

The Echo of ECCE HOMO

From Him, through Him, for Him



a special 8th of March for the elderly ladies



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events agenda

- On March 8th, the ladies of Ecce Homo celebrated together Women's Day within a special brunch at the Organization; also, the grandmothers from "Grandparents - our neighbours" project enjoyed a very special day at a local restaurant in town where they've been spoiled with

the building in valea draganului is getting a "new face"

amazing food and enjoyed the socializing time;

- On March 11 we had the General Assembly meeting with the members of Ecce Homo; we were happy to see each other face to face after 2 years of having the meeting on zoom, we looked back at last year and discussed the plans of 2023.
- Between March 27 and 31st we had the spring sale in the social shops and in the yard.

INFO PROJECTS

„a-mic” home

Always animated and with rare moments of silence, a-mic home continued to provide a family-like environment to the children, support and assistance in all domains, as well as guidance, so each of them can find their own path, having all resources for this.

The winter months and the everchanging weather forecast didn't stop the children to enjoy countless recreational, educational activities.

From playing outside in the yard, to going out in the park, ice-skating, doing certain sports such as football (Cornel, Alex and Adrian), volleyball (Simona and Adreea), the children had some intense months. We also received the visit of some special guests who help us learn new and interesting information. Through the involvement of a team from "Doctors for you" the children learned about the main organs in their bodies, about how to have a proper nutrition, but also what practicing a sport does to our body and what it means. Another team from "Minutes of movement" involved the children in sports activities on weekends, introducing them into the fascinating world of tennis, athletics, football or volleyball, and every weekend these activities end with a hike.



While school and all these other activities take a lot of their time, we were happy to see that the older girls also find time to make some good deeds. Maria, Simona and Mira joined the project "the pot of soup" that supports those accommodated at Ica Home, and cooked alongside Lia for them. They spent time together with the people from Ica Home and tried to encourage them. On March 1st, all the children made trinkets that people wear traditionally in honour of March 1st and they took some of these to Casa Ica, while the remaining ones were sold within our shop.



Together with those from "Impact" the children participate to theater, literature, music, graffiti workshops and develop new abilities. Other than the diverse and interactive activities, this period has also been marked by repeated conflicts between the children mostly caused by Damian and Simi. It was a period of challenges and we're trying to find solutions for the brothers, even considering transferring Damian in a different center where his needs could be better met. This period we managed to obtain the necessary documents so Simion can benefit from the program that provides some benefits for children who confront with certain problems, meaning an extra hour during the exam this summer and other benefits.

The children continue to benefit from psychotherapy and conciliation sessions and for each we never stop exploring to find the best solutions and resources for them to grow and develop in harmony. For Maria (17) we will begin the process of integrating her in her father's family - who has a job, lives with rent, and is willing to assume responsibility and raise Maria.

„grandparents – our neighbours” & „avus”

We started the year 2023 close to our dear grandparents in the two projects destined for them.

In the first trimester we managed to support constantly 53 elderly - 30 benefited from social services in community and 23 of home care.

The greatest problem our elderly confronted this period was loneliness, to which was added the feeling of uselessness.

This entire period we visited them in their homes, we offered information / direction / accompanying in order to access social and medical rights.

We organized group meetings and social-recreational activities, but we also provided material and financial support. The parcels with food and cleaning products were distributed monthly in their homes by our colleagues Dana and Andrei and are a real blessing for them.



March began with a group activity when we celebrated the beginning of spring together with our beneficiaries and the socializing room turned into a true workshop as the ladies made cards and trinkets.

The 8th of March was a special day for our ladies and we spent some special time together in a festive environment, at a local restaurant. This special event that was dedicated to the ladies was sponsored entirely by the owner of that restaurant and at the end of the meeting each grandmother received flowers and a photo collage from the organization.

The ladies that couldn't attend the activity due to health reasons, were visited and celebrated in their own home.

In January, Maria joined the "AVUS" team so we can enjoy now a network of 6 caretakers for the elderly in need.

A main goal for the two projects in the first months of the year was to preoccupy for the elderly's health. We intermediated visits to family doctors and specialists, making sure each can have access to medical services and benefits from treatment.

We made sure that all beneficiaries have medicines and take the medical treatment regularly and properly. We continued to celebrate the birthdays of the grandparents both during the group meetings and at home visits.

On the spiritual plan, we've been able to be close to their hearts and challenges more through the mentors who visit them regularly, with whom they read from the Bible and pray together, who are their support in overcoming the moments of uncertainty, desperation and loneliness.

We are grateful for these big-hearted people who complete this way the services we provide for the grandparents.



ica home

Each day at Ica Home is unique and loaded with feelings and love for the people.

