by different specialist doctors, evaluations that must be paid. Also, Darius (11) is growing fast this period and he needs winter clothes and shoes. To cover these needs, the amount needed is 250 Euro.

D. Sorina-Gabriela: Tg-Jiu

Gabi is another single mother, raising her 13-year- old daughter, struggling to overcome a crisis period that has been accentuated since the pandemic. Starting August, Gabi and her daughter had to move into another dwelling, because the owner and landlord was appearing more often drunk, bringing other friends along and Gabriela started fearing for her and her daughter's safety. Gabi is working in a factory, and she's being paid the minimum wage, which is insufficient to afford a decent rent, to pay utilities and survive. Besides, due to the cost of electricity and gas that tripled in the last period, the family can't cope with these increases. Therefore, we want to support the family pay the rent for the winter months - 700 Euro. Once the winter passes, the mother can find extra occasional jobs and she can supplement her incomes. Unfortunately, during the winter she can't do this and she can't cope with the electricity, gas and rent costs.



N. Irina-Gabriela: Tg-Jiu

Irina is another mother raising her three children alone and, unfortunately, this single parented family continues to live on the verge of poverty. Due to the multiple health problems (morbid obesity, diabetes, heart problems) but also because the children are still too young, and she needs to look after them. Irina doesn't have a job, her only incomes being the children's allowances. She can't access other social rights due to some legal problems she has with her ex-husband. The family lives in Irina's parents' house, which is deteriorated and deteriorating fast, but their biggest and most urgent problem now is for firewood (a truck of wood costs 400 Euro). They also need a gas cylinder (which is 100 E), because the one they have is borrowed from a neighbour who asked for it back.

D. Elena-Claudia : Tg-Jiu



Claudia is 40 and she's currently working in a bakery shop. She raises her daughter – Roxana-Andreea who is 16 and in the 10th grade at a high school in town. Their life story is ravishing (one you only hear about in the movies or in the news) having to run for many years from their abusive, drunken husband and wife. Claudia could only rescue her daughter from their previous house only through court order. They currently live with Claudia's parents in a two-room apartment, Claudia sharing one room with her daughter. Ruxi learns well and her dream is to become a police officer. She has big dental problems and needs a lot of work done – the total cost for these are 460 Euros.

P. Minuța-Victoria: Tg-Jiu



Minuța-Victoria (Miruna as everyone calls her) is 22 and finished only 8 grades. She has two children. Haralambie-Alin is her partner (they are not married) and he's 41 years old. He finished only 2 grades and in this condition is very difficult for him to get a job, working daily jobs without

contract. Their two boys are 3 years old and 3 months old.

Miruna and the two children live in the house belonging to Alin's mother, in one room and have access to a kitchen. Alin doesn't have a good relationship with his mother and they are quite pressured. This is why they started building up a house behind the parents' home, managing in time to raise the walls. Because the conflicts are escalating, they hope to finish the works as soon as possible. They still have the roof which isn't even started yet, the costs for building and finishing the roof are 1400 Euro.



Elena, a mother of 33 years old had been raised in a foster care center. She has 2 children, Florina, who is 17 years old and David Yannis, who is almost 2 years old. Her husband passed away and Elena and her children are dwelling in her husband's house. The income of the family represents the children benefits and Florina's survivor pension. The family lives in a house that belonged to Elena's husband; the house had two bedrooms, and for a period of time only one room was heated. We managed to help

them and so we bought a stove for the second room. Elena and her youngest son were sleeping in that room. Unfortunately, the family's financial situation affected all the domains of their life, and they couldn't afford buying wood for winter season. They still have wood until December. As the time passed the roof of the house began to degrade causing other problems. For example, the walls are also in a degradation condition, and they decided to use a tarp, to protect the house. The family would need construction material to prevent the degradation of the entire house. A „batch” of woods that would last them is 250 Euros.



The family lives in a village 10-15 kilometers away from Zalau. Lucia is 25 years old and Calin, is 27 years old; together they have three children: Andrei is 7 years old, and he is attending the village primary school, Melina is 5 years old and Yasmina is 4 years old. They both attend the village pre-school. Calin is working within a scrap company



as a day labourer, being the only worker in the house. The income of the family is composed out of children benefits and Calin's earnings. The family had built a small house in a land owned by the Calin's parents. The family uses one room, being actually the only room, they have. There is no water for them to use, and they carry water from the neighbours or sometimes they buy. The toilet is situation outside and the house has no roof. They used wood for heating but also for cooking. The wood lots are bought gradually; for example, one cart of

wood lasts for one week, of course according to the weather. Unfortunately, they cannot cover this need and we would like to support them in this matter, the cost being 250 Euro.



