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interest:**

- **NOROC receives grants for summer activities**
- **Horse project**
- **Summer Camp project**
- **NOROC continues to advocate for those in the system**

# NOROC News

(New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children)

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## NOROC Receives Local Grants

This summer NOROC was able to offer two special projects for children in the Child Protection and Social Assistance Department of Tulcea County. Two grants were received from the City Council of Tulcea, each amounting to 5,000 Romanian lei which is equivalent to about \$1,400 US dollars. The projects were called "I, too, go to camp" (for children in foster care) and "We walk into the world of horses". (for children is several of the orphanages.) NOROC supplemented these grants with amounts that increased the existing grants by about one half. The projects, which ran from May 1, 2012 through the end of August and the end of September, respectively, were coordinated by our NOROC psychologist, Lili Popovici. We are grateful to Lili for the work she did for NOROC and for coordinating these two enriching experiences for so many children. (When the projects were completed Lili left her position with NOROC to move

to Bucharest with her husband. We are sad to see her go!)

This marks the second time NOROC has received grants from the City Council Of Tulcea. Last summer the city council awarded us a grant which enabled us to provide a day camp experience for children in foster care. This was the first time NOROC had been able to extend our services to foster children and the families that care for them. These grants would not be possible without the competent and tireless leadership of the NOROC, Tulcea staff overseen by the president, Petru Solca. NOROC is fully accredited as a Humanitarian Foundation in Tulcea County and has earned the respect not only of the local authorities but also the of the entire community. And, they have become a life-line of support and love for the children who are part of the "system." On pages 2 and 3 you will see photos of the wonderful experiences afforded by the projects.

## Dolar Gets an Acer Netbook

**Photo by Petru Solca**



Meet Dolar, age 18. Dolar has lived in an orphanage most of his life. When he introduces himself he usually comments on his name, which in Romanian means "dollar." (Dolar's parents had a sense of humor, if nothing else!) He says he wants to change his name someday, so people won't tease him. Whatever his name, Dolar is a self-motivated and personable young man. He wants to get a good education so he can earn his own way. Recently, Dolar took part in a school program called Euro 200. The Romanian government

gives you 200 Euros and you add some of your own money to purchase a laptop, desktop, or netbook that you can use for school. After fighting with the "Department" and the headmaster of his school, Dolar got qualified but still needed a more money. A NOROC sponsor from Canada sent some money, Dolar added a small amount that he had saved, and he became the first student in the Child Protection System to purchase a computer. Now he has access to the Internet to help him with his studies. Way to go, Dolar! You did it!

One of the special activities this summer made possible through a city council grant and matching funds from NO-ROC allowed children from several orphanages to learn about and interact with horses on a regular basis.



## Pasim in Lumea Cailor “We walk into the world of horses” photos by Petru Solca

Dr. Stefan Raileanu, veterinarian and owner of the Real Racing Association also partnered with NOROC to make this opportunity a reality for the children. He taught them about horses, their equipment, their care and how to ride.



# Merg si eu in Tabara! “I, too, go to camp!”

photos by Petru Solca & Adriana Senciuc



Attending Camp Son Light was a wonderful experience for 25 children in foster care. Nicolaiu Dinu, owner of the camp, also partnered with NOROC to make this happen. As always, NOROC staff worked with the children to ensure a positive camp experience.



## Closing Ceremony For Summer Projects photos by Petru Solca

Both the Horse Project and the Camping Project participants attended a meaningful Closing Ceremony on September 22. Although windy and rainy weather necessitated a change of venue the events planned were carried out with typical Romanian ingenuity and resourcefulness at the forefront. The fence at Casa Noastra became an art gallery and the carport a stage for handing out certificates. In the end they all went down to the Danube River and “launched” paper boats with their names on them. Their partners were special guests: Anca Lazar from the Department, Nicolaiu Dinu from the Sonlight Association and Dr. Stefan Raileanu from the Real Racing Association.





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**New Opportunities for Romanian  
Orphaned Children**

**NOROC** is a Christ-based, non-profit organization. *Noroc* is a Romanian word which means "God Bless." We've adopted it as our name because it also reflects our mission: **To share God's blessings by providing New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children spiritually, developmentally, socially and medically.**

**NOROC** was founded to find ways to nurture these abandoned children. Currently, NOROC's programs are focused in the orphanages of Tulcea County, Romania. There we try to provide for children in material ways such as providing diapers, school supplies, or adequate shoes. But at an even more basic level of need our organization provides the loving relationships these children so desperately crave thanks to the day to day devotion of our **Big Hearted Grannies, Big Hearted Teachers, and Big Hearted Friends.** Churches and individual friends currently support this mission. Please join us in our work.

## It didn't stop with the special projects...

Photos by Petru Solca



The Thursday night Bible Study group, with some Big Hearted Teachers and NOROC staff, traveled to see St. Ioan Casian's Cave.



Ana Maria Ivanov got married! Ana Maria lived in the Home for Girls for 10 years before she was forced to leave the system at age 18. NOROC helped her finish high school and paid tuition fees for her to attend college. Ana Maria was also the caretaker of the NOROC apartment for girls for 7 years. She is pictured with some of the children from the Kindergarten where she works as an assistant.



A group of 19 kids from "Speranta" went to the Black Sea. From the smiles on their faces there is no doubt that this was a special treat for them! NOROC paid for the transportation and soft drinks for them.

