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Rovinj, 10.01.2023.

Dear friends, donors and sponsors!

During this period, OAZA helped 64 of Croatian and Ukrainian children in 19 foster families (our fosters took care of Ukrainian children in addition to foster children, sometimes with their mothers). For each of these children, we provided financial assistance in the amount of HRK 700 every 3 months. We occasionally procured donations of food, clothes and shoes for the families, and we covered the costs of vehicle insurance. According to the needs, we helped our families with advice related to the children in their homes and their problems.

In October, on the occasion of Thanksgiving Day, we organized the distribution of fruits and vegetables to citizens with lower incomes on the square in Rovinj.

In November, we participated in the Christian conference "A Family for Every Child", where about 150 people (foster parents or people interested in foster care), were present.

In December, we also organized a children's Christmas program on the square with a clown and facepainting, where we also distributed balloons, sweets and appropriate Christmas literature.

From the beginning of December, we also launched a campaign to find donors for Christmas gifts for each child from the foster family, and by Christmas all children, fostered, Ukrainian and biological, received their Christmas present. This was also a joy for many donors, who contacted the foster parents themselves, chose the gift and sent it directly to the fosters. Some of them also established a nice contact in this way, with the desire to continue following a certain child and continue to help him.

OAZA continues its work in helping fosters and foster children, as well as others in need. Through various churches, we also trie to encourage the development of foster care and helping children in need. This semester, we visited the church in Split and Zagreb, where we presented foster care as one of the best ways to care for children without adequal parental care. In these churches, we invited Christians to think about the possibility of accepting a child themselves, or to help someone who is already a foster.

This year, OAZA celebrates 30 years of activity and will mark it at a 5-day meeting of foster families in May, which we will organize again in Rovinj. As part of this, we will organize a meeting of donors with our foster families on one Saturday at the end of May or at the beginning of June. If you also want to be at that meeting and meet our foster parents and their children, please contact us.

All your donations are a great help and encouragement to our work, and if you want to continue helping, you can send the help to the account: OAZA, Children's Aid Center: HR 8023400091118004590, SWIFT CODE / BIC: PBZGHR2X

On behalf of all our children and fosters, I would like to thank everyone who has followed and supported this work so far. We wish you an abundance of God's blessings and all the best in the coming year.

Below the financial report is a list of donors and the rapport about the children in our foster families.

INCOME 01.- 12.2022. IN KUNA

Description	Amount in KN
Dantions from Churchies	20.600,00
Donations from Croatia	251.458,15
Donations from abroad	82.254,95
Interest	2,23
Others	2.705,52

OUTCOME 01.-12.2022. IN KUNA

Description	Amount in KN
Help to the families	193.026,76
Bank + office charges	5.572,53
Phone + mailing charges	6.715,79
Fuel costs	18.475,13
Vehicle service + insurance	27.753,13
Equipment	1.800,00
Program costs	55.927,34

