

# Newsletter



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## IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

### **For Easter over 130 poor families from rural areas received food donations**



Easter is the time when we all should be more generous and kind to our peers in need. Therefore on this occasion, FSC organised a campaign for the poor families of the Podu Turcului area, offering them a decent Easter hamper. As a result, 130 families from Stanisesti, mostly lonely elderly in need of home care received during the days before Easter gifts containing food and fruits. The hampers were prepared with the support of FSC volunteers but also with the support of the community who provided financial resources for the campaign during an event hosted by the Arena Mall. To the 1600 lei raised during the campaign, we added funds from the 2% campaign and from the Bacau Community Awards Gala. **Metro Bacau** contributed with a donation of food, enabling us to offer consistent gifts for the needs of each family.

FSC also prepared sweets for 90 children from Colonesti, a poor community with a lot of people in need.

### **Easter celebrated in all FSC centres**



Each of the FSC educational centres hosted festive events where over 400 children received Easter treats. All the children prepared special Easter decorations with painted eggs, candle holders, bunnies and cards. The children from the **Mosaic Community Centre from Bacau** had together with the staff a special Easter lunch. The food was donated by a group of politician ladies of the PDL party. The ladies met the children and learned about the activities they have at the centre.

The elderly at the **"Dr. Stefan Ciobanu" Day Centre** had a much unexpected visit, from 20 children of the School nr. 10 and their teachers, as a token of gratitude and kindness for the elderly. The children talked to the beneficiaries and also brought them some parcels with fruit and sweets.

### **Easter campaign in Arena Mall**



The week-end before Easter FSC organised an awareness raising and fundraising campaign for our social programs, on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, when the beneficiaries of Mosaic Centre and Club with Glue Bacau, and several talented children from Children's Palace and Henry Coanda High School Bacau got together and prepared a special Easter show.



*Together We Can Achieve More!*

### **For Mother's Day, FSC centres celebrated all their mothers and grandmothers**

The event included a sale exhibition of hand made objects, Easter decorations, jewellery and accessories. The volunteers organised a real workshop in the Mall, the children being invited to paint their own egg or clay decoration. The campaign raised 1600 lei, money used for purchasing food hampers for 130 disadvantaged families from Stanisesti.

Mother's Day had proper celebrations in all the FSC centres, both the educational Clubs with Glue in rural areas and the Day Centre for the Elderly "Dr. Stefan Ciobanu" in Bacau. The children prepared special performances with songs and poems and handmade cards dedicated to their mothers who were invited.

Even the more "senior" beneficiaries of our organization receive similar attention. Together with the staff at the day centre, the gentlemen prepared a surprise event for the ladies, with music, flowers, and a beauty contest- proving that beauty goes beyond age.



### **Partnership project: The Community Centre in Zemes was fitted with an indoors play area**

The Community Centre in Zemes is a project implemented in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Comanesti and Ovidiu Rom Association, funded by OMV Petrom. The centre is both for children and elderly, offering specific events for each category. The children have theme clubs, after school and from March an indoors play area, so that the children can play safely and under supervision.

FSC will help by transfer of know how as we will use the already successful models of the Clubs with Glue and Day centre for the elderly.



## **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

### **National Volunteers Week organised in Bacau by FSC**



National Volunteers Week (SNV) is an event dedicated to the active volunteers of Romania and all the people they work with, during the week 19-25 April. FSC is the lead organisation in organising the campaign, together with "ARDOR" Association, the National Drug Misuse Agency Bacau, BETANIA Association, the Regional Ecology Centre, "Iubim Natura", Fundatia "C. Brancoveanu", Kolping Aleja Family Association. Partners: Prefecture Bacau, County Council Bacau, Mayor's Office Bacau, Mayor's Office Moinesti, Mayor's Office Stanisesti, Primaria Mayor's Office Cleja, Fundatia Vodafone Romania.

The week will end with the third "Gala of the Volunteers" which will reunite volunteers, teachers, authorities and parents. The event is sponsored by Vodafone.

## **THANKS TO THE SPONSORS OF THE MONTHS**

**They stood by us this month**



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