

THE VOICE OF ABANDONED CHILDREN



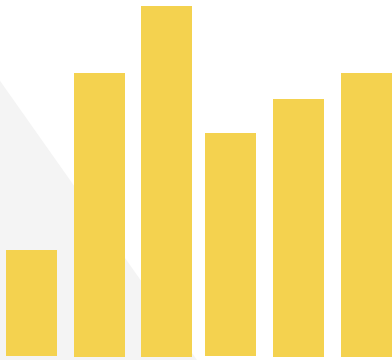
ANNUAL RAPORT

5 YEARS #TOGETHER





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Our results

The Association, The Voice of Abandoned Children initially named Drawing Your Future, is an NGO dedicated to abandoned children from foster childcare centers and operates since 2013.

The association was established by Visinel Balan and his brother Virgil Balan. They both grew up in foster homes from Romania and they've lived in harsh conditions, experiencing all the sufferings and shortcomings that are kept hidden behind the walls of D.G.A.S.P.C. The goal of the organization is to be next to young abandoned people and children providing them support through educational activities, as well as by simply being there for them. We aim to offer these children people who they can trust, people who can really listen to them and care for them.

Moreover, we want to make their VOICE heard! We want people to become aware of the harsh living conditions of abandoned young people and children from protection institutions.

We believe it's fair and moral for Romanian citizens to know how institutions like D.G.S.A.P.C. work and to what extent these institutions ensure support, protection and representation during the institutionalization and post-institutionalization period.



ABOUT US



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EFDORSO CENTER

At the EDFORSO Center- EDUCATION, TRAINING, SOCIETY, we achieved 54 workshops on enhancing skills for independent living.

The beneficiaries of these workshops were and are 10 children from the center of St. Joseph, District 1, Bucharest

1. Personal development:

Trainers: Visinel Balan, Virgil Balan and Iulia Sorescu.

2. Financial management:

Trainer: Vishinel Balan

3. Performing Arts:

Actor: Alina Medoia

4. Language studies:

Trainer: Maria Alexandra Băescu

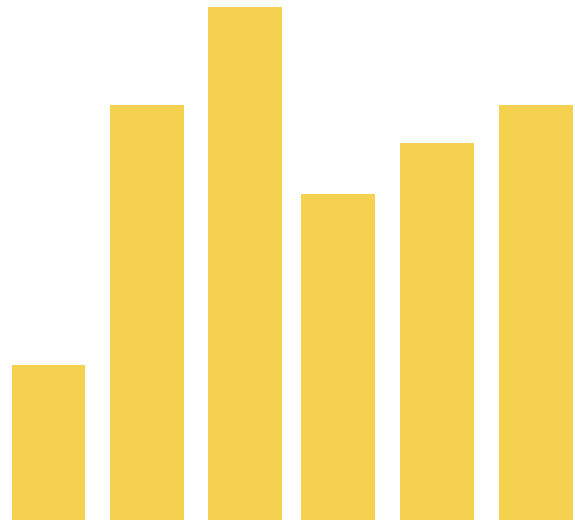
5. Creative expression:

Trainer: Viorel Iordan

6. Melo therapy:

Trainer: Jean Baptiste Manitou

The EDFORSO Center rent was provided by DRUMMERS CONCEPT, while the food and utilities necessary for children were provided by AGREWEST.



54 workshops were delivered for developing skills for independent living

59%

of the young people with whom we've worked manage to integrate themselves successfully into the community. And all this is happening thanks to you. Thank you!



**DRUMMERS
CONCEPT &
AGREWEST**

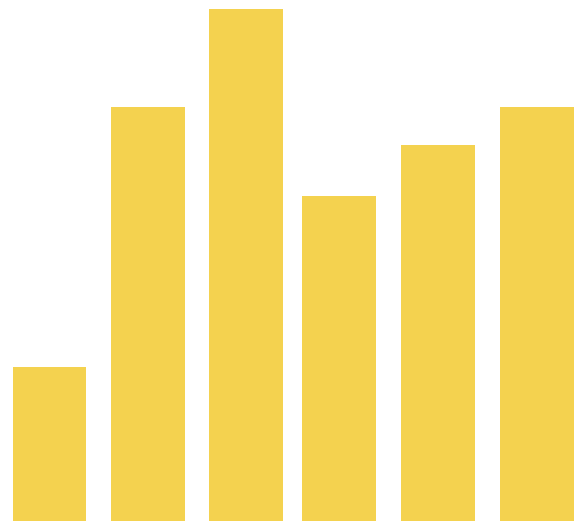
THE CONFERENCE MY STORY

The Conference MY STORY Conference is an event of community empowerment aiming to guide young people from foster care centers on their way to love, respect and forgiveness.