Donations in KUNA 1-12. 2022.	amount	Donations in KUNA 1-12. 2022.	amount
ADA IS d.o.o. Zagreb	100,00	Grahovac Irena, Pula	1.000,00
Adria Grupa doo, Zagreb	24.000,00	Hari Ivančić, Buzet	200,00
Alida Hodžić, Zagreb	300,00	Helena Vidulin, Rovinj	200,00
Aluflexpack Novi, Umag	3.000,00	Igor Dobrača, Rovinj	300,00
Andrej Rojnić, Rovinj	100,00	IPR d.o.o. Rovinjsko Selo	200,00
Andrej SCHIFFLIN, Tinjan	250,00	Ivona Damjan, Rovinj	50,00
Ani Folo, Žminj	200,00	Izidora Verdnik, Rovinj	200,00
Anita Jovanović, Daruvar	1.000,00	J&J, obrt Jasmin Huskić, Rovinj	500,00
Antal i Kornelija Balog, Osijek	240,00	J. E. anonimno, Pula	2.800,00
Aquafilcro doo Orosavlje	500,00	J. G. anonimno, Poreč	3.000,00€
Blanka Pleš, Novska	8.000,00	Jadranko Banić, Garešnica	5.000,00
Branko Banić, Garešnica	500,00	Jela Bekić Balaško, Rovinj	1.600,00
CE-ZA-R doo, Zagreb	1.000,00	Jelenić doo, Žminj	1.000,00
Chanshin Samuel Park, Sesvete	1.500,00	Jelka Sekelj (Banić B) Garešnica	400,00
Condion d.o.o. Zagreb	1.000,00	Jet Osijek doo	500,00
Corlik d.o.o. Zagreb	1.500,00	Karmel Sv. Jospia, Levanjska Varoš	1.000,00
Crebel Force j.d.o.o., Novigrad	2.000,00	Keser Dental Studio, Zagreb	200,00
Croatia Protect, Garešnica	5.000,00	KING ICT d.o.o. Zagreb	6.000,00
Čarobn Tim d.o.o. Osijek	2.000,00	Končar D.D. Zagreb	3.000,00
Čović Dolores Zagreb	1.000,00	Kornelija Lekić, Garešnica	1.250,00
Črnja Tours d.o.o. Rovinj	1.000,00	Kristijan Poropat, Kap Istra, Starići	4.872,00
Dalibor Vadljević, Bjelovar	2.000,00	Kristijan Poropat, Starići	8.000,00
Damir Kukec, Koprivnica	200,0	Lions Klub Poreč	3.000,00
David Godanj, Cerna	300,00	Lorena Klobučar, Zagreb	200,00
Dorta Jagić, Zagreb	400,00	LVANS Koprivnica, Ana Lukačinec	17.700,00
Dražen Vukotić, Pula	600,00	Ljekarna Marjana Svetec Prpić, Bedekovčina	300,00
Dubrovačko primorje d.o.o. Dubrovnik	500,00	Magnetron d.o.o. Sukošan	500,00
Đurđa Petrović, Rovinj	180,00	MAR Merchant doo, Labin	500,00
EPC Belišće	1.000,00	Marica Zovko, Medulin	500,00
EPC Betanija, Orahovica	500,00	Marko Kasunić, Donji Stupnik	200,00
EPC Isus svjetlo svijeta, Split	1.000,00	Media Virgo, Rovinj	2.500,00
EPC Radosna vijest Đakovo	1.000,00	Mirela Jendriš, Vrbovec	100,00
EPC Radosna Vijest Osijek	2.200,00	Mirijam Cesar, Pula	500,00
EPC Rovinj,	2.400,00	Mon Paradis, Aurora Cetinski, Rovinj	1.200,00
EPC Stijena Spaenja Zagreb	6.000,00	Morena Žufić, Rovinj	100,00
EPC u RH, Zagreb	5.000,00	Nibon Pak doo, Zagreb	200,00
ER-ED doo, Rijeka	500,00	Percan consalting d.o.o. Zagreb	5.000,00
Eva Husak B. Rovinj	250,00	Petar Udovičić, Rovinj	75,00
Filex doo, Zagreb	1.000,00	PROFIT-MD doo, Koprivnica	100,00
Franciska Sošić, Rovinj	200,00	Račić Žlibar Tatjaana, Zagreb	1.500,00
Furia doo, Dubrovnik	2.000,00	Rebić Igor, Zagreb	100,00
Geobim d.o.o. Beletinec	2.000,00	Robert Velenik, Veleniki	300,00
Globalosa doo, Zagreb	2.000,00	Selma Čakar, Memory of Mario, Rovinj	59.146,15
Gracin usluge, Zagreb	200,00	Siniša Kundid, Split	7.000,00
Grad Rovinj	3.500,00	Skoring doo, Rijeka	3.750,00

Slavica Đaković Dittmann, Požega	1.000,00	Tanja Arpaš, Zagreb	650,00
Snežana Vrbanc (Milan), Ernestinovo	2.000,00	Tanja Ilić, Labin	350,00
Snježana Mekota, Poreč	1.500,00	Valalta doo, Rovinj	7.000,00
Snježana Paškvalić, Pazin	50,0	V. A. Anonimno Tenja	10.000,00
StiM d.o.o. Sesvete	200,00	VIT Translogistika, Zagreb	2.000,00
Sunny way, Poreč	1.250,00	Vlado Majetić, Valpovo	500,00
Sveuč. Jurja Dobr. Pula	10.195,00	Zovko Gradnja d.o.o. Medulin	500,00
Škrinja Plus d.o.o. Zagreb	500,00	Zvonimir Šomođi, Belišće	2.000,00
Šmit Electronic d.o.o. Kutina	500,00		

