AMURTEL Romania - 20 years of dedication

A year of increasing community participation

AMURTEL Romania's journey began in 1995. We have now gained 20 years of experience in providing services to children. We began with an inclusive kindergarten for special needs children and a children's home. We have expanded into social enterprise, trainings, and transitional programs for young adults. All of our projects are evolving towards greater community participation and involving more and more local engagement — volunteers, donors, and partners which we will continue to build upon in the coming year of 2016.

AMURTEL Romania celebrates its 20th Anniversary!

In Panatau, there was a grand family reunion of all of those that grew up in Familia AMURTEL over the past 20 years!

Our grown-up children, sponsors, public authorities, friends and staff team all gathered to celebrate and enjoy a classic "Familia AMURTEL" celebration with each of the children and grown-up children presenting themselves in their own unique, creative way to the party!

Cultivating volunteer spirit at Familia AMURTEL

The young people are regularly involved in volunteer actions, such as this distribution of chocolate on Easter.

International volunteers in Panatau . . .

We also ran a European Voluntary Service (EVS) program, and had other international volunteers involved in the projects.

. . . and at the kindergarten in Bucharest

Our EVS volunteers were also involved at the kindergarten, bringing more diversity and intercultural experiences.

National Volunteer Week in Panatau—planting flowers

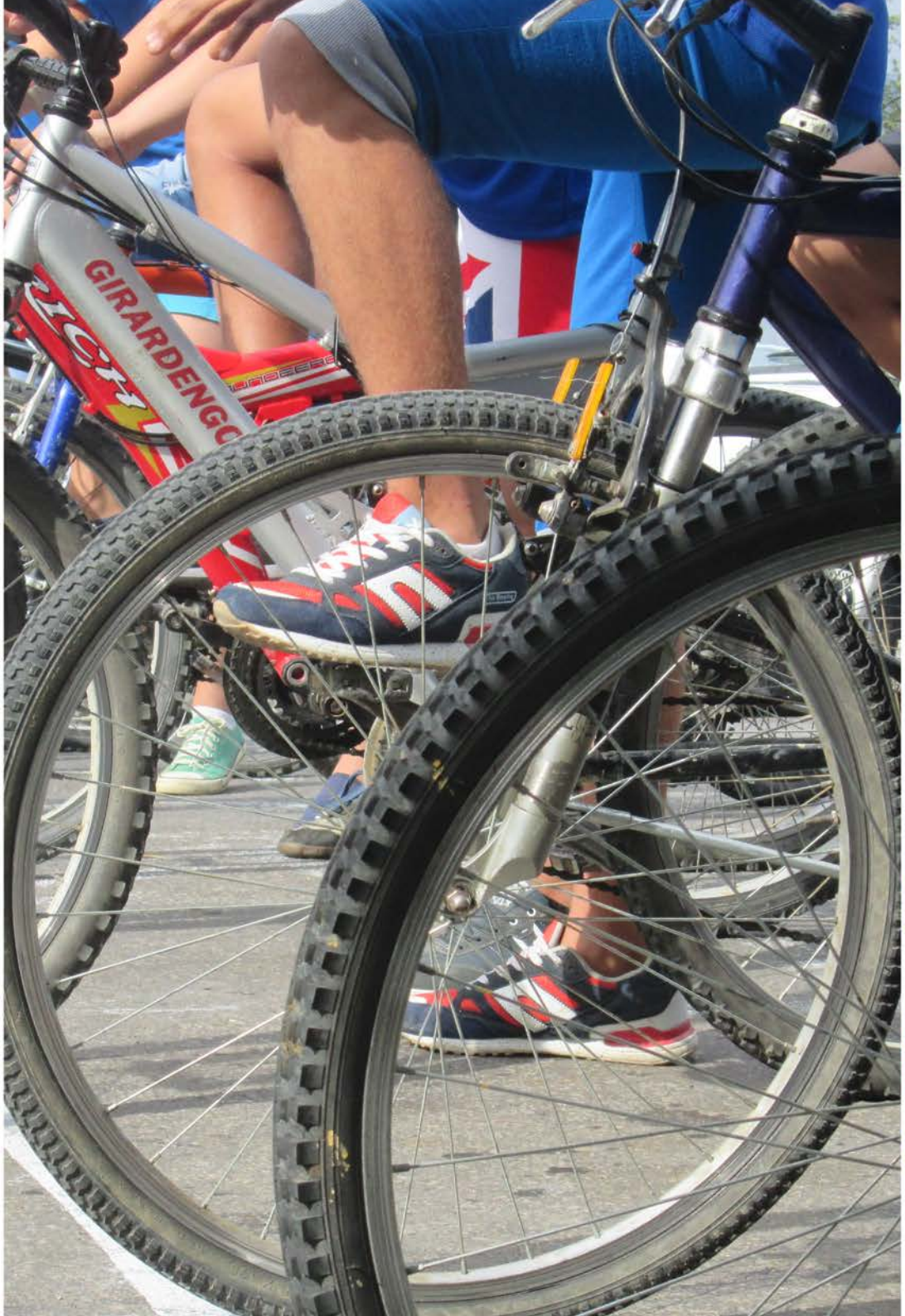
However, we are especially excited to see this volunteer spirit spreading among local youth with actions such as this!

