

AMURTEL Romania

TOGETHER WE GIVE THE GIFT OF CHILDHOOD FOR 12 VULNERABLE CHILDREN

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A FEW WORDS FROM DIDI

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for your support that continues to bring not only plentiful food, and a warm house to the children of AMURTEL Family, but even more importantly surrounds them with loving, authentic relationships. In addition, the opportunities you give them, of going to the seaside, adventure camping, spending time in Bucharest, or having gifts at Christmas give them so many positive, exciting, fun memories that they can hold in their hearts the rest of their lives.

The pandemic continued to bring unexpected challenges, but your support for the Fountain of Hope after-school center in Panatau provided important support for online learning for some of the most disadvantaged children in the village.

I hope you will enjoy seeing all of the progress from 2021 and will be inspired to stay involved!

Thank you for your commitment and believing in giving all children the best possible chances for a better future!

Didi Ananda Devapriya
President





A NEW MEMBER IN THE AMURTEL FAMILY

In 2021, George officially took the step into adulthood. He is now on his own and has been working in a construction company since the beginning of last summer, which means he has spread his wings and flown out of the AMURTEL Family's "nest". Thus, George's departure left room for another child to come into our care.

Bogdan, a new chance for stability

In November, Bogdan, an 11 years old boy, became the newest member of the AMURTEL Family. At his age, Bogdan is burdened by the traumas of abandonment, abuse and neglect, but at the same time, he is blessed with a warm smile and hopeful eyes. Once he came to the AMURTEL Family, Bogdan brought with him only his passion and talent for gymnastics and the desire to have a childhood filled with joys and support and a brighter future.

Like all the children in our care, he has had many experiences that scared his soul in his few years of life and, as he himself described when asked by Didi, he has never felt loved before. From entering foster care at birth, to moving to one of the large residential centers in Buzau at the age of three, to living for a while with an uncle whose family was abusive, and finally to being sent back in the system, he faced a lot of traumatic experiences that a child should never know about.

His story is heartbreaking, but now he finally has the chance to heal and live a childhood full of joy, love, care and support.



AMURTEL FAMILY ON THE "LA MĂRUȚĂ" NATIONAL TV SHOW

In the fall of 2021, a team from the "La Măruță" national TV show visited Didi at the Morningstar Center and interviewed her along with some of our dear "graduates" from the AMURTEL Family who are already full grown-ups now. They talked about their time at AMURTEL and Didi had the chance to tell more about her journey, the philosophy that guides her work and the social businesses that support our Residential Center and children.

COUNTLESS MENTIONS IN PRESS AND ON TV FOR AMURTEL AND OUR BIO GARDEN



Throughout 2021, we've enjoyed plenty of opportunities to showcase our projects. Thus, both the AMURTEL Family and Gradina Bio appeared on TV shows and articles at KanalD or protv.ro. In these materials, Didi spoke about her experience in Romania, our mission to offer children a peaceful life and about the Community Supported Agriculture.

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CHILDREN FROM PĂNĂTĂU ENJOYED THE SUMMER PROGRAM OF THE FOUNTAIN OF HOPE DAYCARE CENTER

After such a difficult and unstable year that we all had gone through and that had affected each of us, especially the children due to the online school, on July 9th, 2021, we opened the doors of the Fountain of Hope Daycare Center to launch the summer program intended for children from Panatau area.

Thus, throughout the summer, the children from Panatau could enjoy their spare time, practicing activities in the fresh mountain air with new equipment received from **Decathlon Romania**, our partner in this project. The Fountain of Hope summer program has been a beneficial way for children to spend their free time in a constructive way, socialize and most importantly create lifelong memories. Furthermore, this complemented the efforts of the Daycare Center during the school year, where the children benefit from support and help with all their schoolwork, as well as a warm and healthy meal.

Also, the summer program offered the possibility of involving volunteers from the community and other counties, who wanted to bring joy to the children by organizing artistic and sports activities.

At the launch event, we enjoyed the presence of over 50 children, parents, representatives of the school and local town hall, as well as of Decathlon Romania.



YOUR SUPPORT BROUGHT THE CHILDREN AGAIN TO THE SEASIDE

Your involvement and desire to bring joy to the children of the AMURTEL Family, brought them to the seaside for a full vacation, as any child should have.

The first to enjoy the sea were the youngest children, because they were also the ones who, due to the pandemic, could not enjoy a trip to the seaside in 2020. Later, of course, the teenagers of the AMURTEL Family followed, so that they all had an unforgettable summer!

LIFE LESSONS DURING THE OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURE

At the beginning of September, the AMURTEL Family's teenagers, along with Didi and our long-term partners at Outward Bound Romania, enjoyed our annual nature trip, where they explored the wilderness of the Carpathian mountains while learning valuable life lessons.

On each expedition, the children had to find new inventive ways to build tarp tents, light fires, gather wood, learn orienteering skills and cook their own food. It was really motivating and an experience that builds their self-esteem and gives them a sense of self-fulfillment.





VISITS TO BUCHAREST DURING THE SUMMER

Didi and the children spent time together in Bucharest throughout the summer, with the kids visiting her one by one or in groups of two.

PROGRESS WITHIN THE RENOVATION PROJECT

With your help and our friends' at **Leroy Merlin Romania**, we managed to start paving a sidewalk around the house and the children painted their own bedrooms!





THERAPY THROUGH POTTERY

Thanks to our partners from the **Aluniș Art Center** in the neighboring village, the AMURTEL Family's children enjoyed the program of the Pottery School and thus, emotional recovery through its captivating classes, which require concentration and an almost meditative state of silence and attention.



POLARIS AND THE CHILDREN CAME TO MEET YOU AT CLUB DAIMON IN BUCHAREST

In December, our friends at **Rotary Club** organized an event at Club Daimon in Bucharest, to support the AMURTEL Family and give the opportunity to those of you already involved in the project and to potential new supporters to meet the children.

At the event, the children sang Christmas carols and staged a story about "Polaris", an adorable polar bear who has been helping Santa bring surprises to the AMURTEL Family for Christmas and other special occasions for several years now.

TRIP TO SWEDEN TO VISIT THE SPONSORS

Nicoleta and Alina had a really special opportunity, thanks to the efforts some of you made, to go with Didi to Sweden for a New Year's program.

The girls visited their sponsors and had some of the most unique and memorable experiences, such as visiting a "Moose Safari" and playing hockey.



HOW WE USED YOUR DONATIONS

FOR AMURTEL IN 2021

INCOME	euro
Total Income Generation	**22,640**
AMURTEL Bio Garden	22,640
Total Donor Organizations:	**122,174**
Cornelia Fischer HIlfsfonds	93,235
Amurtel USA	19,578
Other International Donor Organizations	5,906
Romanian Donor Organizations	3,455
Total from Individual Donors	**55,839**
Total State Subsidies	**39,088**
Children allowances	20,222
Redirection of Income Taxes	3,085
Other subsidies	15,781
Total Corporate Sponsors	**20,874**
Other subsidies	12,148
Other income	9,620
Total Income	**282,383**

EXPENSES	euro
Total Expenditure on Income Generation	**22,351**
AMURTEL Bio Garden	22,351
Total Expenditure on Social Programmes	**213,818**
Familia AMURTEL children's home	176,966
Fountain of Hope After School Center	34,402
Vistara Social Apartment and House	2,450
Total Administrative Costs	**23,424**
Total expenses	**259,592**

THANK YOU!

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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