



# Good Samaritan Beius

*"Giving a chance. Teaching skills. Building better futures."*

## NEWSLETTER



### Step by step...

Working for GSB means trying to help disadvantaged youth gain all the life skills and professional knowledge that will allow them to find a long term job. The journey our clients embark on is long and full of fallbacks. They need to learn a new lifestyle and a job but they also have to fight their own fears and the belief that they can not make it without help from others. The story of Enana shows to all of us that there is hope for those who want a better future.

Enana was abandoned in her early childhood and she was institutionalized in the Beius orphanage. In July 2001 Enana started working in the GSB restaurant. In August 2003 GSB found her a job at bakery in Finis, a small village 5 km from

Beius. Enana works daily from 5 pm until 6 am making bread. She has been able to keep her job and go to work every morning notwithstanding many difficulties: the commute in bad weather during wintertime, the low salary and the hardness of the job. Enana has been a good example for the others youngsters. GSB is now working to help her by raising additional funds to subsidize her wage and to secure a long-term accommodation that she can call "home".



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### Good Samaritan Beius receives interns...

During this past summer, Good Samaritan Beius hosted three international volunteers. Amanda Blewett volunteered as architect for GSB from April to September. She helped renovate the apartment of one of the former GSB clients, improve the conditions of the Good Samaritan Restaurant and involved youngsters and staff in art projects. Katy Terry (Katitsa) and Justin Gale (Gusti) came as volunteers from the University of Washington, Seattle. They were continuing the work started last year by the first two interns from the UW. They helped GSB staff with their daily operations, they analyzed the finances of GSB and provided recommendation to improve management and increase transpar-



ency. During their stay at GSB, Amanda, Katitsa and Gusti helped the staff with operational issues but they also helped to create a good team atmosphere. They left at the beginning of September, and they will be greatly missed. We hope they will come back to visit us soon!



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## Volunteer Family Arrives

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2003 the Bruno/Graham family of 7 arrived from the United States. The family came to volunteer with Good Samaritan for a one year assignment. They are the first long-term volunteers for the Good Samaritan organization.

Sheila and Frank Bruno (mama and tata) are here with their four children: Aurelia, Clark, Dominic, and Jana, plus Jana's husband Jeff Graham. All of them come from the state of Idaho in the northwest region of the U.S..

The family says that the Romanian people have been very friendly and welcoming to them, and they are enjoying the beauty of the countryside around Beius.

Aurelia Bruno, who is the youngest at 5 years old, enjoys being home-schooled in kindergarten and playing with her neighborhood friends. Clark Bruno, age 7, is attending Primary grade in a Romanian school. Clark is also anxious to help with his hammer on construction sites.

In the past 3 months, the rest of the family have done volunteer work in all of the different areas of the Good Samaritan organization.

Sheila and Jana have spent many hours at the restaurant teaching and working with the 3 orphans employed there. They also have conducted English language lessons with them. Sheila and Jana had lots of fun and laughs teaching two of the orphans how to ride a bicycle. Lessons have also been given on waiting tables, tak-



*Frank, Sheila, Aurelia, Dominic, Clark, Jana and Jeff*

ing food orders, making a bill, collecting money and making change, and overall project sanitation. Jana has also continued the instruction with painting lessons on art work to beautify the restaurant.

Dominic and Jeff have spent most of their volunteer time at the carpentry shop with the staff and the 3 orphans employed there. They have helped make cabinets, beds, shelves, doors, and window frames. Jeff and Dominic are also near completion of a project to install window screens at the restaurant and at Noah's Ark.

Frank and Dominic worked for 2 days installing insulation and sheetrock at a Beius building site for Habitat for Humanity.

The farm site of Noah's Ark has received several days of work from the family. They have helped install some piping for drainage of a kitchen sink, pouring a concrete floor, window screening, construction and instillation of storage

shelves, and overall cleanup.

In the office setting, the adult members of the family have been involved in planning and program development, offering input to staff in order to help further the mission of the organization. Dominic has done some computer system work and training in the office and assisted with update work on the Good Samaritan website

(<http://www.goodsamaritanbeius.org>).

Frank and Sheila (with the assistance of a staff member as an interpreter) worked with one of the young adult orphans on setting up a family budgeting plan, assisting in his goal of financial stability.

The family has a hand-crank ice cream maker which has been the focus for fun social gatherings.

The family continues to pray that they can be of help to Good Samaritan over the coming months.

