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Trustees report Jan 2016

We are delighted to announce that our chairperson, Leanda, has become a mummy! William John Theedom was born on 22nd November 2015. Leanda and William are both doing well and Andy loves his role as the doting father! With Leanda on maternity leave, Silviu has had to take charge of the projects in Bucharest. He has done a brilliant job and has even managed to expand our work into new areas!



St Maria Orphanage

This is an orphanage for girls that Leanda visited last time she was in Bucharest. It is a state run orphanage but we have a contract with Sector 1 Children's Department that allows us to work with the children. There are around 30 girls that live here but the staff do not have time to help them with their schoolwork. Twice a week our educators, Cristi and Mihaela, work at this orphanage to provide extra tuition and homework help. They also consult with the orphanage staff to provide a plan to help each child in the best way possible.



Many of the children in the orphanage have been there since they were very young. It is a government institution and the rules state that a security guard must lock the children into the building unless they are going to school. Many of the children have never been to the park, to the cinema or even into a normal family home. Silviu and Mihaela take three children every weekend out of the orphanage to give them a treat. Sometimes they take them home for the day and teach them to cook or play the guitar. Other times they take them to the park or for a burger. The children are on a rota so that every child gets the opportunity to do this. As you can imagine, these days out are hugely popular.





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Opposite the girl's orphanage is another orphanage for boys with severe physical disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health issues. We do not have an agreed contract to work here but Silviu and Mihaela visit regularly bringing food and occasional treats.

Bucharest Noi Foundation

In September we began a new contract with the Bucharest Noi Foundation. Here there are children with various behavioural problems so our educators work with them on a 1:1 basis. We visit twice a week to provide tuition, homework help and provide pastoral care to help the children to remain in mainstream education.

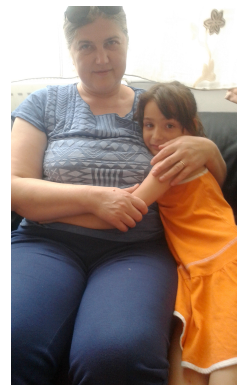
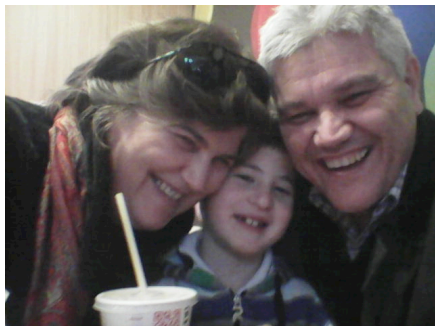


Timotei Cipariu Association

Our contract with this school expired and Sector 1 Children's Department asked us to move to work at the Bucharest Noi Foundation instead. We do not currently have the resources to provide a good service in both places. Silviu and Mihaela have maintained a good relationship with the teaching staff here and keep in touch with the children that they have worked with. For example, one girl, Gabriela is a 16 year old tetraplegic who comes from a large family. Mihaela ensures that she remains in close contact with her and helps her whenever she needs it.

Metropolis Foundation

Mihaela also visits this orphanage regularly. These children have been in an institution their whole lives and have no notion of what it is to be part of a family and what a family home is like. Silviu and Mihaela also bring these children to their home on a rota basis to show them how to be part of a family.





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Small Steps Day Centre

As I have previously reported, we had huge problems with our neighbours who didn't like the kind of children that our centre was helping. They scared the children so much that they stopped coming to the centre and we couldn't persuade them to come back. We have now sold the apartment and all of the trustees and Romanian partners are in discussion as to how to move forward with the money from the sale.

The trustees are extremely grateful to all of our regular sponsors who continue to give every month for our work. Also we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supports our fundraising events and everyone that fundraises on our behalf. We could not offer so much help to others without you.

God bless

Leanda, Megan and Barbara