

CĂMINUL FELIX

Dear Friends and dear Sponsors,

We gladly greet each of you, dear friends and supporters of this work! We are in the middle of the summer. It's that time of the year when we leave work and responsibilities aside for a while, to create beautiful family memories. It is true that there are important everyday tasks in the household, as well as educating children and perseverance in everything we do. But, we also realize that all children have a great need for parents to play with them, to have fun together, and to create memories for a lifetime.

You've surely noticed that when we gather with our extended families, most of our conversations are related to beautiful family experiences from the past. We realize that it's like this, because whenever we talk about the past, in the top three subjects, there are always conversations about our time together on vacations or in other recreational activities that we did as a family.

Why? Because such moments are special moments in which we pay full attention to one another, moments when we get closer to



each other and moments when we create dear memories that remain for years.

We are deeply grateful to you for making all these possible in our children's lives and we wish you many blessings and a great, relaxing summer with your loved ones.

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A glimpse from the life of a mother

- thoughts shared by Florica Cifor, a mother at Caminul Felix for over fifteen years:



I open the box..., a big box full of the letters and drawings I received over the years from my children. Most are dated March 8 (Mother's Day in Romania). I start to read and emotions overwhelm me. Most cards are beautifully crafted or meticulously drawn. A letter draws my attention: it's a simple sheet, without drawings, dated March 8, 2010, and signed: "Your son, Claudiu".

I asked for his permission to share with you some glimpses of that letter that is a priceless

treasure for me:

"... I love you more than anything in the world, because you, my mother, are priceless. Your advice was and is a crown on my head and a gold chain around my neck. Your love was patient and kind, which made me be better myself. I want to believe your love for me will never perish...

... I look back at my beautiful childhood and I hear your counsel that always filled my life with sun.... I want you to be happy and know that your son loves you. "

Although Claudiu is no longer the teenager he once was, he still brings me flowers and brightens up my life. I cannot believe how quickly the years are passing. This summer he will get married. It seems like he stepped over our doorstep for the first time not long ago. He was only 5 years back then, and now he is studying Constructions at college, in the second year.

"My son, what can I tell you now that you're about to start your own family? Keep smiling, as you always have. Be ready to offer your smile to all those that you will have around you. Keep going on the path you have chosen, and let nothing distract you from it. Continue to help those around you rather than wanting to be helped. Continue to be ... my son!"

Florica Cifor – mother in House 4, Caminul Felix 1



Child Story

Life beyond hope

In this life that did not make sense to me, hope appeared. "Hope dies last", so they say, but I believe that even when you cannot hope for anything, there is still something priceless, so valuable that it's difficult to express in words, namely "FAMILY".

This is how I have been looking at things and I still do; family is the place where we grew, we developed and learned all the things that are essential to our existence.

I am very grateful to the Lord for the family where I was raised and for the people I have been blessed to live with whom I could ask for advice and guidance in this world. Without them, my parents, I wouldn't have been where I am now.

The word "parent" did not mean anything to me until I arrived at Caminul Felix, where I received affectionate parents, with a love that



knows how to teach, rebuke, correct, but also to build what others have broken down, and eventually to create something good out of "nothing".

Now a new stage of my life will begin: to start my own family. But in this life, a man keeps learning and learning, so I also had the opportunity to learn how to successfully overcome some life problems

and how to love the partner that the Lord gave me. All these things can only be learned inside a family, from parents.

I am also very thankful to the Lord for choosing me to have all these things: starting with material things, continuing to spiritual life and family life.

When I look back at the years that have passed, at the childhood I was hoping to have, I would have said that everything I would do would turn to ashes. But "family is not the place where you were born, but that where you grow, where you develop and that you will have all your life."

I learned that in life there's no "I can't" – you must dare to fight and even if you fall, get up and go on.

Dear readers, be optimistic, daring and realistic and you will get where you've never dreamed you could ever be!

Claudiu – House # 3



Greetings from the Sponsorship Office!

We want to thank you all fine friends who once again proved your generosity by sending additional gifts to the children and families for summer holidays. It means so much for the families to get these weeks together to socialize and have time together.

We also know that summer is soon coming to an end and school begins again. Many of the children will now start school for the first time. As we have done so many times before, we give you the opportunity to give an extra gift for the start of school, for the very necessary purchases of clothes, shoes and school supplies. Thank you for helping with these practical needs!

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