They have a myriad of ideas for future projects, and are excited to be part of the organizational growth

## October 1993: GSB starts its ministry

In October 1993 GSB started to provide work to two teenager orphans from Beius. Although the organization did not start to work at full speed until mid-1994, the end of 1993 represents the beginning of GSB commitment to helping disadvantaged youth. In these 10 years we have gone a long way. We expanded our programs, we created partnership, raised awareness about the problems of orphan youth in Romania. We are still learning from our mistakes but we keep to the commitment to make a difference in peoples lives. This is a special time of joy and reflection for us. We are proud of the help that we have given and would like to thank those who made our work possible. We here at Good Samaritan Beius are very thankful for YOU. We are thankful for your help. We are thankful for your support. We are thankful for your prayers. Because of all that you do for us, we are able to do so much more for the orphans. Because of your help, we are able to follow our motto of **"Giving a Chance, Teaching the Skills, Building Better Futures"**

Good Samaritan Staff

## Thank you !

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has touched our lives here in Romania and has supported our work*

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## Cooperation with German –Romanian foundation to improve youngsters training

GSB's main goal is to provide disadvantaged youngsters the skills and opportunities to socially and professionally integrate into society. We are aware that to achieve this goal there has to be a strong partnership between us and other similar organizations, because only together we can change the negative attitude that the employers have against the youngsters who come from state orphanages. The youngsters also have to be socially and professionally trained in order to cope with the harsh competitors in the job market.

Both at the local and national level, there are other organizations which provide disadvantaged people (unemployed workers, youngsters from the state orphanages, disabled people etc) the possibility to attend courses that would help

them to get a job. In January 2003 in Beius appeared posters by the German-Romanian Foundation that advertised professional courses in various fields for unemployed people and orphans. As an organization, we saw in those posters an opportunity for the youngsters we work with, a continuation of our activity. We have contacted the organization and discovered they offered courses in construction. We then selected three youngsters that in our opinion could most benefit from the experience.

At the end of April 2003 Alexandru, Nicolae and Francisc began attending the courses to become masons at the Romanian-German Foundation in Timisoara. The organization has many resources both in terms of personnel (teachers, masters, engineers) and in terms of infrastructure (classrooms, workshops, boarding school, canteen, professional tools for every student etc). The courses last six months, a period when the students are theoretically and practically trained at the highest standards.

When this period is over the students have to take an exam in order to prove that they master all the skills and gained the knowl-

edge they need to be considered a skilled workers. Those who pass the exam receive a diploma which is officially recognized by the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and which represents a guarantee and a recommendation for the employer. This experience greatly benefited our youngsters. Given the success we had with the first group of graduates have received diploma, we decided to select another four youngster from the HFH Partnership.

Carol, Bogdan, Ciprian and Mircea are now in Timisoara attending a class. They are very pleased with the courses and even if sometimes it is difficult (they have many things to learn) they are aware that everything they learn there is for their own good.



*Alexandru, Francisc and Nicolae at the one of the workshops in Timisoara*



*The social worker visiting the youngsters from Timisoara*

## Rotary Foundation Helps for Better Working Environment

In March of 2003 Good Samaritan Beius started to receive the equipment that had been obtained with a grant from the Rotary Club awarded last year. The grant was sponsored by the Vallejo Mexico City Rotary Club and Union County Rotary Club.

This grant allowed us to upgrade our equipment in order to provide better services to our clients. All GSB programs benefited from



Rotarians from Oradea and people from Good Samaritan

this grant. Among the things we were able to secure are a new computer, printer and Minolta copier

for the GSB office, professional equipment for the Carpentry Shop and a new truck for the transportation of the Carpentry products, a tractor for Noah's Ark and sewing machines that will be used to set up a sewing laboratory. Staff and clients at GSB are greatly benefiting from these upgrades and are thankful to all the members of the Vallejo and Union County Rotary Clubs for their commitment to help GSB fulfill its mission.

## WISH LIST

*Following are some of the items that our organization and programs currently need. Please contact us if you are able to help in any way.*

### Good Samaritan/General

- 1 Computer Pentium 2 or higher (for social worker)
- New accounting software
- Equipment for games for the clients (table tennis rackets, foosball table, etc.)
- Special fund for entertainment
- Sponsorship for trip to the mountains with clients
- Fridge for the office kitchen

### Good Samaritan Carpentry Shop

- Milling tools for doors and windows
- 3 set of circular saws
- 2 high flow-rate flex pipes and tap
- 5 fire extinguisher
- Sawdust briquetting machine
- Metallic door for painting room
- Exhaustion system for painting room

### Noah's Ark

- Bicycles
- Equipment and supplies for the house

### Good Samaritan Restaurant

- Stainless steel table
- Professional coffee machine
- Big electric deep frying machine
- Stainless steel cooking pans
- Professional Knives
- Uniforms and towels
- Glasses, plates, cutlery
- New cupboard for the kitchen

## CONTACT & BANK INFORMATION

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