



The team at Fountain of Hope

Who are we?

“Fountain of Hope” is a project of Asociatiei de Ajutor AMURTEL which is an NGO founded in 1992 in Romania, by a small group of women volunteers. It has since specialized in the areas of education and services for abandoned children and youth.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged women and children, and provide relief in natural and man-made disasters. We believe the best assistance is that which encourages self-development, self-esteem, and self-expression.

We particularly focus on the key role of education in empowering and uplifting people. We promote the values of Neo-humanist education in our projects: building self-esteem through creative expression, awakening a life-long love of learning, promoting ecological awareness, learning through challenge and practical experience.

Why us?

- 17 years of experience in Romania with projects for marginalized children
- innovative approach, practical results
- small scale projects with individualized attention
- creative and motivated team

How can I help?

- Financial support
- Donating clothes, food, didactic materials, school supplies
- Volunteering

Donate online:
www.amurtel.ro

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Bank: Raiffeisen
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How to break the cycle of poverty?



Help 30 disadvantaged children finish school by supporting the “Fountain of Hope” After School Center

“Fountain of Hope” invest in a child’s future



Background

In September 2007, AMURTEL, in partnership with the local Council of Panatau and Cooperating Netherlands Foundation (CNF) opened the “Fountain of Hope” After-school Center. The center offers hot meals, homework support and extracurricular activities for 30 of the most economically disadvantaged schoolchildren in the village. Many are at high risk of school dropout already in primary school. Most of them do not receive balanced nutritious meals at home, and walk to school more than an hour on an empty stomach. As they are hungry, they are unable to concentrate well in their lessons.

The project plays an important role in offering a better future for these children by encouraging them to complete their education and break the vicious cycle of poverty.



Project Description

Aim: To decrease the number of primary school dropouts in the local community

Target group: children from the Panatau Elementary School

Objective:

- offer a favorable environment for doing homework
- offer a daily nutritious hot meal
- offer access to computer technology to develop skills in this area
- creative extracurricular activities to awaken a love of learning

Beneficiaries: 30 schoolchildren selected from families in acute poverty



Results

- Functioning for 2 years
- 30 children enrolled annually
- 3 children have already graduated to highschool
- None of the beneficiaries dropped out
- Involving international volunteers to give english lessons, and creative extra-curricular activities
- Improved results in the school
- Renovated building
- Installing a heating system
- Providing 5 computers

Current needs for support

Within the context of the global financial crisis, this center risks to be closed and is seeking new sponsors.