



To Whom It May Concern:

The mission of Asociatia OvidiuRo is to give children born into poverty a chance to eventually work their way out of the poverty cycle. Since 2001 we have helped over 11,000 disadvantaged children get a good start in school through the Fiecare Copil in Gradinita ("Every Child in Preschool") program. FCG offers impoverished families a \$12 food coupon each month if they bring their child to kindergarten every day. The program's effectiveness in getting poor children into preschool programs directly led the Romanian government to make it a nationally available program (Law nr. 248/2015). Read more: <a href="http://goo.gl/4UmWyC">http://goo.gl/4UmWyC</a>



FCG is targeted to children living in overcrowded, inadequate housing in isolated areas without normal access to potable water, heating or health care. Most of them have never seen a book in their life, until they enter preschool.

We are eager to have Pekka and his group organizing performances & creative workshops in poor and isolated Romanian communities because it offers the children an opportunity to get a glimpse of the larger world and enjoy an entirely new experience.

The performance group will spend two days in each community: meeting the children and organizing workshops on the first day and performing and visiting with the families the second day. The schedule calls for the group to perform in six communities in July 2016: Cojasca and Gura Sutii in Dambovita County, Budila and Apata in Brasov County, Araci in Covasna and Rosia in Sibiu. We expect that over 8,000 children and their parents will attend the performances.

We also introduced Pekka Laamanen to other Romanian NGO, <u>Hospice Casa Sperantei</u> and <u>SOS Children's</u> <u>Villages</u>. Most probably five performances will be arranged for their beneficiaries.

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