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International Elderly Day

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On the first of October we celebrate International Elderly Day.

It is a special day when we congratulate our grannies and granddads. Usually on this day we organize a party with special guests from the local dance club, kindergartens, or schools.

This year it was taken a decision to make a dance retro party for our



beneficiaries.

It was a good opportunity to remind elderly the music and dances of their youth.

The elderly danced with joy, showing that they are still young and active!



The day care center Dance Ensemble performed two traditional dances that impressed the entire audience.



The celebration was attended by volunteers

from the Netherlands: Cees Zwinkels, Jan Nouwens, Gert Verhoef and Johan de Kruif, who greatly appreciated the organization, and danced along with the elderly.



Other guests that enjoyed the elderly with their presence, were representatives of local foundation, who came with gifts for our beneficiaries and for the day care center's kitchen.

New logo

Neومانist Association is glad to present the new logo that was launched on International Elderly Day.



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SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY

Dutch helping hand

The elderly from the Republic of Moldova live on the edge. According to a study carried out by the World Bank, more than half of the elderly in our country live from hand to mouth. A report by the National Bureau of Statistics (BNS) shows that 16 percent of the population is elderly. According to the same sources, the pensions of the elderly are very small to cover daily needs. The pension is not enough to buy medicines and food. Concerning the reparation of the house or to do some small fixing things in the house the elderly even do not dream. Neumanist Association with support of the volunteers many years ago initiated a small project that aims to improve the living

conditions of the elderly and especially to repair the room or the space they live. Many elderly have no stairs or balustrades to the entrance door. Their floor is destroyed and they have ground under feet.



This year with support and involvement of the volunteers was possible to repair three houses of the elderly, beneficiaries of Neumanist Association.

The main works done in the houses were: painting of the walls, ceilings, window, door, replacing the broken windows with new one, repairing



the stairs, linoleum placed on the floor.



The ovens were prepared for winter time to keep elderly houses warm.

The effort of volunteers was highly appreciated by the elderly.

Belgian helping hand



During this summer we had been visited by a couple from Belgium Jo and Claudia. They were joined by their daughter and a friend of them Bart. This family visited Neumanist organization for the second time. Last year they visited Home care project in Straseni and were impressed and shocked by the living conditions and poor situation of the beneficiaries of the project. During the whole year

they organized a big fund-raising campaign to support the elderly. It was made an enormous work, were involved many persons and finally all together they succeeded to collect 40 packages full with food products, washing powder, lamps, pieces of cloths, kitchen utensils, shoes and many other useful and needy things.



Besides this every beneficiary received a picture of themselves that made

them laugh.

Jo and Claudia brought every package to elderly with care and love. It is not enough to say that elderly were surprised, they were like children happy and could hardly believe that this happen to them. They have only words of gratitude first to Jo and Claudia and second to all those who were involved and donated, who shared their kindness and giving.



ADA support 2013-2016

In 2017 Neoumanist Association is getting its 14-th year work anniversary.

During all the years of activities the organization tried to do its best in order to improve the life quality of the most vulnerable and neediest elderly.

This objective wouldn't have been possible to fulfill, without financial support of many sponsors and good hearted people.

We would like to mention some of them as: SOM, CORDAID, Wilde Ganzen, ADA, AMINA, BMASK, Max Maakt Mogelijk, Diaconie (Austria) and many many others.

We appreciate very much their involvement and support during all these 14



AUSTRIAN
DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION

years.

One of the organizations that was very committed to the Day Care center project Rasarit was Austrian Development Agency .

From 2013 we benefited from financial support for different activities for the elderly, for running the whole day care center and raising the organizational capacity building.

That fruitful collaboration was easy to achieve due to active involvement and support of the Head of Office of ADA (Chsinau)-Mr. Gerhard Schaumberger .

During almost 5 years, Mr.

Schaumberger guided and helped Neoumanist in fulfilling its goals.

Starting with planning, exchange of expertise, meetings, discussions and finishing in taking active part in fundraising events such as- Charity Football Match, Easter Card Exhibition organized by Neoumanist. In November 2016, Mr. Schaumberger finished his mission in Moldova.

The whole Neoumanist Association wants to express gratitude to ADA and Mr. Schaumberger for the fruitful cooperation and enormous impact on the quality of elderly's life.

Hope that the experience we learned would be very useful for the future activity of Neoumanist.

Adoption program concept 2017

In 2017 Neoumanst Association in partnership with SOM (the Netherlands) will implement a new concept of Adoption Program.

We intend to organize a big fundraising campaign during the whole year to collect money for supporting all the activities of Day Care Center for 2018.

Many elderly in Moldova spend in very bad living conditions the last years of their lives. Poverty, freezing temperatures, illness, hunger, bad hygiene and social isolation fill their days.

Since 2003, Day Care Centre 'Rasarit' helps almost 250 elderly improving their living conditions.

But, the current financial situation forces us to close Rasarit at the end of 2017. After 14 years of successful service.

We can not let this happen to be true.

You can change this by adopting one elderly for 25



euro per month.

The elderly can come to the center, have warm meals, shower and laundry services, socialization activities for the whole year, 3 times a week.

The beneficiaries of the center call Rasarit "their second home, a piece of paradise, kindergarten"

Veronica Timbalari says: 'Sunrise closes its doors for about 250 poor elderly. The only ray of light in their life, the place where they feel as at home and where the age is not a burden- is going to close. What will follow afterwards- poverty, misery, cold, dirty, hunger, depression, isolation and -death. We have to mobilize altogether not to let it happen'.

In case Sunrise have to close this means:

**no 15,000 meals,
no 4,000 bathroom visits,
no 2000 washes in the laundry
no care
no attention
no social contact,
for the 250 elderly people
who use Sunrise.**

They will fall back into their social isolation and poverty...



Please join the adoption program and make a difference for the elderly in Moldova!

http://www.oudere.nzorgmoldavi.e.nl/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/SOM-2016-Folder_3slag-A4_HR.pdf

Max Maakt Mogelijk support during 2013-2016 in Straseneni The main activities in figures.



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61 eye surgeries



10792 discussions with elderly



17656 delivered lunches



1878 times the houses were cleaned



1619 shopping's done



10 houses were repaired



1599 visits of medical assistant



1679 baskets of water



1090 m/s warmed 366 elderly



148 500 t of coal was delivered to 325 elderly

