

Summer Football Camp and a Thank you

Dear friends and supporters,

I have written the above title for a reason that relates to you and your support, but you'll have to read down to understand why.

First, a few updates:

Many of you attended our Spring Ball at Fulham Palace. If you were there, we hope you had an enjoyable evening, which we certainly did. Please [Click here](#) to see the photos from the event. For those of you who missed it, we can understand your sadness and frustration. To avoid future disappointment, please feel free to e-mail us now and we'll send you a reminder for the next one.

The funds raised allow us to continue our flagship programmes, "T&T", which is "Treatment & Training", and "I.T.", "Institutional Transformation." "Treatment and Training" is our programme of pioneering surgical missions, which transform the lives of children while transferring knowledge from our U.K. and U.S. surgeons to their Romanian and Albanian colleagues. "Institutional Transformation" is our programme of work to change the delivery of care for children living in institutions, so that they may lead happier, healthier, more independent lives, and be better able to leave the institutions sooner.



In early June the British Embassy in Bucharest hosted a reception for F.R.O.D.O. where we held the first graduation ceremony for "C.A.R.I.S.", our specialist training for those caring for disabled children in institutions. These 32 graduates work with disabled children in more than 15 institutions providing care to approximately 500 children.

Many of the graduates expressed an interest in becoming trainers which is excellent news, as this will help us to accelerate the change throughout the country at little to no added cost.

Also, for those of you who are not aware, Vanessa Cummings has decided it was time to move on from the Charity and left at the end of June. We are deeply appreciative of her work and contribution over the years and wish her the best. For now, I am assuming the role of both Chairman and CEO while the rest of the staff are continuing the important work of F.R.O.D.O.

We want to also improve our communication with all of you, so you will see more correspondence from us in the way of emails, newsletters and updates on the website.

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There was a bit of news that I learned last week about the power of F.R.O.D.O., about how you, our supporters, have impacted lives.

Our very first child under "Treatment & Training" was a little 2 ½ year old boy named Vasile who was abandoned as a baby. He has a genetic disease called Arthrogyriposis, resulting in club feet and misaligned wrists. His doctors decided his condition was inoperable, so he shuffled along on his behind as he was unable to walk. You can imagine, as a toddler, when he saw other children begin to walk and he could not, his frustration, anger and sadness grew every day.

Until he met Deborah Eastwood, a Senior Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital, a F.R.O.D.O. Trustee, and an amazing person.

In 2006, Deborah saw his X-rays and said, "I think I can help this little boy." A few months later, Vasile stayed in my home while he underwent surgery, which Deborah did on a charitable basis.

In 2011, this summer, Vasile, at 7 years of age, will be attending summer football camp.

Summer football camp.

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP!!!

... for a child who at the age of 2 was looking at a lifetime in a wheelchair.





You, as our supporters, did this for Vasile and many, many children like him since that time.

So on behalf of Vasile, and all of us at F.R.O.D.O., I want to offer you a heartfelt thank you and while you are enjoying your summer, smile when you think about Vasile at his summer football camp.

Robin Nydes
Chairman

P.S. Vasile lives in one of two homes for abandoned children established by an extraordinary English woman, Sarah Wade, who went out to Romania on holiday and never returned once she saw the needs of the children. She runs a charity called Romanian Relief, who F.R.O.D.O. has worked with over the years. You can read more at <http://www.romanianrelief.org/>



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