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Magazine about a workshop for people with handicaps

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“A nice word, a kind glance, a pleasant smile can work wonders and lead to miracles”

William Hazlitt



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Dear readers,

Often those who cross the threshold of our house (Association) say that there's something special about us, and what leads them to return to us is the warm and inviting atmosphere of the workshop. Quite often we are asked if working with people with mental or psychological disabilities is difficult. To this subject, we answer with all sincerity that, regardless of how challenging work with this category of people might appear, the love with which our beneficiaries surround us fully outweighs the effort of working with and for them.

A new member has joined our group, Ramona, whom we greet warmly, and anticipate many "nice words, kind glances, pleasant smiles!"

I specially chose this quotation for this edition of our magazine to describe in few words and with precision the road that we have chosen in our activities with our beneficiaries. Through the means of our editorial we wish to share with you from the things that enhance our life, move us and make us who we are.

With well wishes, we greet you in the name of team,

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“The path of the Light” in Candles Night

During the Eve of Palm Sunday, for the second time the courtyard of our friends YaU Concept and MioBio was illuminated by hundreds of candles made by our beneficiaries. Special candles were made in our workshop for the traditional Candles Night which our association organizes every year. This year's theme was “The path of the Light” and we tried to trace an illuminated path which had as a bench a candle in the shape of a dove. We chose a dove because it expresses delicacy, being the symbol of innocence, blandness, good, guiltless and of peace. These characteristics express the emotions we wanted to transmit to all those who participated in this event.

It was a lovely evening in which we showed one more time that the people with disabilities are capable of doing beautiful and useful things. Even if outside was a little cold, many of our friends were there for us and as we wished and expected

there were also people who participated for the first time in an event organized by us. There were open-minded persons who heard about our story and wanted to join us. As in the previous dates we had the raffle that aroused curiosity and the wish of winning.

We would say that it was almost a perfect night (because there is always room for better) and that is why we would like to thank those who helped us, we thank the people from YaUConcepts and MioBio for receiving us with warmth. We also thank the people from NBI Financial for the delicious cookies which were made especially for that evening and last but not least we would like to thank all those who participated in the event and we gladly welcome them to the future events organized by us.



We would like to give our thanks

In order for a project to be attainable, it has to be supported very much by the people who believe in the success of the project. Because we are aware of the importance of the people who help us, we would like to give them our special thanks.

We thank our true friends who have understood from the beginning what we would like to accomplish for people with disabilities and who have been honoring us with their total trust. Among these are YaU Concept, MioBio and NBI Financial which helped us organize the beautiful Candles Night accommodating us with house, courtyard and everything we needed for the event's consecution.

We would like to thank everybody who supported us by directing 2% from their income to our association. They were many people this year also; we really appreciate their effort and we wish to have it in the future as well.

Last but not least we would like to thank Mayor Cristian Tudor Popescu as well as the esteemed local advisors of District 4 for allowing us not to pay the building tax for 2011. We are glad that the local authorities have understood that for the unfolding of our projects we also need the support of our community and we hope that we have it in the future years as well.



Financial Report

In past editions of our magazine you were able to learn about the activities of our association. As in past years, so in this June edition, we would like to make known some information connected to the financial part of our Association for 2010.

We are reminded and want to emphasize that fact that along we can do nothing. For this reason we give our heartfelt thanks to those who were and are coming alongside us! We want you to know that any form of help is welcome! And often help comes from the least expected place, most often through the means of a special person, so we need you in the future!

Income 2010 (RON)	143.100
Donations and sponsorships	72.200
Economic activities	25.800
2% (donations from taxes)	37.700
Bank interest	4.500
Other	2.900
Expenses 2010 (RON)	179.850
Human resources (salaries and benefits)	67.900
Infrastructure (electricity, gas, water, tel, etc.)	12.850
Workshop costs (raw materials)	32.700
Costs for beneficiaries (pocket money, activities)	28.350
Consumable goods (food, toiletries)	17.950
Administrative costs (office supplies, diverse taxes)	6.850
Other	9.450
Services	3.800

Mrs. Elena Busila, accountant, verified and certified the Association's books for 2010, in the role of auditor. She confirmed that our financial situation is in conformity with current legislation and reflects the genuine and complete status of the Association at the closing of the books. Thank you for your support throughout the past year and we wish you all the best.



