

## Case 5: Motivation Romania Foundation



**Who?** Motivation was established in 1995 and since then it has been providing support to children and youth with disabilities in Romania. Their initiatives and successes have recommended them in 2002 to the international alliance IMPACT International (with member organizations for people with disabilities from the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Norway), who invited MRF to develop a project of deinstitutionalization of children with disabilities in Romania

### What?

Since 1995, Motivation Romania brought back freedom of movement and hope in a life of fulfillments to over 14,500 children and adults with disabilities. The services offered cover a wide range of needs of children and adults with disabilities, from equipment suitable for different types of mobility disabilities, in rehabilitation therapy and independent living training, with an instructor in the wheelchair. Their programs focus on social, educational and professional inclusion through consultancy for accessibility, by facilitating employment of people with disabilities, through day center services or leisure activities such as adapted sports or cultural events.

### Why?

- Transfer of 37 children with severe disabilities from Tancabesti Placement Center to 5 family-like homes (27 children), 7 foster families, 2 natural families and one psychiatric hospital;
- Creation of a vocational and occupational workshop providing learning and work opportunities to our youth with disabilities in gardening, pottery, decorative objects and painting;

- Inclusion of our children with disabilities in public schools and special schools;
- Inclusion of our children in a personalized physiotherapy program, medical services and mobility equipments, depending on their individual needs;
- Participation in Special Olympics competitions, social activities and summer camps at Motivation's camp in Varatec, Neamt county;
- Training programs for child care specialists from placement centers, child protection departments and nongovernmental organizations

### How?

MRF has developed for children medical and psychological rehabilitation services, a day center and an occupational workshop. They provide educational support in their own day center, as well as in public special and mainstream schools. They organize camps and other activities designed to bring the lives of young children closer to those of a true family. MRF is not affiliated with any religious group or political party, either formally or informally.

### Where?

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### Instead of Conclusion



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