



# STIFTELSEN BRÖDET

## The Bread Foundation

Newsletter to friends and supporters

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*Dear friends and supporters,*



School start 2016 with handing out of school bags, material and clothes.



### The school project in Floresti, Romania

We are very happy to tell you that our school project in Floresti is so successful. It makes it possible for more and more Roma families to send their children to school. During some summer weeks nice activities were organized. At the beginning of the autumn school term, the principle and the teachers of the school were stunned to see 220 Roma families – 38 more than in the previous year – coming to register their children at the school. The proportion of Roma children in the elementary classes was 40% last year and now – thanks to the project driven by the Foundation Bread together with Excelsior – it is 50%. The parents see that the project holds what it promises, that the children get support and develop from going to school and that the families receive help with various things.

It is important to look into each pupil's situation. Cristian, now in grade 2, made the teachers great problems last year by beating other pupils, swearing at both other pupils and the teachers, thereby making everybody exhausted. During our project hours, on the other hand, he behaved normally, as

Dana and Nuti tell. They contacted the boy's mother to find out what it was all about. The situation was that the boy was beaten every day by his drunken father. They discussed the situation and found a temporary solution. For protection, Cristian and his mother moved to a cousin and through the project they were helped in different ways.

One of the pupils, Denisa, was hit by a car outside school and came to a hospital, one leg broken in two places. Dana and Nuti visited her and brought her things. What was most difficult for her was to be separated from her twin sister. But recently she left the hospital and the twins were reunited.



We are both happy and proud about the fact that more and more Roma families chose to take part in our project, but at the same time we dread the rising costs that come with this successful project. We thought that when so much was spoken about the Romas begging in Sweden it would be easy to get economic support to the project from Swedish authorities. In media the authorities have been telling that they would cooperate with non-governmental organizations. However, sadly enough that has not come true. They spoke well of our project but have not given us any money. The Foundation does have faithful friends and supporters though. So, GREAT THANKS to every single one of you!

Looking down upon people in an exposed situation like Romas is easily done. The Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez, however, said the following wise words: "The only time you have the right to look down upon a person is when you help the person to get up".

Excelsior, the organization we cooperate with, quotes Gal. 6:9 "Let not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." The Bread Foundation agrees.

**With best wishes**

from the **Bread Foundation** and the whole board  
*Lena, Roger, Arne, Bo, Elisabeth, Ivar*

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