DONATIONS FROM ABROAD 1-12. 2022.	•		
		CSH Christliches Sozialwerk Heilbronn E.V.	
Ana Bosio e Remo Long, Italy	100,00€	Eine-Welt-Kreis e.V.	2.000,00€
Associaz. Cristiana Evangelica KERJG MA	2.040,00€	Michael Moore (Shane) USA	1.044,18 HRK
Christliches Centrum Bethesda OFFENBACH	1800,00€	Nolan David Sharp, Murrysville USA	500,00 HRK
Chiesa Battista di Sant'Angelo in Villa	1.000,00€	PARTIR OFFRIR, FRANCE	500,00€
Comunita Ev. Riformata Poschiavo	3.896,40 CHF		

Donations in services and material 01-12.2022.	
05 Vizija.net, Pula	LIKVA d.o.o. Sutivan
Association Partir offrir, Francuska	LIMSKI KANAL d.o.o, Sveti Lovreč
BELONA j.d.o.o, Rovinj	LVANS, Ana Lukačinec, Koprivnica
BREZA TRANSPORTI d.o.o, Zagreb	Marija Verdnik, Rovinj
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ESNAF d.o.o. Zagreb	NAUTILUS GROUP d.o.o. Rovinj
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Fabiola Beltran del Rio Puente, Rovinj	OPG Nono Remiđo, Rovinj
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GRADENA d.o.o. Mala Subotica	TRANSPORTI ĐURAŠ Dubrovnik
GRADNJA I TRANSPORTI FLEGO d.o.o. Buzet	Valalta d.o.o. Rovinj
JAKIĆ TRADE d.o.o. Hvar	Vinnis, Milena Jović, Pula
Kristijan i Angelika Poropat, Starići	VIT TRANSLOGISTIKA d.o.o. Zagreb
LAPIS d.o.o. Buje	Vlamanda sport d.o.o. Split

























1. The foster mother J. writes

Our L. is 1.5 years old. At one and a half years old, we went to pick her up at the maternity hospital. She was very tiny, born a month before her due date, went through an abstinence crisis because her biological mother consumed heavy opiates throughout her pregnancy. After a series of tests that the doctors referred us to for the above-mentioned reasons, it was determined that all of this did not have any lasting effects on her. Thanks God! Right now it's a whole point because we're going through the inevitable chicken pox. She started kindergarten in September and she really likes going there. She is the youngest in the group, so everyone is especially attentive to her. Her biological father does not visit at all, and her mother visits occasionally. Unfortunately, their lives are very unsettled and they refuse any suggestion to go to treatment. She is a beautiful, healthy and cheerful girl. A couple of months ago, she was walking by, she doesn't speak yet, but she constantly hums and sings. Learn something new every now and then: wave, send a kiss, throw a diaper in the trash. L. is a great joy for our family. She is the youngest of six children, so she is always in the center of attention. I hope we don't spoil her too much

2. The foster mother M. writes, we have three children N.D. and B. (8 years, 4.5 years and 9 months) We have no contact with their parents. All of them are in excellent health, and the oldest attends the 2nd grade with excellent results. He has his own new challenges that are sometimes easier and sometimes more difficult to solve. All children go through their different stages of growing up, in which there is rebellion and disobedience, but we solve all this with a lot of love, prayer and conversation. The children are very affectionate with each other, although they have moments of love and competition, like most of their peers in other families. We accept our mutual differences and love each other to heaven and back, we would never trade for anyone. We look forward to each new day that the Lord prepares for us.

