



Report - Twinning Project

JCI BASEL – JCI CLUJ *in partnership with* WORLD VISION Romania
2019



LOM 2 LOM Cooperation Project

- ▶ The project was organized by AK Training Group in JCI Basel
- ▶ The project was done in cooperation with:
 - **JCI Basel** – NGO founded in 1971 with around 110 passive & active members and direct focus on business, social, personal development and networking.
 - **JCI Cluj** – NGO founded in 2008 with around 45 members and direct focus on entrepreneurship, community, personal development, internationalism.

in partnership with

- **World Vision Romania** – NGO founded in USA in 1950. Since 1990 the organization exists also in Romania and it enrolled 154 project being active in over 200 rural communities.

Project Mission

- ▶ LOMs to come together to encourage stronger relationship and to learn from each others experience & culture in a way that enhances the provision of a positive change in local communities.

Project Vision

- ▶ “Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community” *Anthony J. D`Angelo*

JCI Values

- ▶ Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life
- ▶ The brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations
- ▶ Service to humanity is the best work of life

Project Scope

- ▶ To develop a collaborative & intercultural relationship between JCI Basel and JCI Cluj
- ▶ To develop an NGO partnership with World Vision Romania
- ▶ To contribute to the decrease of school abandon among children in the gypsy community through the modernization of the “Hope” After School / Day – Centre based in Camarasu village / Cluj county
- ▶ To contribute to better conditions for children within “Hope” After School in order to increase the social inclusion and their education level

General Information about the twinning project

- ▶ The Twinning Agreement between JCI Basel and JCI Cluj was officially signed at the JCI European Conference in Lyon on May 10th, 2019
- ▶ The project was effectively done between June 22nd – 25th, 2019
- ▶ The project location was Romania, Cluj county, Cluj – Napoca city
- ▶ The project was promoted by both JCI Basel & JCI Cluj
- ▶ Project`s management & financial side was done by JCI Basel
- ▶ Project`s administration side was done by JCI Cluj
- ▶ Members participation in the project:
 - JCI Basel: 5 members
 - JCI Cluj: close to whole organization

General Information about the twinning project

- ▶ The project was promoted within both LOMs during 01.04 – 31.05.2019
- ▶ Project`s promotion in JCI Basel was done with two reasons:
 - effective volunteering within the project
 - donations
- ▶ Results of the promotion:
 - 5 effective members from JCI Basel registered for the project
 - 2450 CHF money donations for the project (donations came from: JCI Basel members, JCI Foundation, external companies)
- ▶ There was a sponsorship contract signed between JCI Basel and JCI Cluj for the donations on June 10th, 2019

What was the twinning about?

- ▶ JCI Basel volunteers registered for the project went to Romania / Cluj where they met JCI Cluj
- ▶ There was a specific agenda put in place in order to cover the whole travel time, as follows:
 - ▶ **Saturday, June 22nd 2019:**
 - Travel to Cluj / Welcome dinner / Get to know each – other / LOMs presentation / Party
 - ▶ **Sunday, June 23rd 2019:**
 - Turda Salt Mine visit / Food waste Combat project presentation / Ethnographic museum visit / Cluj city tour
 - ▶ **Monday, June 24th 2019:**
 - “Hope” After School renovation
 - ▶ **Tuesday, June 25th 2019:**
 - Travel to Basel

What was in it for JCI Basel volunteers?

- ▶ Show active citizenship
- ▶ Meet and develop relationship with JCI Cluj & with other friendly people
- ▶ Visit Eastern Europe / Romania / Transylvania / Cluj
- ▶ See what the land of bloodthirsty vampires is looking like
- ▶ Discover Cluj surroundings and unique places
- ▶ Active volunteer within a social project
- ▶ Team player attitude & construction work performed for “Hope” After School
- ▶ Experience the exceptionally vital & creative culture
- ▶ Try new delicious food and palinka (traditional drink)
- ▶ Enjoy the night life in Cluj
- ▶ Fun and fulfilment for life - volunteering is good for your mind & body

What was in it for JCI Basel volunteers?

- ▶ Show active citizenship
- ▶ Meet and develop relationship with JCI Basel volunteers
- ▶ Discover a new mentality
- ▶ Learn about punctuality, discipline and cleaning environment
- ▶ Contribute to the educational impact & condition in Cluj region
- ▶ Active volunteers within a social project
- ▶ Team player attitude & construction work performed for “Hope” After School
- ▶ Fun and fulfilment for life - volunteering is good for your mind & body

General Information about the partnership

- ▶ World Vision was the owner of the social project (= twinning theme)
- ▶ World Vision identified the main beneficiary and the need
- ▶ World Vision facilitated JCI partners with the following:
 - ❖ Provided all information concerning "Hope" After School, beneficiaries
 - ❖ Organized the construction work activities for the after school modernization
 - ❖ No operational costs requested
 - ❖ Maintained the communication & relationship with all stakeholders

- ▶ JCI Cluj :
 - ❖ Acquired all needed materials
 - ❖ Performed all the admin part of the project

- ▶ JCI Basel:
 - ❖ Performed the management & finance part of the project
 - ❖ Donated funds for the social scope of the project (after school renovation)

General Information about the social project

▶ Location

- ❖ Valea Naoiului village / Camarasu / Cluj county

▶ Beneficiary

- ❖ “Hope” After School (day - centre for children from gypsy community)
- ❖ 50 children (grades I – IV) part of the gypsy community

▶ Main Objectives

- ❖ To decrease the school dropout within the gypsy community in Valea Naoiului
- ❖ To increase the level of education and the graduation rate

About “Hope” After School / Day - Centre

- ▶ Founded in 2011
- ▶ Administered by the Camarasu Town Hall
- ▶ Since 2011, there are 350 registered children who benefited from the day – centre services
- ▶ The statistics of graduation for all children that attended the after school services show a percentage of 75-80% (there was an increase each year)
- ▶ In the school year 2018 – 2019, there are 50 registered children



Overview of the “Hope” After School?

- ▶ Children in the gypsy community face daily needs (including financial, affective or emotional).

For the majority, family and community members are seen as unique models for personal development. Unfortunately, these models don't offer a clear and good enough framework so that they could be stimulated for learning and discipline.

The long term solution for school abandon prevention is the existence of this after school / day – centre where children get, beside food (sometimes being the sole food / day), the assistance they need in order to prepare homework.

Children are determined to go to school and to learn. There are activities specially designed for personal development, new abilities identification, communication skills, creativity, integration.

What was done for “Hope” After School?

▶ Main activities to be done by the volunteers:

- ❖ Parquet assembly (hall / class rooms)
- ❖ Walls painting (internal work) (class rooms)
- ❖ Playing area painting (external work)
- ❖ Floor tiles replacement (internal work) (main entrance)
- ❖ Hanging shelves for storage shoes
- ❖ Xerox / Printer acquired
- ❖ Supplies (general supplies)

▶ Overall costs:

- ❖ 2450 CHF
- ❖ All acquisitions (including equipment & materials) were done by JCI Cluj & monitored by JCI Basel. JCI Basel has copies of all supplies invoices.



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