

Moldovan Student Sponsorship Newsletter

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Let's Harvest the Fruits of Our Generosity and Plant Other Successful Trees

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The summer season passed as it had been a puff blown by the wind. We are longing for the wonderful warm days and our extraordinary adventures and we can soothe our sadness only depicting our memories. For this quarterly meeting, we had planned to have a discussion with our 2013 graduates and see how they stepped on the new path of their life, what they managed to do and how well they've realized their goals. Unfortunately, the bad weather and the busy season mixed up our plans a little bit, but it seems that everything that is done is in the best interest of everyone. We enlarged the spectrum of our meeting, talking with enthusiasm about our graduates' realizations, but also about the vacations of all our program students. Moreover, we rejoiced with the presence and stories of some new students who need our assistance and kindness.

Speaking about the summer and its charms, it seems that it has always been and will be the time of warm memories. If you had seen how our youth faces were kindling, you would have understood how deeply these three months marked their lives, experiences, knowledge, etc. We offered the chance to everybody present at the meeting to impart with us the hottest Brothers events that touched them. We have found out that some of our students (the Soloduh brothers, Cojevnicov brothes, and Vasillii Gratii) spent their summers in camps. They worked as instructors for kids who have similar fates, i.e. coming from socially vulnerable families, whether they are orphans or they simply are forgotten by their parents. I was surprised by our students' thoughtfulness and technique of work. They retold how they persuaded the kids to talk about the problems they are

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confronted with. Knowing that unfortunately there are a lot of issues that these kids are fraught with, and that they have nobody they can trust to talk to or who is simply interested in them, our students decided to find the right way to penetrate in these little people's hearts and simply offered them a helping hand. So, besides the usual educational activities established in a camp, in the evenings, discussions on various topics were organized. The instructors understood very well that very few of the children will have the daring to stand up and address the question for which they didn't have an answer; that is why they asked the kids to write their questions, which were then debated and approached. Their method was very effective and beneficial for both the instructors and kids.

Another matter that impressed me was that our students realized that even though the children in these camps have nobody to cook for them or there's nothing to be cooked for them, they showed their dissatisfaction with what they had been served, gifted or given. Our student's goal was to make these kids figure out that it is not correct or civilized to take the assistance for granted. They have to be grateful for each offered item or meal and sense that reward, respect and work are necessary. In order to change or improve our lives, we need to work hard and appreciate the help accorded to us.

Another student, **Ion Terna**, for example was in training and competitions. He had two weightlifting competitions this summer: one in Russia and the other one in Ukraine and now he is hardly training for another contest in Estonia.

Mihai Galbura was busy with music and concerts.

Speaking about our graduates, we need to mention that the majority of them achieved their objectives. **Alina Baltag** was present at our meeting and she encouraged our students to be always optimistic. She graduated from the College of Commerce and continues her studies at the Academy of Economics. Besides being a student studies, she also works. So this summer was extremely busy for her. She submitted job applications for two months until finally she was offered a job. Alina mentioned that the majority of companies require work

experience and higher education. She had more interviews and finally was accepted at one of the biggest telephone companies in Moldova, Moldtelecom. Now, she works there as a sales consultant. She encouraged our students telling them the following: *"I looked for a job for around 2 months, but I didn't succeed. I like a lot this job and hope to be professional and also have good results at the academy. The knowledge accumulated in college is very appropriate and useful for my job. I want to thank my sponsors, Mrs. Angela and all others who helped me beneficiate of this program. I also have something for you, dear friends: struggle for what you want. Do not despair and do not forget that everything that happens makes us stronger and better. "*

Olga Rusnac, Radu Petreanu, Natalia Berejnaia, Vadim Carp, Oxana Gutu, Denis Sanin continue their studies; the others try out their forces in the field of labor. **Mihai Pascal**, for example, works at another big company from Moldova and is glad that his college studies help him enormously in what he does.

Some of our students were more active, others less, but all of them had ideas and views to be considered at this meeting. It was a long, but constructive, practical gathering.

Besides the news about the summer holiday and graduates, we have some others to share with you. **Angela Orozova**, made a very important step in her life. This summer, on August 3, she got married. *Congratulations, dear Angela! Wishing you a happy and healthy family, a huge house along the way and generations of beautiful children!*

During these years of activity, the Sponsorship Program has changed many students' lives. However, there still many come with the request to help them beneficiate of this project. As many of our students from last year have moved on in their lives, many of our sponsors will be offered new students. We are so very grateful for the ongoing support of these sponsors to help more than one student through the challenging time of their lives! In our next newsletter, we will be welcoming many new students!

Letters from our Students

As a member of this Sponsorship Program, I've had a very pleasant experience. I'm saying it was a "good experience" because I met new people and due to their openness and candor I entered their lives, being able to share their emotions both of concern and happiness. When we met, there was an unprecedented atmosphere; we smiled, exchanged glances, we talked, argued, learned something new, etc.

For me this program was a considerable support, which wasn't only a financial assistance, but was also a strong moral base. The ambiance and warmth which were reigning during these gatherings counted a lot. We felt as though we had been a big family, although we all were so different. In this program we had the necessary back, advice and friendship and all these were due to our sponsors and our coordinator, Mrs. Angela who worked so hard to help us to beneficiate of this program, make new friends or even enrich our family with a new member.

Our sponsors contributed substantially to our prosperity and welfare. They offered us the best to encourage us to succeed. Even if they (our sponsors) were very far, we felt them very close due to their generous and nice actions.

I firmly attest that these wonderful people brought the wide and happy smile on our sad lips, without asking for anything instead. Thank you, my Dear Family and Friend!

Olga

...The college years were very difficult for me, but this program support eased the burden. To be sincere, each time I came at the meeting, I went back encouraged and motivated that my dreams won't remain just dreams, but will become true and I will attain my aims. I understood that the achievement of goals doesn't depend so much on our abilities, but more on our perseverance.

Moreover, each letter received from my sponsor gladdened me and inspired strength and confidence.

Now, one of my biggest desires is to show and prove that the investment made by the program in me is not in vain. I want and hope that one day I'll be able to support someone as others did it for me.

Thank you all most sincerely!

Jazgul