- 3. Foster mother A. writes D. (11 months) was born in an earthquake-affected area. Parental custody was taken away from her parents and she is awaiting adoption. He is of Roma origin. She is the fourth child of her mother and the third child of her father. After her, they had another child. She came very neglected and neuro-risky. We performed tests and exercises at the physiotherapist, now she is developing properly with a slight delay of about 5 months, which is in line with her premature birth and what was happening to her. She is cheerful and very passionate about everything she wants. He expresses his will strongly. A. (10 years old) also came as a neuro-risk girl, and all the therapies were performed by all the specialists immediately after her arrival. She attends the 4th grade of elementary school, and the first grade of music school, where she plays the violin, and also trains in karate. She has major problems with learning, and she attends classes according to an individualized program, because it is not a matter of any mental disorder, but of emotional immaturity, due to which she does not take tasks responsibly and seriously. She is playful and always behaves like a child who is two to three years younger, but she is constantly improving. She is very cheerful and playful and I have to admit that we spoiled her a lot because she was born as our first baby and she almost died and because of that we overprotected her. Her sister A. (14 years), attends the 8th grade of elementary school and the 5th grade of music school, where he plays the cello. She is very smart and independent, but she has a big problem with laziness. He simply refuses to do everything where he has to make an effort, from basic hygiene and cleaning to studying, which is why he gets bad grades in all subjects where he has to study. Otherwise, she is nice and cheerful as long as nothing is asked of her. He also shows no respect for adults and can talk in a very ugly way. The psychologist told us that this is proof that she is sure that we love her and that she is free to be herself in front of us. It's not really a big consolation for us, because we would still like that behavior to change, since it does not lead to the light of the future. Our hope is that the good example she has will take root in her.
- **4.** The foster mother A. writes L. is a 16-year-old girl, and she was fostered at the age of 5 due to inadequate care as malnourished and consequently sick, and as a result she developed a rare disease that manifests itself in a lack of fat tissue, which is not yet known in Croatia medicine. She is currently a student in the first grade of the general high school. Her character is very funny, intelligent and very curious. She loves tennis, which she has been practicing for 4 years and is doing well. He has had no contact with his biological parents for several years, and he accepts the foster family relatively well.
- **5. The foster mother M. writes** My report for the end of this year I must first start with the news about two girls who were placed with us for almost two years, and this summer they went up for adoption. We are very happy because of them, because they were adopted in a family that is not far from us, so we have contacts. The preparation for the adoption lasted very slowly and over a long period so that they were well prepared and familiar with everything. Now they are 7 and 5 years old, and they still see us as grandparents. Such adoptions are healthy for children, especially since there are many brothers, and they can continue to be in contact with each other.

Besides them, I also have other children. M. - a 16-year-old boy came to our family this summer, and he has been in a foster family since he was ten years old and has changed several families. Due to the late separation from his biological parents, who did not adequately care for him or send him to school, he is now only in the eighth grade. We also have a lot of difficulties now because he has already formed his own lifestyle with some habits that we do not approve of, such as smoking, going out, society that does not have a positive effect on him, etc. It is quite difficult for us to deal with this newly created situation in families. He has no contact with his family, nor does he want to communicate with them.

M. is also a 16-year-old boy. He finished the first grade of high school with good results, with remedial education mathematics. He attends the School of Economics for a road traffic technician. He used to go to music school, but dropped out. He is currently in the phase where he wants to go to the gym. He has no contact with his parents because his parents are deprived of parental care for ten children, and of those ten children, even six were placed in our family. We are going through the teenage stages with him, from smoking, a bit of mud, unlucky falling in love, etc. It is fortunate that he has been with us for a long time, so even with some difficulties, we solve the problem with conversations.

M. is a 20-year-old girl. She graduated from high school for a beautician and is currently on additional education-practice in Slovenia through a project. He is still in the social welfare system because he wants to continue his education. He is practicing in Moravski Toplice, which is 20 kilometers from us, so he often comes home. We are glad that she is mature and responsible. She started driving school and has clear goals and plans for the future. He doesn't have, nor does he want to have contact with his biological parents, but that's why he has contact with his other brothers and sisters who were adopted.