We believe that a young person who lived in an orphanage or foster care center can be successful only by forgiving and finding the power to forgive others.

Education alone is their only escape. 2018 came up with something new. 5 years passed since the Voice of Abandoned Children works #together with you in the benefit of the abandoned children. With your help we published the book #together.

5 successful stories of young people who grew up in orphanages, were compiled in a motivational book dedicated to those who are today in foster care centers and not only. For 5 years, Romanian Commercial Bank - BCR is #together with us.



Every year we receive at least 7 'thank you' notes from young people who took part during MY STORY CONFERENCE. Their message often goes like this: 'The conference changed my perspective, the I think about myself and others around me.'



7 din 10

participants think the event should be repeated 4 times a year.

The background image is a grayscale photograph. It features three hand-shaped cutouts, possibly made of wood or acrylic, mounted on small stands. Each hand has a circular logo on its palm. In the foreground, there is a sheet of paper with several circular logos, some of which are identical to the ones on the hands. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

**BANCA
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& PERSO.RO**

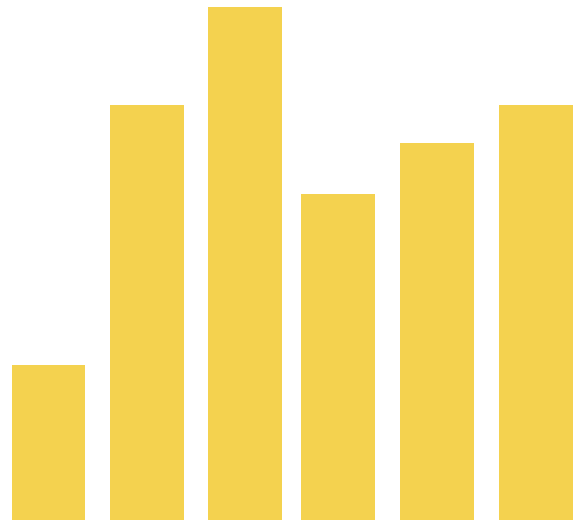
THE EDFORSO CAMP

The EDFORSO camp is a program complementary to the workshops EDFORSO, with the purpose of developing independent living skills.

In 2018 the greatest attraction for the children was seeing for the first time cows. Some children woke up willingly at 5 am, when it was just barely dawn to help at the farm or spend time with the animals- otherwise, waking up so early in the morning would have been a real punishment for our little ones - ...well, we believe that's magic! Your heart would have been filled with joy when you would have seen with how much love and passion the children were feeding the vines, cleaning and taking care them.

Although the children took part everyday at different development workshops, the small ones took advantage of every little breaks to visit the animals or give a helping hand at the farm. They really were True Apprentices!

Annually, the EDFORSO Camp is financially supported by donors online through the Bursa Binelui Platform. Thank you.



After the EDFORSO Camp experience, changes in good can be literally seen at all the participating children.



63%

of the young people we work with presents better results at school after EDFORSO has been completed.



PENSIUNEA LA FERMĂ & CHRISTIAN TOUR

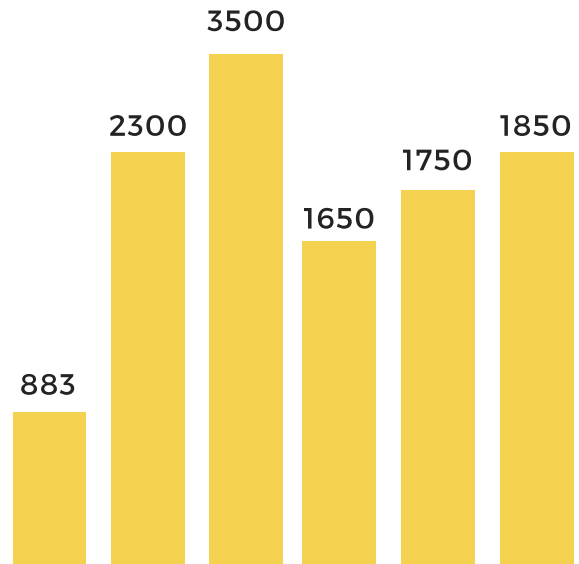
THE MARCH FOR ANGELS

From 2016, December 05, we commemorate the passing away of all children who died in Romania's orphanages from '89 until today.

We take a stand against the crimes which the system for child protection has committed or ignored in the last 29 years.

Together we lit a candle, we say a prayer, we tell stories of young people "punished" to live in placement centers in Romania and we try to lay the foundation for a fundamental change in the way abandoned children and young people should be taking care of and integrated into the society.

