

Summary of the ADRA Camp 2019

The Framework

As part of our Child Welfare program, since 2007 each year we organize a summer camp for the children living in orphanages and also for children living in deep poverty.

In Summer Camp 2019, organized near lake Balaton, we had 108 children from 11 different locations from all over Hungary. The groups were accompanied by caretakers.



The camp was planned and organized by ADRA Hungary's staff and volunteers and implemented together with the Norwegian „Projekt Taknemlighet” team from Utekontakten Nittedal.

This year 108 vulnerable children became participants of the camp and thus they had a week full of joy as they could feel and experience the love and care from the volunteers.

The Camp



Each day we started with morning gyms and after breakfast we had different programs, such as handcraft activities, dancing, sports-activities, drawing and sport competitions, swimming and water-games, adventure activities, rowing and competing with boats and also riding motorbikes.

The organizers gave credits to the children for participating on the programs and also for the positive attitudes (like: helping oneanother, being polite, being courteous, obeying the rules in the camp). With the credits they collected, they were able to buy different items (toys, clothing, shoolequipment) on the last day of the camp.



The Focus

Each year the aim of the camp is: to give as much love as we can - on spiritual, emotional and physical terms - to those who need to live without family, or their childhood is sealed by the hardness of the life. In their situation the love, care and listening is more important than to other children, who don't cope with this kind of burdens: they desperately need to be touched and loved.



And of course these life situations make them more vulnerable, the risk of drug or alcohol abuse, bad companion is really high, so the need of the prevention is indisputable. The values we practically show them during the camp can be protection for them.



On behalf of the beneficiaries, we are extremely grateful for the volunteer work of „Projekt Taknemlighet” and for the devoted work they did throughout the year. On one hand they represent of authenticity: by the sharing their experiences in small groups the children can see living examples of how they should not make decisions. In the atmosphere of acceptance they have the chance to open up their hearts.

On the other hand with their donation-collecting work they made it possible for this Camp to exist and to brighten many children's lives and summer holidays.



The children became attached to the Norwegian and Hungarian mentors and volunteers and they hope to keep in touch and uphold a continuous friendship. That is why we organize occasions of meetings near to the places where the children live: to extend the benefits and effects of the Camp.

Stories about some of the beneficiaries

The siblings Tamara, Piroska and Peter participated in this year's camp and came from the small town: Tatabanya.

They have 4 more siblings and live in a small 2 room apartment with their mother. Their father died last May. The biggest among them is 12 and the youngest is 2 years old. The mother works 4 hours/day so that she can earn a little bit but also to have time enough for her 7 children.



Another beneficiary of the camp is Aron, who lives in the outskirts of Tatabanya. Our ADRA volunteer visited the family last winter when she organized a helping day for the family, transporting them firewood, as they had nothing to heat their house. Just before the family used up everything they could heat with, they even put their clothes on the fireplace as they were almost freezing in the house.

The boy suffers from asthma and also some problems with his ears.

They live in very bad and old housing conditions.



K and M (we are not allowed to communicate their real names) are siblings living in a small group home (kind of orphanage) in Budapest in social care .

In their early childhood they lived in a remote area of Northern Hungary and both of their parents were engaged in alcohol. After sometime the mother came to Budapest with his 2 children saying that the father abused them. They moved to a new boyfriend of the mother, and after sometime the children were abused by their stepfather and strongly neglected by the mother.

The children were placed in social care and now they are to be taken to psychologists and eyespecialists.

These children, like many other participating in ADRA camps - would have never had the possibility of a summertrip, vacation or summercamp without the help of "Projekt Takknemlighet" and ADRA Hungary.



Our official video of the 2019 Camp:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_cJceRQUwg&t=2s