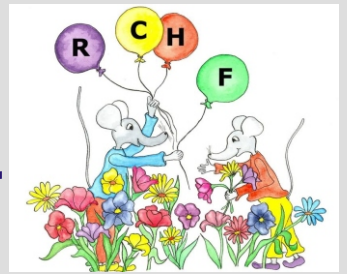




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## Youth clubs are a place of safety for children after school hours



In Europe today far too many children are unoccupied in their free time, parents are busy and the end result all too often is that children drift into bad company and end up ruining their lives at a tender age by committing petty crimes. We in RCHF believe in the good old days of youth clubs and community centers that occupy children in their free time in a positive way and offer a place of safety away from the hidden dangers of the streets at night.

Working in a mountain village in Romania one would think that there were no dangers for children, but how wrong one would be as in these villages are only bars where hard alcohol is sold and distraction in the form of slot machines, plus both men and women often worse the wear for alcohol.

Working closely in collaboration with both the School and kindergarten in the last years plus a healthy relationship with the village Mayor and his officers in Ciocanesti village in Suceava county we observed that children has simply no place to use in their free time. The result was we contacted our partners Give EUR-Hope in Brussels with a new project after consultation with the village Mayor and after many months of planning and hard work we are delighted that in the last week of May we were able to open in this large village a youth club with dual use as can be also used in the afternoons as a new meeting place for pensioners thus giving them an opportunity to chat with friends and make activities too.

In the above photographs one can see just a few of well over 100 children who attended the opening of their new Youth Club thanks to the superb support of Give-Eur-hope and the support of the Ciocanesti Mayor who gave RCHF 2 large rooms free to use in the making of this multi purpose club and community center.

This youth club is now open weekly to allow children a safe place to enjoy themselves with music, a large selection of games, plus the opportunity to watch films on a large screen tv via a DVD unit.