Ioan (26 years old) and Corina (23 years old) have 3 children: Ioana 6 years old, Flaviu – 5 years old and the youngest Ionut – 2 years old. Together they live in a house that was made with soil, and it only has one room. Ioan is only working occasionally, whenever he finds work. At the moment he is working for a scrap company, being paid by day. Unfortunately, he did not find a contracted work, and this because he is illiterate. He is willing to work and whenever he finds something that

would bring him earnings, he is very happy, knowing that the amount he will get will represent the daily bread for him and the family. The only constant income is the children benefits. The family use wood as a heating source and in these conditions, the family cannot cover this important need. The needed amount to cover this need is 250 Euros.



Cristian is 37 years old, and he is raising his three daughters by himself: Iulia, is 17 years old, Gabriela is 15 years old and Sonia Cristina who is 14 years old. They live in a village, 10-15 kilometers away from Zalau. The family had passed through a tragedy, meaning, Cristian's wife, had a car accident, while on a crosswalk. The accident took place 8 months ago. There had been a trial and Cristian received an amount of money. Until now he used the money for daily needs, but he also bought a modular house. The house needs improvements, and Cristian has no financial power to do this. The children benefit represent the constant income of the family. Cristian is struggling to

find work, to provide for the girls. He is accepting day jobs to cover the basic needs of the family. They managed to buy a stove, but they cannot afford to buy wood for winter season. We would like to help him buy wood, for this needing 250 Euros.

Family Pop loan and Agnes



Pop family lives 20 km from our town – Simleu. They have two children – Antonio (grade 5) and Lorena (in 2nd grade). loan is working in Simleu for the cotton factory and the children's allowances complete the income of 551 Euro. Both loan and Agnes come from poor families. They live in an old, tiny house, at the outskirts of the village, having two small rooms there. They hoped to build three more rooms there, one to be a sleeping room, one a kitchen and one a bathroom. But the children grew and started having health problems. Agnes and her husband also started dealing with health problems and their entire investment for finishing the works had to stop. loan was suffering even before with lung problems and spinal problems. He often has water in his lungs and needs to go to the doctor periodically. Agnes is very anemic and the doctors can't find the reason for this so far. But, besides being very thin, she continues to lose weight, now weighing 49 kg. Antonio has big problems with his teeth and also needs braces. This summer they installed braces for the upper side. This costs 458 E and monthly when they go to have it checked, they need pay 32 Euro installment. As soon as possible he would need one for the lower side, but this means another 458 E and they can't afford it. Little Lorena resembles her mother in what regards the anemia. Besides, she has gallbladder stones and kidney sand and they spent a lot of money taking her to different doctors.

We would like to support this family buying the necessary construction materials to finalize the bathroom and kitchen construction. They need 2 doors – 145 E, 16 square meters of tiles for the bathroom and 11 square meters for the kitchen – 225 Euro, a bathtub – 190 E, a sink in the bathroom and one in the kitchen – 80 E, toilet – 21 E, hot water boiler – 250 E (911 E total).

There's no sewerage system in their village, but they have water, collecting it from a hill and they've also made their own sewerage with septic tank.

Family Baciu Paul and little Madalina



Madalina is 6 years old and 6 months ago she was abandoned by her mother. Her father, Paul (age 33), was diagnosed with degenerative and degradative psychomotor malady. Her mother is Corina (age 26). Corina comes from a very poor family and she would work taking care of animals. Paul and Corina met, they got married and started building a life and a home together. 6 months ago Corina left her family, moving with a man much younger than her, in a different town.

Paul's monthly pension is 270 E. They live in a small, old home, belonging to Paul's grandparents. This grandmother died two months ago, so now Paul and Madalina are by themselves.

Madalina misses her mother a lot and she's suffering. There are days when she goes to bed crying and wakes up crying for her mother. Since Corina left, Paul tried to get in touch with her and call her home. He even proposed they stay in separate rooms if she doesn't want to be with him anymore, just to be there for their daughter. Corina refuses any option for coming home. When

Corina left, she also left a debt of 220 Euro to the groceries store in the village, debt he couldn't cover. From his small pension, besides paying the utilities, he also needs to pay the kindergarten fee for Madalina (70 Euro).