S. is a 14-year-old boy and attends the eighth grade according to an adapted program. He is slowly preparing for secondary school education, although we have encountered certain problems. He has always had a problem with learning, and now he has a teenage rebellious attitude towards everything. He has no desire to go to secondary school, but his desire is to return to his (Roma) father and live with him (as he freely says). We are working to ensure that he remains in our family because we know that if he leaves, he will certainly not finish high school, but given that he has not been taken away by the court, he has the right to decide for himself after the age of fifteen whether he wants to continue his education or not. His father rarely contacts him, and although they could see each other every week, they only see each other two or three times a year. His sister S. is a 13-year-old girl, and she came to our family a year ago. She was previously placed with another family, and she came to us because her brother is also with us. She

has adapted well in our family, she is a very good student, and she has contact with her father very rarely, i.e. the same as her brother. Unlike her brother, she is very motivated to study and further her education.

E. is a 13-year-old girl. She was placed in our family as an 18-month-old baby with a lot of health problems, several heart and intestinal surgeries. At this age, it is quite difficult to cope with all the visible scars on the body from all those operations. Because of all this, we take her to see a psychologist regularly. School is also a problem for her, especially math. Although she follows an adapted program, she works hard and studies a lot. Because of her efforts, teachers often reward and praise her. We managed to adopt her, but she still occasionally has contact with her biological parents and brothers. Her younger sister often comes to us on weekends or holidays, which makes E. especially happy.

N. is a 30-year-old boy, but due to his diagnosis of mental retardation, he is at the level of a 6-7-year-old child. He likes to play computer games and is very attentive to everyone. He likes to play with our grandchildren the most. He regularly goes to the Center for Education and Training for workshops and once a week for swimming. He is a very happy child, he likes to hug all the family members and guests who come to us.

And finally, I would like to add that we are extremely proud of our first adopted child, who we adopted 12 years ago, and now that he has become independent and married, he has also become a foster parent with his wife.

- **6. Foster parent V. writes** My wife and I are foster parents of a two-year-old girl. She has been with us for a year and a half, and she came from a children's home where we visited her about a month before coming to our family. We don't have any biological children of our own, but she has adapted and grown closer to us and is developing nicely according to her age. Meetings with their biological parents are held twice a week for two hours with mandatory supervision by the CZSS. The biological parents had another child after her, who is also in the foster family. Meetings can sometimes be disturbing for the child, which is noticed upon return because it shows an increased need for closeness and attention. The girl is extremely cheerful and playful, and we expect her to start kindergarten soon, which we notice is very necessary for her further development and progress.
- 7. The foster mother K. writes: A girl I. (7 y.), a girl R. (22 y.) and a boy M. (22 y.), who was fostered by me for 7 years) are being fostered with me. I. came from a home, severely abused by her parents with severe physical and psychological trauma. It's slowly making steady progress, but it still has a lot of problems. Now she is 7 years old, she is very smart but speaks very little and this causes her quite a lot of problems. In addition, she is a very bright and warm girl who loves music very much.

 R. came from a Roma settlement when she started the first grade of high school, and she finished high school with me and entered law school. He is now a full-time third-year student, studying a lot and making progress. She has developed her own style, is learning to play the piano and guitar, leads a group for younger Roma teenagers, together with another girl.

 M. came to me from a Roma settlement when he was 11 years old. He finished primary and secondary school, and after that he went and worked in Germany. He is currently unemployed due to kidney problems, so he has to undergo an operation, but he is intensively looking for a job and will definitely work again next year after the operation. (Everybody loves Jesus:)
- **8. Foster mother D. writes** N. is a 17-year-old girl. who has been with us since she was two years old. She finished elementary school and enrolled in high school of hairdressing. She is a very good student and we have no problems with her, she is very attached to us and wants to be with us all the time. There are no health problems, we go to the dentist regularly and for regular check-ups. Her parents haven't called for a long time, and she doesn't want to hear from them either. Somehow, for the time being, she arranged for it to be easier for her. He regularly goes to church with us, where he likes to help and hang out with his friends. She doesn't go out in the evening and doesn't have bad company, and we are very happy with her and want her to stay with us.
- 9. The foster mother A. writes D. is a girl under 3 years old who has been living with us for 1.5 years. She has made great progress since her arrival, and no longer has the difficulties she had when she came. When she arrived, she had motor problems, she was very stiff, she couldn't walk and she had a problem with her senses. After half a year, her condition improved so much that expert doctors told us that we no longer need to come for check-ups. She has integrated well into our family and attends kindergarten. Her mother has the right to see her twice a month, but unfortunately it is not very regular. Father is entitled once a month, but he never came.
- 10. The foster mother D. writes: J. is a boy who is 16 years old and has a growth hormone disorder. He came to my family a month ago, and we are still adjusting, we still haven't connected emotionally. With his biological family, he was rejected from all the other household members and was placed in a courtyard building, which greatly damaged his emotional health. These days, I noticed that he has a problem with obedience and that he does not respect the family's established framework. It happened that he didn't go to practice, and he found various excuses and every time he shifted the responsibility and blame to someone else. He is warm by nature, but it is difficult for him to connect with new people because of the injuries he experienced in his family. At school, the behavior is adequate and the grades are extremely poor, he uses an adapted program. He communicates very little with his biological family.

