

Fundraiser 2021

"The Angel with the Empty Lantern"

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On the first Advent starts the fundraising campaign "The angel with the empty lantern" with the artist Mira Schwägerl (Draht Art Schwägerl), Mrs. Dr. med. Diaconu Elena (Wackersdorf, general practitioner) and the church St. Stephanus Wackersdorf - Mr. Christoph Melzl (Pastor) and Mrs. Claudia Wagner (sacristan).

With a support of the church St. Nicholas in Altenschwand - Pastor Johann Trescher and Mrs. Marion Bollwein.

For the association of social institution "Blondie" in Bucharest/Romania.

Also this year "The angel with the empty lantern" undertakes a journey to help children. With the fundraising campaign, which Mira Schwägerl, already initiated last year and made a large wire angel of 180 cm for this purpose, many sick children and their families were helped by the art-church-children fundraising campaign.

The symbolically named "empty lantern" of the angel should fill up with donations and help affected sick children. The Angel can be visited in the St. Stephanus/Wackersdorf church.

With this idea and wish, the organizers launch a fundraising appeal for the institution "Blondie" in Romania, in the capital Bucharest, on the occasion of the first Advent. The association Blondie cares in the first place for abandoned and heart-sick children, looks after them and makes medical care possible for these children.

Dr. med. Elena Diaconu/general practitioner Wackersdorf says: "These children have been abandoned by their parents due to their serious illness, or they live in the countryside in poor conditions without access to medical care. "

The donated money is spent on operations abroad, regular health checks, therapeutic purposes and medication.

Furthermore, the donated money is used for medical care of newborns of very young mothers.

In November, three Events "Crafting for a Good Cause" have already been organized. Children have already made 400 angels and painted 300 Christmas cards.

All the money from the sold items will be donated.

Crafted angels and Christmas cards can be purchased:

Wackersdorf: Draht Art Schwägerl or Church St. Stephanus

Altenschwand: Hair Salon Schnipp-Schnapp and Butcher´s Shop Schuhbauer

Neuenschwand: Church St. Bartholomäus

Furthermore pencils and coloring books for children can be donated.

At all three places there is (like the year before) a lantern, where you can put the donations.

Furthermore it is possible to donate to the following account:

Sparkasse Wackersdorf/Church Foundation Wackersdorf

IBAN: DE 04 7505 1040 0760 1108 09

BIC: BYLADEM 1SAD

Please indicate: Intended purpose "ENGEL"

(In order to be able to deduct this donation for tax purposes, please indicate your name and address on this donation transfer form)

The donation campaign lasts until 31.12.2021, the donated amount will be announced and transferred in January.

The organizers are planning to visit the "Blondie" institution in Bucharest in January next year. Due to covid, travel restrictions might be in place.

You can find information about the "Blondie Association" in Bucharest on the homepage www.draht-art-schwaegerl.de (fundraising activities, a link about the fundraising activities in German, Romanian and English), www.pfarrei-wackersdorf.de or www.asociatia-blondie.ro

Thank you for your support.



Letter_ Adelina Toncean October 2021_Bucharest_Romania

Dear people,

we are "Blondie", an association for social institution.

"Blondie" started with Cristi. Cristi was a boy, a small child with blond hair, who was abandoned by his family in the Children's Hospital in Constanta (Romania). Cristi was abandoned by his parents because of his severe heart disease - cardiac malformation/transposition of the great arteries (as a result of which the deoxygenated blood flows from the two vena cavae through the right atrium and the right ventricle into the aorta, which originates incorrectly here, and back into the systemic circulation).

Cristi was 3 years old at the time Adelina Toncean adopted him and tried to save him. She knew that surgery was too late in this case, but Adelina fought and Cristi lived another 11 beautiful years and he had finally been loved as a child.

On October 25th, 2014, Cristi passed away when he was 13 years old. After his death, Adelina knew she had a mission. She decided to also help other sick children who were in the same situation (as Cristi was at that time). She quit her job and two weeks after Cristi's death she adopted Andrei, who had the same disease as Cristi. In Romania, every day two sick children are abandoned by their parents and left in the hospital.

Adelina founded the association "Blondie".

„Blondie” because Cristi, the first sick child she adopted, had blond hair. Since then she has been working in Romania for terminally ill children who have been abandoned by their own parents due to incurable illnesses.

By caring for them, she gives them a chance and the most important thing a child needs - the love that every child deserves, regardless of whether they are sick or not. Although in many cases life is very short.

The child's hand is held until the last breath, no one should die without finding love. The logo of the association is pink, but why? Pink is the color that sick children with cardiac malformation get after the operation.

The color pink stands for a healthy heart. The children, we take care of, are mainly children with heart diseases.

We work on various projects like "We never leave anyone behind" - a program for our young patients and for their parents, so that these children can be operated abroad. We also did everything we could to make this possible during the corona pandemic.

Another project "I am also a blondie". A blondie's role is to talk, love, comfort and be there for the children. Just like a mother does. The question is: Who is in the hospital with this sick child? Who is there when the child needs love, is sick and feels alone? Then a "blondie" comes and stays. Unfortunately, during the pandemic it was not easy to visit the children, but at the moment this project is taking place.

The project "Blondie House" is a rehabilitation center for children after surgery. Physiotherapy and psychotherapy take place here. Also, children get education, affection and love to help them get back on their feet.

Another project is "The caravan Blondie". With this caravan we go to all the young mothers who live in the countryside and check if their babies are doing well, if these children are okay. There is also an ultrasound machine in the caravan. The babies are examined and if a sick baby is born, an intervention is made immediately to plan everything so that the baby can be helped as soon as possible.

The donated money will be used for our sick children and for our projects, so we can help them.

What is more important right now is your idea, which I think is so beautiful. We thank you very much, thank you for thinking of us. You are all a "blondie". Thank you!!

Adelina Toncean
October 2021, Bucharest, Romania

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