After the grandmother's death, Paul was cleaning the room where she lived and noticed that under the bed all the wooden boards were rotten and it was a hard smell in the room because of that. Paul wishes to take those woods out and redo the floor. He wishes to have cement there and over that cement plate to have parquet. In order to make these, he needs 15 bags of cement – 57 Euros, 3 scoops with sand – 63 Euro and the parquet with insulation and plinths – 270 E. (a total of 390 E)

Family Tout Anca



Anca is 34 years old. For 15 years Anca lived a life of terror, fear, enduring beatings and manipulation from her husband. The first child of this family is Alexandra, who is 12 years old. Anca hoped that after the child was born, her husband would change his attitude, but this didn't happen. He continued to drink more and became more violent. Many times Aurel would throw out the food his wife cooked, saying it wasn't good. Either that, or he would throw it on the walls. After Alexandra started growing up, her father started beating her as well saying she's not obedient and doesn't listen to him. When Anca got pregnant with their second child, he asked her to abort the child, saying he doesn't want any more children. Larisa was born anyway and since then, the family life continued in tension and with many problems. As years go by, Larisa refused to speak. Aurel accused his wife for this, saying she doesn't take good enough care of the girls and that's why she doesn't speak.

During that period, Anca had a job and she was working hard, coming home and taking care of the household work after the job. She was doing agriculture and taking care of the animals they had. They were living in the countryside, in a house they worked to arrange for 15 years. The house is on Aurel's name, even though they worked together to build it.

Many times when she was abused and thrown out of the house, Anca took the decision in her heart to leave, but she never gathered the courage to do so. Aurel was manipulative and dominant, making her believe she won't be able to make it without him. On the other hand, Anca was having more serious thyroid problems and her feelings and emotions were influenced a lot by her defective thyroid. The doctor advised Anca to make a series of investigations to establish a diagnosis and start a treatment but this costs 97 E. So far she didn't go to make these investigations.

In June this year, one day when Aurel wasn't home, Anca took her daughter, packed some things and left home. Here, they rented a space where they moved. The monthly rent was 145 E and here they have everything they need, as they only brought a few clothes from home and were not able to pack much. In the rented apartment they have a cooking stove, a fridge, washing machine and heater. Alexandra attends school here in the 6th grade and Larisa is going to kindergarten. She stays there from morning till 4 pm when here mother comes to pick her up. The cost for this kindergarten is 65 E. Anca found a job here and here salary is 380 E. From this she pays the kindergarten, rent, bills and all the other monthly expenses.

Since they moved out from their home, Larisa started talking slowly and Alexandra started being more talkative and sociable. None of the girls wish to see their father again, or spend time with him.

Anca suggested to her husband they file for divorce, but he refuses, threatening her to hire the best lawyer there is and leaving her with nothing, so she would have to come back to him begging.

In December they have scheduled the first date for the trial. Anca needs to pay 650 E that represents the taxes and lawyer fees. Her only option is to borrow the money, but paying them back is a real problem considering her income and expenses.

As a child, I've been through what Alexandra and Larisa go through and I understand so well. I know how it is to fear your father, not wanting to see or hear him and seeing your mother beaten up and burdened. I really hope we can help Anca get well over this difficult challenge. We hope to help her pay the fees in court – 650 E.

Family Gale Claudiu with their children Gabriel and Gabriela



I find it so difficult to speak about children who suffer and suffer not because they don't have certain things they wish for, but because they are being abandoned by their parents and don't have their love and protection. Gabriel is 13 and he's in the 6th grade and his sister, Gabriela is 5. When Gabriel was 8 and his sister was only 1 year and few months old, their mother left them, moving in with another man. Till that time, Gabriel went through some terrible experiences. He was in the first grade and remembers how he was playing with his mother's phone and found the conversation she was having with that man. As any child who loves his mother was often waiting for his mother till late at night to come home and then went to sleep. "I loved her very much, but she failed me". "She made me take indecent photos of her". "I no longer want to hear about her, I don't have a mother anymore" he's saying. I have to admit, hearing him talk like this I didn't know what to respond. I stayed silenced and that's all. 5 years ago, this mother left and since then her children never saw her. Not even on their birthdays she never called.