S. is a 10-year-old boy who has been in our family for more than 4 years. He is in good health, he respects the rules of behavior in his family. In these 4 years he has become very close to me and calls me mom, he was offered to go for adoption but he refused because he considers us his family and me as his mom and it is unthinkable for him to leave us, he is a big sweetheart and is well accepted from the whole family. He is an excellent student at school, but he is a boy with a behavioral disorder. He does not communicate with his mother because her parental care has been taken away, and his father is unknown to him.

L. is a 5-year-old girl, and she came to our family 7 months ago with her younger sister and brother. He is in good general health. Her sister L. is 4 years old and has health problems, she is deaf and has sinus problems. Their younger brother M. is 2 years old, and he is sick, he has kidney reflux 4 degrees, the left kidney is badly damaged by bacteria and the surgeons plan to remove it. We are regularly in Zagreb for specialist examinations. Although these children are brothers and sisters, they still haven't made any emotional connections with us, nor are they attached to each other because they were separated at a young age. I submitted a request for kindergarten for all three children and tried everything in the city administration to get them a place in kindergarten, but to no avail. It is difficult to work with them because the children are not socialized and do not have any hygiene or educational habits, and are very neglected. They hear from their parents every week, and they meet once a month.

B. is a 6-year-old boy, he has been with us since he was 8 months old. He has a severe heart defect, and has undergone heart surgery 4 times, and receives a lot of different therapies every day. Of all the children, B. is the most attached and dependent on me because of his health condition, and because he came to my family as a small baby from the hospital and has never met another family. He functions well in our family, he attends kindergarten where he is in the preschool group, and he has fit in well there and is adopting all work habits well.

He has no contact with his biological family.

11. Foster parent N. writes N. is a 6-year-old girl. She was placed in our family in a very bad condition, and was taken away from her mother because of her mother's addiction to drugs. N. adapted very quickly to the new situation and to the foster family, she treats everyone in the house nicely and is a very communicative child, but she is very neglected in her upbringing. As a baby, she had heart surgery, and at the last check-up, all the findings were normal and everything is fine with her heart. She attends the first grade of primary school, and is very well behaved, but due to neglect, she has learning difficulties and has a hard time mastering the material, for example, she can't distinguish between letters. There is no contact with the parents because they have a restraining order.

A. is a 5-year-old boy who came to us from another foster family, due to health problems of the foster parent. He quickly adapted to the new family. He is a healthy child, although antibodies to hepatitis C were found in his blood as a baby, but these are no longer present today. He treats everyone very well

to other family members, he is a very hardworking child and intelligent for his age. It doesn't go in yet kindergarten because they don't have a place for him, but he likes to play with the other children at home. He only has contact with his father, whom he looks forward to.

A. is another 5-year-old boy who came to us from a children's home. He quickly adapted to the foster family and all the children. He is also a very good child, he treats others in the family well and loves everyone very much. He is a very intelligent child, and already knows how to count and recognize letters. Health issues

there is none. There is no place for him in the kindergarten either, so he also plays nicely with the other children in the house. He is in contact with his mother and uncle, whom he loves very much. They see him twice a week for three hours.