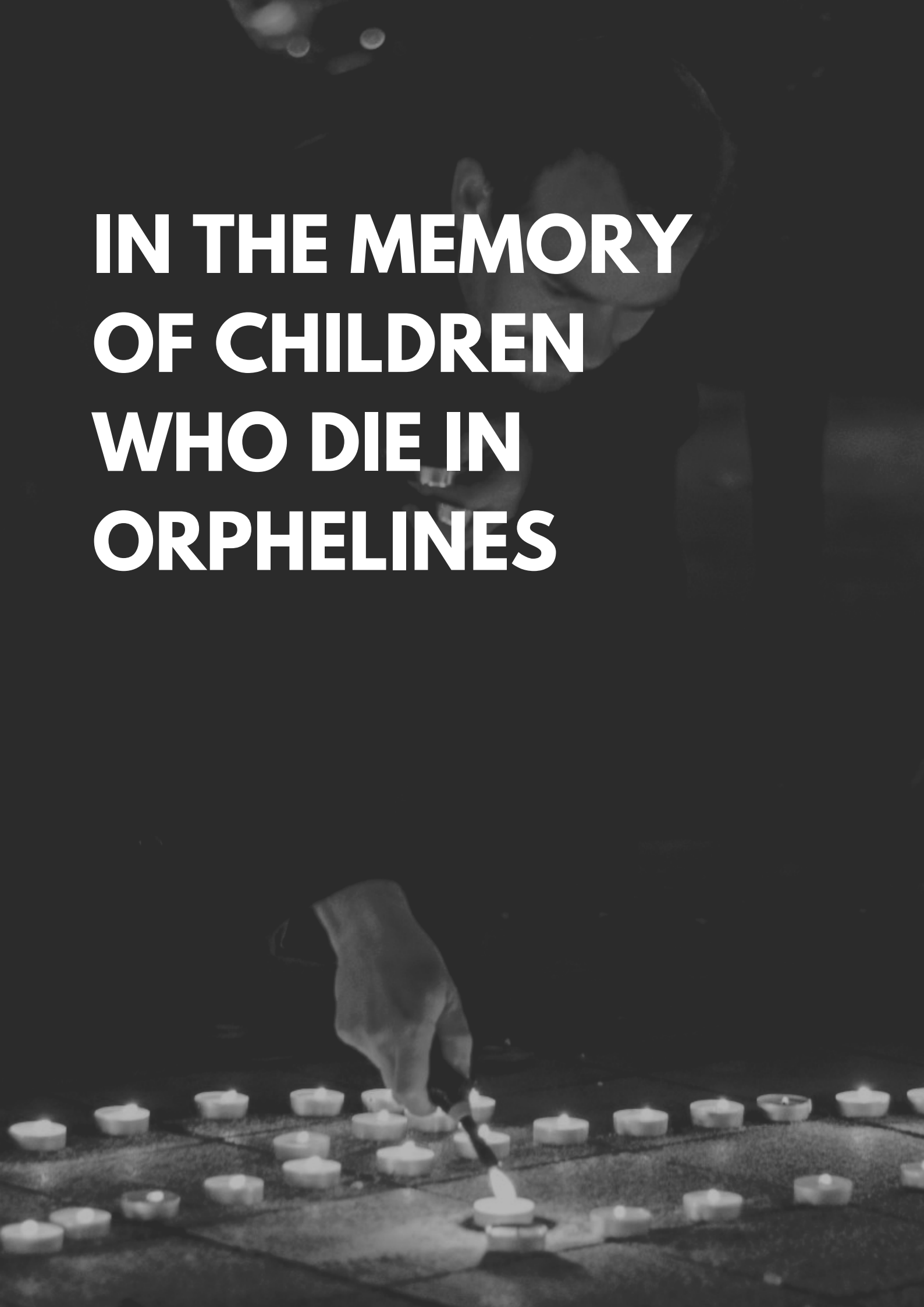
Dozens of young people commit suicide in orphanages each year, and the terrifying testimonies from other thousands of young people should shake the entire society but their stories are not getting a voice beyond a few articles read in the press and then forgotten quickly. . .



CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN WHO WERE DURING ROMANIA'S ORPHELINES FROM '89 TO OUR DAYS.

TENS OF THOUSANDS

of children have died in orphanages at national level for the past 29 years.

A black and white photograph showing a person's face in profile, looking down at a table. The person is lighting a candle with a lighter. The table is covered with many small, lit candles, creating a warm, glowing effect. The background is dark, and the overall mood is somber and reflective.