During January-March, Ica Home hosted over 200 people from 30 counties of Romania and provided over 850 nights of accommodation, but we had to refuse dozens of other people, the house becoming overcrowded. With each of them we shared thoughts, we offered encouragement for the difficult situations each confronts with.

World Cancer Day (February 4th) couldn't have gone by unnoticed at Ica Home, so Cris decided to cut her hair in solidarity with all those who confront with this terrible illness and to try and raise funds for Ica Home.



On March 1st we received the visit of the a-mic children, who brought trinkets they've made to all the ladies who were present and shared together stories and joys. Ica Home team also offered flowers to all the ladies present.

The youth from a local church remained faithful this entire time and visited us regularly, spending time with the people, talking and just giving away from the warmth of their heart some hope for the suffering.

On March 8th we had a special evening together, we had pizza and spent quality time together.

We also enjoyed having the support of some local restaurants and families within the project "pot of soup", as they bring weekly some soup and food for the people accommodated here.



Each month the people at home enjoy every meeting within the psychotherapy group under the coordination of Ramona - our colleague, who is such a blessing for every participant.

We continued the project "the pending trip" as well, this being another great support for the people at Ica Home, as many can't afford to cover the transportation fees.

We had a special evening of pancakes, games and talks with everyone who has accommodated here at the time, all these helping us make closer relations and develop new friendships.

We're waiting with great excitement the charity concert organized to support Ica Home - "Sound of Hope" that will take place on April 2nd in a local church.



social assistance for families

From the beginning of the year we focused on improving the living conditions, on providing fire wood, or making other investments for the families in our project. Many of them still have such precarious living conditions, they don't benefit from running water or sanitation, for many of them especially in the rural areas, washing a dish with warm water or taking a shower is just a luxury they can only dream about.

In some situations, the involvement of the social worker means contacting the authorities, sometimes even mayors. This was the case of Petel family in Simleu, for whom Claudia scheduled a meeting with the mayor to discuss the water and sewerage network situation in the village. After this encounter, we could begin the works for building the bathroom and these are progressing and the sewage pipes have been installed.

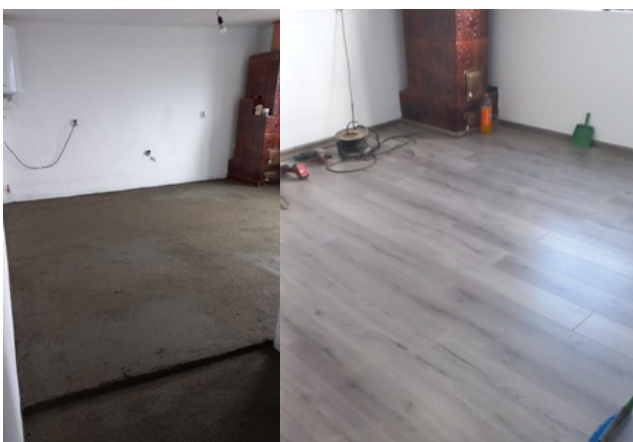


We took this girl to an ophthalmologist for the first time in her life (kind of too late for her age and problem) and she was seen by a doctor, also receiving a pair of glasses. She will have to undertake certain intensive treatments for two months, in order to recover the sight in her left eye - while this is still possible.

For a family with 4 children who confront with big problems in what regards the water supply (they need to carry their water from great distance, in plastic recipients) we managed to buy a reservoir of 1000 liters that will ease their situation.



For Camelia's family in Targu Jiu, who confront with big health and financial problems, this room is slowly turning into a better looking living room that they will also be able to cook and spend their time as a family.



Cristina is a single mother, a young lady who raises her son and whose sole income is the child's allowance. We helped them by building a bathroom as they had the toilet outside in the yard.



At the beginning of the year, within the groups activity in Targu Jiu, Liliana began to implement a project that will help the girls who attend this group (The Fighters' Group) and who come from communist orphanages to develop and improve their social abilities, desirable in order to find your way in society. For these girls, the easiest way to assimilate the information and learn, is through role play.

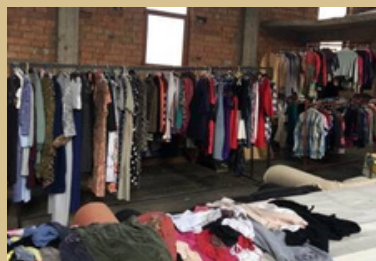


In Zalau as well - people have been helped to buy construction materials, fire wood for their dwellings, food parcels or other goods that were important for these families.



other projects/actions

In February and March we had yard sales in Simleu and Cluj - in our shops. These are a good way to attract resources for the social projects, but also to provide to all those interested quality products at fair prices.



"family brunch" on March 8th



The General Assembly participants