Gabriel is a smart boy. He carries in his heart many painful memories. Beside his suffering, beside being abandoned by his mother, Gabriel is often humiliated and bullied by other children at

school. His nickname is “the beaver”. His bite is much deformed – between the upper part of his mouth and the down part there’s a big difference. I personally took him to an orthodontist and his situation is complicated. He would need to wear fixed braces on both sides. It costs 460 E, so a total of 920 E.

The father of these children is Claudiu. He’s 40 years old and works as a cargo handler in a groceries storage, being paid with 416 E monthly. From this money he pays the running costs and the kindergarten for Gabriela – 65 E, he buys food, and covers other costs. Now, for example they didn’t manage to buy the necessary firewood for the winter period. They all live in the same room, so in the winter they only heat the bedroom and kitchen, where they also stay during the day.

They live in a social dwelling for which they pay a monthly rent of 20 E. The conditions there are basic – they have two small rooms and a kitchen. The big problem is that they don’t have a bathroom. When they need to wash, they heat water on the stove, and they wash in a plastic basin. The toilet is outside in the back of the yard, a shared yard where several families live. Imagine that they have 35-40 meters from their home to the toilet and the children have to go at night or during the winter. Before the children’s mother left them, Claudiu managed to build sort of a pantry, a room where they wanted to build a bathroom and a small annex to use it as storage room. After the wife left, Claudiu no longer managed to finish the bathroom. Claudiu managed to draw the water and sewerage installation to that room, so all those will be easily installed.

I send two photos with that room, where they could arrange the bathroom. The order for the necessary works are: buying 4 beams and woods for prolonging the roof, where they can put tin. Then they will make the ceiling of the room, wall-plastering, installing a door, tiles and the hygiene-sanitary items (toilet, sink, etc.). Claudiu is working daily from 9 to 6-7 pm. I know it’s a big investment, but I truly hope and believe with God’s help we can achieve this goal, in stages, so in the end these children can have a toilet they can use and a tub to shower and wash.

Social worker, Mogos Claudia

MOLNAR ETELCA



I wish to present you the situation of Mrs. Etelca – 95 years old, living alone and relying on the mercy of other people in order to survive. Etelca tries to live of her 171 E pension, but most times this won’t cover her basic needs. Mrs. Etelca is living in an old dwelling that needs a lot of repair works and that sometimes makes her life hard. The appliances won’t always work and some have been replaced by some kind neighbours who donated her their old appliances. The vacuum cleaner she had broke a long time ago and dust is piling up on her wooden floors. It’s hard for her to maintain the cleaning, because she has reduced mobility and real bad backaches.

We try to ease her living as much as possible and right now, her need is for a vacuum cleaner that costs 140 E.

Hoțiu Anica



Mrs. Anica is 75 years old and she lives in the home she built with her ex-husband, but she could be evicted anytime because after an irrevocable court sentence. The dwelling she lives in is small and unsanitary, being in a basement where she doesn't have utilities – gas or water. The only source of water is outside in the yard and in order to heat her dwelling she uses a stove. Anica's monthly income is 170 E, which can't cover her basic needs.

We want to support this lady to get well through the winter period, buying her firewood – 420 E.

Nebert Viorica



Mrs. Viorica is 69 years old and she's had a very difficult life, struggling with health problems. She was diagnose with bladder cancer and went through several surgeries. Recently she discovered a large nodule in the left breast and started investigating. She's scared. Her income is her pension – 161 E, which almost never manages to cover her needs.

The medical recommendations for the bladder cancer include avoiding the cold. The dwelling she lives in is cold and she needs a lot of wood to heat it, to make in comfortable and so she won't suffer.

We want to support Viorica to get well through this winter and buy a truck of wood – 420 E so she can heat her dwelling and avoid other problems.

Varga Viola

Mrs. Viola is 70 years old and lives in a social dwelling obtained from the mayoralty where she has 2 rooms. She can be evicted any time because of the rent arrears accumulated. The living conditions aren't good and they don't have running water or sewerage system. Mrs. Viola's income is 101 E, from which she tries to buy the necessary medication and survive, but's it's really difficult.

This autumn we helped Viola buy a stove because the one she had broke and couldn't be used. We want to help her with the necessary firewood that costs 420 E, in order to heat her dwelling during the winter.

Social worker, Iulia Crăciun