- 12. The foster mother L. writes I. is a boy who came to us at the age of 4 from an institution for mentally ill children. After coming to the family, he improved a lot and immediately became emotionally attached to us. Now he attends a special school and looks forward to it, because he has friends there, and he takes school seriously as his obligation. His physical health is excellent, and due to his diagnosis, he is at the level of a small child in terms of emotional, social and intellectual development. Because of this, he often becomes aggressive in his behavior when something is not as he wants, but we accept and love him as he is. He is progressing very well and last month we celebrated his big 18th. birthday Learns independence, washing clothes, mopping floors, personal hygiene and going to bed independently. As for cooking the dishes that interest him, he is involved in that. This year, he started vocational training at the same school he was at until now, the teachers praise him! He has the right to go to school until he is 21 years old. Although he used to eat a lot of sweets, he has reduced it now, and he likes to make coffee in the morning. He does not see his biological father, but he sees and often hears from his mother because he calls her when he wants to. This year, due to his age, my right to adopt expires, so we will see if my daughter could take care of him.
- 13. The foster mother, N., writes that L. is a very good 13.5-year-old girl who attends the 7th grade of primary school in a special class for children with developmental disabilities. He passes school with excellent results. He likes to help, he likes to work in the kitchen, he likes sports and he goes swimming and football. Competent employees of the social welfare center wanted to give her up for adoption, but she refused. And the adoption itself would probably be difficult to achieve, because she is a child of Roma nationality, she is already 14 years old and has developmental difficulties. Because of his difficulties, he has therapy every day. Her sister J. is a hyperactive 10.5-year-old girl. He goes to the 5th grade of elementary school according to an adapted program and has a teaching assistant. He goes through school with good results, and has a behavior disorder, which is why he goes to therapy every

day. At home, she doesn't really like to do anything, although she is hyperactive and interested in everything. He likes sports and practices gymnastics, folklore and swimming. Both sisters have no contact with their parents, because their parental rights have been taken away.

K. is a 12.5-year-old boy and attends the 6th grade of elementary school according to an adapted program. He does very well in school even though he has dyslexia. He also goes to therapy with a speech therapist and psychologist every day. He trains football and swimming. His brother D., 11.5 years old, also attends the 6th grade of elementary school according to an adapted program with very good results. He also has daily therapies like his brother. He trains football and swimming. Both children have occasional contact with their mother, who is quite far away and in another city. All children are very attached to us, they call us mom and dad. They are cheerful, sweet, playful, always ready for action and socializing. K. is responsible for our evening Bible reading in comics, and we all really enjoy it. J. is a bit more demanding and wants 100% attention only for herself. He doesn't really hang out with his sister and the boys. She acts as if she is 16 years old, and we have to constantly control her, because she often looks for boys on the Internet, and she is not even aware of how dangerous it can be.

14. The foster mother R. writes 3 years ago, a boy D. was born, who was taken from his parents and placed in our family when he was 9 days old. That little creature got under our skin and this year we adopted him. He was a nervous baby because of his mother's alcoholism during pregnancy. We struggled with lack of sleep and diet, with which we still have problems today. Currently, D. is a little behind in the development of communication, gross motor skills and social skills, so we are waiting for therapy. An active boy, our child, with God's help and our love, has a happy childhood.

L. is a 12-year-old girl who has been living with us for the past 4 years. He has slight intellectual disabilities and a shorter leg. She fights for success in school as much as she can, cooperates in school and is good. She fit into our family very well. She has a dad who can't take care of her but sometimes takes her home for the weekend. Now L. already understands the situation, so it's easier to bear trips to dad's. She will probably stay in foster care until the end of her education.

L. is a 15-month-old girl and has been with us for 2 months. She had a fantastic experience coming to us, without a single tear. She is a very good and calm baby. Soon there will be a trial to take L. away from his negligent parents and he can go up for adoption. For now, parents can see their child once a month for an hour. As she was born early, we are going to physical exercises so that she can walk and some more therapies will be needed for better development, for example encouraging communication and the like.

15. The foster mother **G.** writes In our family now lives another family of four, and until a few days ago there were five members. Namely, all the children who live with us are from one Roma family. First, we received two younger ones who were in another foster family but were moved to us, and after the younger ones, three older members of the same family came to us, also moved from another family where they had been since the 11th month of last year.