IN THE MEMORY OF CHILDREN WHO DIE IN ORPHELINES

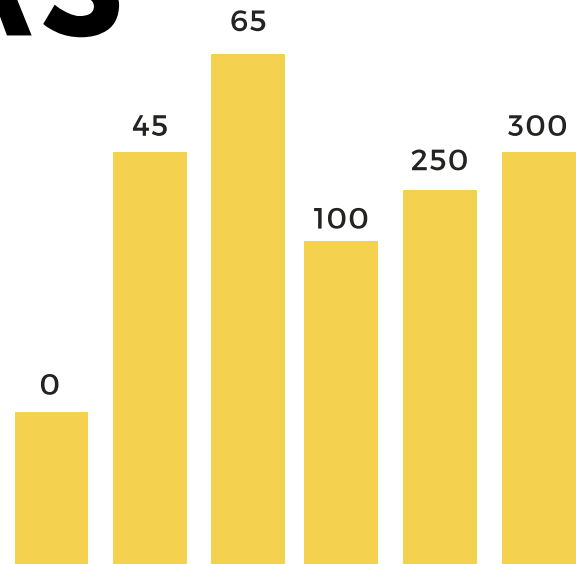
THE HOPE OF POOR CHILDREN - CHRISTMAS

Our journey lasted many hours, We walked into every house, we cried, we laughed but we left with a deep pain in our souls. These kids will remain under the same poor roof. Some houses have nylon bags on the ceiling to protect from not raining, snowing. Other houses have ceilings from cardboard, others are a little more fortunate with a stronger wood ... yet poverty is what differentiates us all of us.

With the help of Subcarpathian Band we managed to purchase and offer 2 refrigerators, 3 cookers and a washing machine. With the help of Company Facilities Management Services - FMS (with the help of Alexandru Miculas)

We gave 2 TVs to children from the St. Joseph's Center in District 1. With the help of an anonymous good person and colleagues- parliamentary consultants from USR party we managed to offer 2 more TVs and 10 mp3s.

Thank you to the Youth Center of Bucharest Municipality for the gifts offered to the children in orphanages and foster care centers.



The number of children who have received gifts from Santa Claus is on the rise. Thank you.

100%

of these children attend school. Let's help them further.

CHRISTMAS BRINGS MAGIC TO POOR CHILDREN AS WELL



OUR TEAM

VIRGIL
BALAN

PREȘEDINTE

LAURA
POPESCU

VICE
PREȘEDINTE

BOGDAN
BRÎNCUȘ

SECRETAR
GENERAL

ȘTEFANIA
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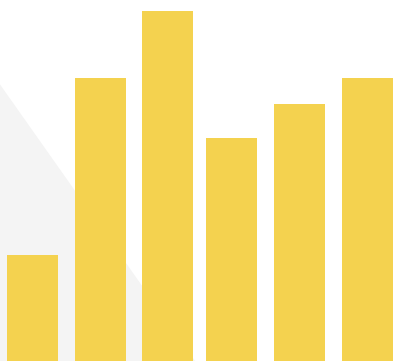


100%

volunteer



EDFORSO CENTER- A PLACE TO CREATE FOR A NEW GENERATION



3 CAMPAIGNS

SMS 8839 - HOME STREET
BURSA BINELUI- HOUSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH NO HOME

A real house for the young / street children.
The money is blocked in an open deposit at BCR until the
amount of minimum 20,000 euros is collected.

7500 euro

EDFORSO CAMP

We organized the EDFORSO camp for 10
children from the EDFORSO Center.

1700 euro

POOR CHILDREN'S HOPE- CHRISTMAS
We provided gifts for 300 children from the foster
care centers of Bucharest, children in poor
families in Cosoba Village, District Giurgiu and a
family from Salaj.

2000 euro



**IN 2018 WE
MADE AN IMPACT
WITH YOU**

THE FAILURE OF POST-INSTITUTIONALIZED LIFE

VOCEA COPIILOR ABANDONAȚI

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- 1. AGREWEST SRL**
- 2. BANCA COMERCIALĂ ROMÂNĂ - BCR**
- 3. DRUMMERS CONCEPT**
- 4. Trupa SUBCARPAȚI**
- 5. PERSO.RO**
- 6. MINIPRIX**
- 7. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICE - FMS**
- 8. SOTER & PARTNERS**
- 9. SOUND GOOD MOBILE**
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OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES

A black and white photograph capturing a group of people riding bicycles along a paved path in a park. The path is flanked by tall, leafy trees that cast long, dappled shadows across the pavement. Several cyclists are visible, some in the foreground and others further down the path. In the immediate foreground, the back of a person with long hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a light-colored t-shirt and light-colored pants, is visible as they ride a bicycle. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and active. The text 'OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES' is superimposed in a large, bold, white sans-serif font in the upper-middle portion of the image.