Romanian donors participating in fundraising dinners!

We have organised dinners at Morningstar, the kindergarten, and Fountain of Hope to build a community of local donors.

First Bicycle Race in Panatau!

Together with a volunteer bicycle enthusiast, AMURTEL organised a bicycle race—sure to become the next village tradition!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Ping Pong tournament!

Within the same project, AMURTEL also organised this ping pong competition. Local volunteers helped make it a success.

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AMURTEL Bio Garden—"Community Supported Agriculture"

This social enterprise completed its 5th season in 2015, delivering more than 5 tons of vegetables to 35 consumers.

The farm was awarded a prize by Unicredit Bank and NESST to support the development of the business. We have also begun to dry fruits and vegetables we produce and have the opportunity to continue to develop the model by including more local producers. The farm will also continue to develop educational activities in the community for children.

Ecological Education at the farm

Children from Panatau primary school learned about soil, compost, erosion and organic gardening at our farm in Poieni.

Awakening ecological awareness is essential to Neohumanism

At our Neohumanist school we awaken love of nature by bringing magic into exploring nature with the help of fairies...

Neohumanist Education builds self esteem, creative imagination, spiritual sensitivity, and ecological awareness in children through play, story telling, loving teachers and practical experiences ...

The Autumn Bazaar—an annual tradition

The kindergarten loves to honor Romanian traditions and culture, as shown here with a special autumn harvest celebration.

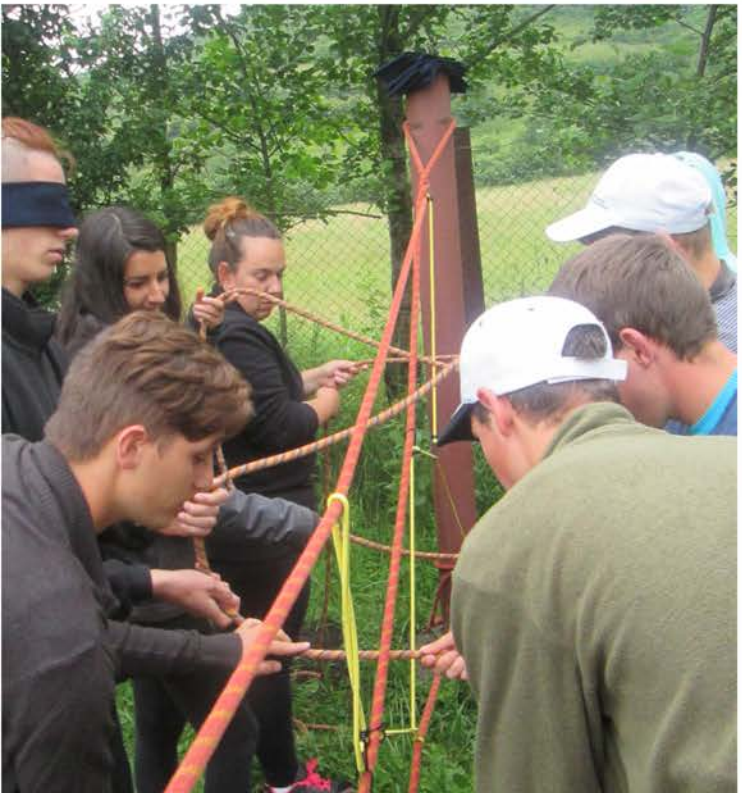
Fountain of Hope since 1997—beyond meals and homework!

Our after school center has become an exciting cultural hub with summer arts festivals, sports competitions, film nights.

Our Morningstar Holistic Centre promotes well-being, balance and inner growth with juice detox programs, vegetarian dinners, drumming, yoga, meditation, qigong, music, arts and more. It is our newest social enterprise.

Familia AMURTEL—ready to bring in new children

As our children have grown up into young adults, many now already successfully integrated into society, we are faced with the prospect of an empty nest! Yet as we have gained valuable experience in the difficult process of helping children with challenging backgrounds to flourish and grow, we wish to continue. We have finally overcome bureaucratic obstacles and are ready to soon receive new children who we hope will benefit from our experience in preparing children for life! We will need the commitment and dedication of new sponsors to take this next step.



Our team!

Didi, our president's 10th anniversary in Romania! Singing and celebrating together with festive meals keeps us together.

Volunteers from both Romania and around the world are welcome to join our team. It is a unique opportunity for personal growth through making a meaningful contribution in challenging circumstances.

Thank you to all of our donors in Romania and around the world for making our work possible!