



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2008

Dear all,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2008, we wish all our supporters a happy and successful new year!

January started with both Aurelia and Cris taking their university exams, therefore the day to day programme was somewhat reduced. It was becoming more vital to employ a nurse as soon as possible. The adverts went out and the CV's came in - albeit only 4, 2 of which were unsuitable. It was hoped that the interviews could be held whilst Mandy was in Romania in early February.

STOP PRESS!! The interviews did happen and we have found our Nurse. His name is Alex (yes another one), with a very impressive CV, excellent communication skills, a great sense of humour (essential to work with us), a driving licence and very good English. We interviewed him on Tuesday 12th Feb and he started work on Wednesday 13th. After a week with us and working closely with Aurelia, the health programme has been re established and is building back to full capacity and more. He is well liked by the team and all seems well. Hear more from Alex next time. Thanks go to Dorothy Fraser for her support.

WELCOME ALEX!

Nuti continues to study for her social work diploma and is enjoying it very much, she will be able to practice from April and this will be a real asset to the team.

I am very pleased to say that the other Alex (Dumbrava) is continuing to work with us as a consultant and is chasing some EU funding as I write. He has also been invited to take part in another local authority monitoring project on behalf of Ascensium.

Vasile's counselling programme continues apace he now has all the right papers to be able to open his own practice, as well as work for Ascensium. This may be a way to self-fund his part of the programme.

On February 1st, there was a young people's event in Trafford (where I work) which showcased some of the work carried out by young people in Trafford. One of the projects presented was the Romania project through SHARE and the Youth Service. This was very good publicity for SHARE and shows the very good partnership we have built up over the past 3 years. The young man Ali, who presented pledged his continued commitment to us and is hoping to go back to Sibiu this year to help with the holiday clubs.

We are also expecting a visit by 2 colleagues who work in Special needs in Trafford, who would like to help in Sibiu set up a project to support parents of children with special needs. This is an area that is still very neglected and one which we have only just scratched the surface - watch this space for more news.

Funding, talks etc...

We are still available to come to your group or church or any where else to let people know about the work we continue to do in Romania. We will be happy to talk to anyone who will listen.

We continue to appeal for funding, and encourage you to consider giving on a regular basis. Please see the website for details or contact us on 01772 612267 for further details. Cheques make payable to SHARE.

We need to continue to raise £3000 per month to cover all expenses, any amount big or small is gratefully received.

Please visit our website www.uk-share.org.uk with further details.

Thank you to those who continue to help us keep afloat - we need more of you please!!

ADVANCED NOTICE AGM

INVITATION

JULY 5TH

ST MICHAELS C/E PRIMARY SCHOOL MUCH HOOLE PRESTON

11-1.30PM LUNCH INCLUDED

**PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COME AND FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT SHARE/ASCENSUM, MAYBE CONSIDER BECOMING A
TRUSTEE.**

**RSVP TO STEVE & MANDY 01772 612267 DIRECTIONS AND
DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Thank you Steve & Mandy