Boy M. 18 years old. he decided to stay with us after he came of age. He went to school regularly and was a diligent student. After his grandfather's death in December, he visited the family for a long time. During that period, he was in contact with relatives and his grandmother who came from Germany. After their return, he decided to leave school, his foster family and went to Germany. We shipped him off with everything he needed. We hope that it will all end well, even though we advised him not to drop out of school since he was in the second year of a vocational school majoring in cooking and didn't have much to finish yet.

Boy A. 15 years old is in the seventh grade of primary school and we recently went for an aptitude assessment because the school estimated that he would not be able to follow the material. They did aptitude tests at school and in school occupational medicine, so an adapted teaching program will soon begin. He started smoking with his brother two months ago, and now after his brother's departure it has intensified, his parents and uncle buy him cigarettes. He would like to return home to his parents and his old way of life. He is very skilled with his hands and tools, he likes to fix things. We hope that he will be able to finish elementary school and enroll in high school.

Girl A. 13 years old. she is very sensitive because of the whole family situation and entering puberty. He likes to socialize but often comes with stories about not being accepted in class. Sometimes he gets along with his sister and sometimes we have to separate them so they can rest from each other. She is in the fifth grade of elementary school, but due to numerous gaps in her knowledge and inability to remember, she passed a professional assessment at school and school medicine, and will soon start a different class under a special program. He sleeps badly and has ugly dreams, and during the day he recounts violent dreams. He likes to help in the kitchen and make cakes, and when he's in a good mood he laughs and talks a lot. He gets angry with his parents and often shows rebellion.

Girl E.11 years old. he studies in a special class and learns to read and write more and more. When she came to us, she could neither read nor write a sentence. Now she is making more and more progress, although she has no motivation and it is painful for her to learn. She likes to dress up and almost every day she wants me to do her braids or a hairstyle before going to school, she comes up with outfits and likes to put on jewelry and artificial nails (I let her do that when there is no class). She is sweet, likes to socialize and hugs. He often remembers his parents and wants to return home.

Boy A. 5 years old. at first he beat his wife and said bad words to her, but after thinking a few times in a quiet corner, he almost stopped doing that. He started kindergarten, he likes to socialize, he always talks at home about his friends from kindergarten and

recognizes them in the city. He is very intelligent and a quick learner. He already knows almost all the letters, he is constantly reading and asking what this letter is. He always wins the memory game even though we don't give in to him. He remembers his parents even though he has no emotions towards them and longs to return home.

The other family members came four months after the younger children in the summer period, so we had the opportunity to take them all to the sea (we had already taken the younger children once). Since they had never been to the sea before, they were all excited, even though they didn't really want to go into the sea, which is understandable because they are not swimmers.

- 16. The foster mother I. writes: S. turned 18 this year. She has been with me since she was 7 years old, and she came from a family with seven children in which the father spent his whole life in prisons, and the mother is illiterate and an alcoholic. She lived in very difficult conditions, without water and toilet in one room of several square meters. She was barely 7 years old when she came and was about to start elementary school. She did not know Croatian at all and generally had very poorly developed communication skills. Through these years, with a lot of effort, discipline and renunciation, she mastered Croatian. She is a beautiful, cheerful, positive girl. He is going to the 3rd grade of the economic school to become an administrative clerk. She is responsible and disciplined. Her wish is to enter college. Along with school, she likes to play the guitar, sing, enjoys making others happy and prepares surprises and gifts for those around her every day. He plays the drums (kahoon) in the church group. She is extremely attentive, gentle and compassionate. He has very rare contacts with his biological family, in fact he only contacts his two sisters who are also in the foster family by phone. Her parents never call her.
- 17. The foster mother A. writes: I want to thank Center Oaza and all the donors who set aside their funds or they help foster and neglected children in any other way. I take care of two neglected children. Their mom was fostered in my family. She is 27.5 years old, permanently unemployed. She only receives income from child allowance, and she does not receive alimony because the fathers are not listed on the birth certificate, and she is a tenant. She has a son A. 6.5 years old and a daughter S. 2.5 years old. The children were born out of wedlock to different fathers. A. is a hyperactive and disobedient boy. It is very difficult for his mother, but she still does not want to put him in an institution. S. is a smart but very mischievous girl. I am in contact with them every day, I help them as much as I can, and they receive the most help from me through Oaza. A big thank you to all the donors.