



MEET ILDIKO ~ OUR NEWEST ARRIVAL TO HOME OF HOPE!

Ildiko came to Home of Hope in September to begin a new season in her life. I asked her to share what she felt comfortable from her own story ~ so, this is Ildiko's story in her own words:



From Left: Anisoara, Adriana, Ildiko, Carmen

"I was born in Tarnaveni, which is a town in the county of Tragu Mures, on the 27th of March 1999. All I know about my family is that my mother gave me up when I was 2 years old, because of her then boyfriend who did not want a child. As far as I know I do not have any other siblings and I don't know who my father is. Last I heard of my mother she was in a pretty abusive relationship, because a friend of mine told me she was in the hospital because of a beating she took. I do not keep in contact with her because she told me she wants to live her life, so I do not want to bother her. All I know about her is from common friends.

I was 4 years old, I think, when I first went to live with a maternal assistant (foster family). I was placed in a maternal assistant care three times, but I only keep in touch with the lady I was with last, because she was very good to me and I think she really cares about me. She was the one that taught me a lot of things, like how important school is and even how to cook and bake. I still try to visit her once a week.

Hegel was the second Placement Center I was taken to, and I was 17 at the time. Fortunately I only had to spend two years there before coming to Home of Hope. I am now 19 and go to the University where I am studying Human Resources, but my dream job is to be a nurse and I hope that next year I will pass the tests that are required to get into that college. When I was at the Placement Center it was very difficult to study, to concentrate, to be left alone by the others to allow me to study. Now that I am at Home of Hope I am peaceful and I have an atmosphere where I can study!

What I like to do in my free time is listen to music and bake. I love to try new recipes all the time. I also like going out and meet with my friends and sometimes when I have time I like to watch a good TV series. I also have as other goals in life to get a good job, hopefully in the Hospital, and of course, when the time is right I want to start a family. Other than that I don't really know yet what goals should I have. I am very happy to be here right now. I know that now I will have the time and resources to really focus on my studies and this is the most important thing to me at the moment."

**AT HOME OF HOPE
I AM PEACEFUL**

Ildiko has adjusted well in these first few months at Home of Hope. She is studying hard and we are providing a little extra tutoring in English. We will provide all the support she needs to assist her in getting into a nursing program where her true passion to help others lies. We are so very grateful to each and every partner who is providing for this deserving young woman.

THE NEW HOME OF HOPE - HOME STRETCH!

Renovations continue at the new Home of Hope amidst a very cold and snowy January! As a reminder, we purchased the new home in 2017 and after a year of wading through architects and plans and numerous and numerous authorization processes we began the renovation in 2018. The new home has a main floor which will hold our office and living quarters for the administrator for the girls. The first floor up and attic are being remodeled to have two bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living room and kitchen on each floor. This will provide for 4 young women on each floor, for a total of 8 to be in our program. They will learn what it is like to live in an apartment type setting. We have installed separate electric and gas counters as well so they will more easily understand the true costs of independent living.

All of the girls that have come through our program have graduated out into apartment type settings with roommates and so this new home will provide a more realistic opportunity of what independent living is like.

Our lease at the current location has expired after 17 years and the owners have been patient with us and we are thankful for being allowed to stay until our new home is complete. Our contract with the Romanian renovation company hired is scheduled to be complete March 5th. This contractor will take us to sheetrock. We have a 5 person finish renovation team of skilled American volunteers coming to provide the final painting, tile work in all bathrooms and kitchens, and laminate flooring. The team will arrive March 23rd and spend 2 weeks getting as much done as possible! April will see the final finishing touches attended to by professional designer, Roxanne Packham, and a couple of other volunteers with fine design sense and experience. The women will collaborate with our current 6 young women to incorporate their ideas into reality this spring so we can finally settle in to our 'forever' Home of Hope!

We are also SO very grateful to our home team for their support for this project and providing for the deserving young women we are ministering to.

SPRING 2019 TEAMS:

- Douglas Bernhardt Renovation Team: March 23rd – April 7th; 4 men – contractors, architect, and professional painter serving with us!
- Oaks Christian High School Team: April 12th-20th; students and chaperone's from Oaks Christian High School will provide Camp sprucing in the morning and a VBS in the after noons at the Turnu Rosu Placement Center. They will finish their week with a village food distribution.
- Dr. Packham Dental Team: April 13th – 21st; 3 general dentists and 1 orthodontist will provide dental care to children in the Placement Centers and mentoring to 5th and 6th year students at the Dental University of Sibiu.
- Roxanne Packham Design Team: April 13th – 21st; Mrs. Packham and friends will provide final design guidance and finishing touches to the new Home of Hope

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Home Team for your continued support as we seek to finish the Home of Hope this spring and move our young women in May 2019.

Yours in Partnership,

Debbie and your
HHMI Board