I am Ramona (Employee) ...

Everybody, since as a child is taught and trained to acquire certain capabilities that then put them into practice- to want a job. So, he go to school, college, various traing courses.

Time passes very quickly and therefore you must be prepared to begin service, "to come among big men". Those sixteen years passed like a spring water that never comes back to the source. For some time I started to work in this Association, and I can say that I love a lot what I do. From the first day I was lucky to get in the welcoming atmosphere of the workshop, I felt it was something special in what they are doing.

All that this young people do every day, and most of all the socialization can be considered a life lesson. As for my self, I must admit that almost every day I learn something from them, beyond learning to be not selfish, to accept people around me, learn to be better and the same time to bring in what I have to offer good.

As a commitment for the foreseeable future I intend to do everything in my power to be able to leave a positive mark on our younger's morals and behavior, I intend to be present and available to their mutual help.



I am Maria (beneficiary),

... I'm a working girl, friendly, cuddly and sometimes naughty in certain foods I don't like. I like working, doing clean house and hand washing, to help my mother (Mrs. Rodica who takes care of me) in domestic work.

After I finished the eighth grade I went to Constanta and I lived to Ovidiu Day Centre. There I studied the first 2 years of highschool and then I received a letter from my parents to go back home and I came back, but I couldn't accustom to them and I was taken to a night shelter for homeless children. Then I continued school grades XI and XII, and was I moved to St. Nicholas Center. After I finished school I moved into an apartment for people over 18 years by the Association of Ancora. With their help I managed to reach Ateliere Protejate.

The first time I came to the studio I was scared, I cried, I worked two weeks and then I quit, but the people from the workshop called me and persuaded me to continue to come here. I came back and slowly I got used to and I even started to like it because I became very attached to some of my colleagues. I like this workshop because I can communicate with my coworkers, I have a lot of fun, I like how the workshop is organized and I like that it is clean and fresh here. I would not change anything because it's perfect. At the workshop I learned to cook, to clean and handle myself. I love to make candles, weigh the wax, and most of all I like doing these. I feel good with my coworkers in the workshop.

With the help of Mr. Joerg, I arrived at the Children Ro Association, where I lived after my contract with the Association of Ancora expired. Now I live (with the help of the Children Ro Association) in Unirea Center, Sf. Paraschiva, because Children Ro Center has been closed and I couldn't live there anymore.



I am Dodo (beneficiary),

... a smart guy, intelligent, handsome, able to do anything, I like to work and in my free time I like walking and listening to Madalina Manole's music.

I finished vocational school of painters but I didn't learned anything.

I get along well with my parents, I have no father but my grandfather is like a father to me ... my mother helps me, but I have to tell her when I get out for a walk and where I go.

I arrived at the workshop with my grandmother's help. She heard about the workshop and called here, she subscribed me on the waiting list, I waited two years and finally I was called and they told me that I can come to the workshop. At first I was afraid, I didn't wanted to come but my grandmother insisted and finally convinced me. Then I got used to, I gradually started to talk to my colleagues and to like it more and more. I like to wash dishes and cook. The girl that I like most is Diana but she's not interested on me. What would I change here is the program. I would like to come at 9:00, working until 12:00, from 12:00 to 16:00 to have a break, then working again from 16:00 to 21:00, because it's very hard for me to wake up early in the morning. I would like to work at the office. My dream is to be director of Ateliere Protejate.



Anti-Mosquito Candles

Why let them buzz around you when you can simply burn a candle?

To escape from little insects which are a pain for every one of us this summer, we have the ideal product, called AntiMosquito Candles. Cute, cheerful, perfumed candles which keep mosquitoes away are ideal for the season. Contact us!

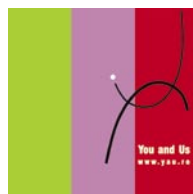
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