

Casa Mea News



SUMMER ENDSFALL BEGINS

Fall 2018

Summer fun...

Thanks to our donor Anca, the kids enjoyed three days of swimming at the pool this summer!



Kids enjoying a hot summer day at the pool

Cristina & Livia
at summer
camp with
counselor



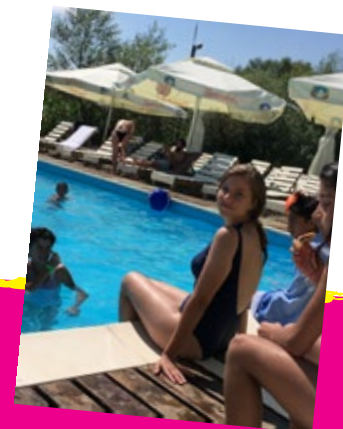
Also, our local Romanian Orthodox Church hosted the children for a week at summer camp this year for which we are grateful.

Ana Maria and Vlad volunteered at the EU sponsored Social Center in Prejmer which offers summer programs to the local Roma children. We appreciate this opportunity for Vald and Ana to give back to our community.



Ana Maria & Vlad volunteering

Ana at pool



But alas summer gives way to fall and it is...

Back to school...



Vlad & Ana Maria on first day of high school



Robert, Livia, Steli, Cristina & Raul on first day of school

Vlad (17) is in his last year of vocational high school. This summer and after school he works at a factory and seems to be enjoying his new found freedom and extra pocket money. Ana Maria (15) is in her first year of a four year high school program. Her major is economic studies!

Cristina (14) is in the 8th grade; Livia & Stelian (12) are in 7th grade; Raul (13) is in 6th grade; and Robert (11) is in 4th grade.

All of the kids are active in either sports or other extra-curricular activities thanks to the generosity of their instructors and our donors. Stelian and Raul enjoy soccer, Cristina and Ana Maria sing in the school choir. Vlad plays table tennis on his high school team.

Equine therapy...

All of the children are participating in horse (equine) therapy thanks to the generosity of the local Brasov Transilvania University. Once a week they attend lessons with their horses. The goal of this therapy is to contribute positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of children with special needs. We are so grateful to Transilvania University that our children can participate in this therapeutic activity where they can learn coping strategies.



Livia with horse at therapy session

Fall also means... harvest time



All the children help dig up potatoes

The kids all help with harvesting the bounty from our garden.

OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Casa Mea has been so fortunate to have a steady and reliable staff over many years. This staff stability contributes to the security of our children. Viorica has been with Casa Mea 6 years, Fifi and Mirela have been

with us for 5 years, and Ica 4 years.

With Doru, our maintenance man, they are substitute parents for the children. We so appreciate their dedication to the children and Casa Mea. Thanks to our administrator Felicia who organizes and balances all the children's activities and the staff at Casa Mea in addition to rearing her own child and teaching at the local elementary



Picture of staff

school. Both our social worker (Claudia) and our psychologist (Cami) are also angels who help us to provide extra love and support to our children. Lastly, we cannot forget our accountant (Elena) who keeps us on the straight and narrow with all the financial reporting we need to do for the government.

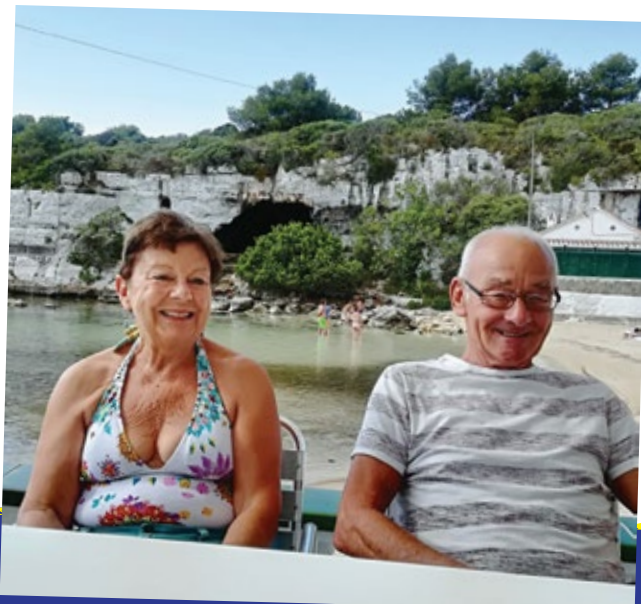


Claudia & Felicia with children

A special thanks to our volunteers Hazel & David from Minorca.

We are so glad to announce that Hazel & David will be back with us for most of this school year! Casa Mea so depends on them every year and the kids love having them. They are the loving grandparents every child needs!

Thanks to our young volunteers from Turkey; Busra, Sevgi, Rojda, and Enes. They helped with the kids this summer for several weeks. We are grateful for all of our young volunteers who serve as big brothers and sisters to our children, i.e., role models.



David & Hazel relaxing at home in Minorca



Turkish volunteers with children

Thanks also to our new volunteer, Jon. Jon is a chef who moved back to his native country from California. He is establishing a private event center in Brasov. He works with our kids teaching them cooking, table setting, and elegant dining! We are all awaiting a gourmet dinner or two from the kids!



Children with Jon

THANK YOU

We are so fortunate for all of our friends and donors. You enrich all of our lives and we couldn't do it without you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! WE AT CASA MEA HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT!

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