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Dear friends, donors and sponsors!

Below I send you a short report on the work of OAZA for the first semester of 2020. During this period, OAZA helped 39 children in 14 foster families.

We have provided these families with financial assistance for each child, food assistance, clothing and footwear. We have regularly contacted our families throughout all this period and have often helped with advice on how to solve some of the problems with children and their biological parents. Although the Social Welfare Centers provide monthly assistance to children, our help is necessary for foster parents, because what they receive is not enough for all the needs of the children.

The children of all families are progressing well, performing well in school and most of them have adapted to the family. Only in one family a young man voluntarily went to independent accommodation with his girlfriend, and in another family the foster care seeks the termination of the care for a girl who does not want to adapt and follow the rules, thus endangering herself and the family.

In all families, the health status of the children has improved, most of them have had health problems on arrival. All the children have recovered well, are having regular medical check-ups and treatments and making excellent progress. The children that attend school are progressing very good with their program. The greatest success is that a Gypsy girl, with great effort and sacrifice by her foster family, completed the first year of law faculty.

Several young people are still in their families, although they have already finished school and their accommodation from the Social Welfare Center has been finished. Since they have nowhere to go, the family continues to take care of them and help them find work and become independent.

This semester was very difficult and demanding for all fosters, who had to be teachers, professors, psychologists and speech therapists for their foster children, because of COVID19, they received all the online instructions and had to do everything themselves with the children. However, this period of isolation has contributed more than ever to bringing children closer to foster parents, as they have spent much more time together and overcome all the challenges.

OAZA, children's Aid Center, as an ecclesiastical activity, continues its work in helping foster parents and foster children. This year we have already prepared and organized a joint meeting of foster families and children in a campsite by the sea in Rovinj, but because of the situation with COVID19 everything is uncertain. We are not sure if we will be able to organize it at the end of the summer, because some children belong to groups at risk due to their health conditions. OAZA continues to strive to encourage the development of foster care, especially through various churches.

The humanitarian association OAZA have been delivered to the Istrian and Rijeka churches, which will set up various camps, seminars and meetings, in the home and premises of the former family home, but will no longer assist the foster families. Therefore, we ask all donors who wish to help foster children not to pay more donations to the bank account of the OAZA Association, but to the OAZA children's Aid Center.

Your donations are of great support and encouragement for our work, and if you want to continue helping us you can send your help and your donations to the account:

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From all our hearts and on behalf of our children, thanks to everyone who has followed and supported this work so far. We wish you an abundance of blessings from the Lord. Best regards from the children, fosters and the OAZA administration.

Attached to the financial report, the report on children in our foster families follows.

description	Income 01.-06.2020.
Donations from Croatia	22.970,00
Donations from abroad	54.452,46
Interest	0,49
Other	1.600,00
Total Income 01.- 06.	79.022,95

description	Outcome 01.-06.2020.
Help for children	46.400,00
Office charges	2.100,00
Bank charges	961,37
Phone charges	440,00
Mailing charges	2.477,46
Fuel costs	2.307,96
Vehicle's service.	14.572,42
Equipment	500,00
Program costs	953,58
Total outcome 01-06	70.712,79

Donations in Kuna 01.-06.2020.			
Antal Balog, Osijek	20,00	Hyperactive d.o.o. Zagreb	500,00
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Blanka Pleš Novska	2.500,00	Kristina Gulić Galli, Poreč	300,00
Dražen Vukotić Pula	300,00	Miramare d.o.o. Rovinj	500,00
EPC Belišće	2.000,00	Petar Udovičić, Rovinj	300,00
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Donations from abroad 01-06.2020. in Euro	€
CSH Christliches Sozialwerk Heilbronn e.v.	
Eine-Welt-Kreis e.V.	1.000,00
Flach Werner	300,00
Chiesa Battista di Sant'Angelo In Villa	1.600,00
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Report on children in foster families

1. The foster family O. cares for 2 brothers with their little son

Both brothers were taken from the orphanage, and now they are healthy and progressing physically well. L. 7.5 years old, completed the first grade of elementary school. He has great grades and we are very proud of that. I can say that he improved his behavior at school, he become more serious. He still goes to basketball practice and is getting better at it. His brother M. goes to kindergarten, and is making good progress. He really likes Dinosaurs and everything related to them, so he also learned what their name are. They both get along well with our son J.3, only that J. and M. for now are playing more together, because they are "too small" for the oldest L.

They do not see their parents because they are deprived of parental care, and very rarely mention their mother, only L. sometimes. Grandma (mom's mom) still visits them at least once a month and they love hanging out with her. The Center for Social Welfare should look for somebody who will adopt them, but for "administrative" reasons everything is in order, so we reckon that they will be with us until further notice.

2. The foster family D. has 4 children of their own and cares for 2 girls and 1 baby boy

S. celebrated her 10th birthday on New Year's Eve. For the first time, she had a cake and a celebration. She came to us from a gypsy family where she was abused mentally and physically. She was neglected in behavior, school and hygiene. Now, after more than a year, she can write well, read a book, she knows the multiplication table, hang out with friends and behave nicely! S. finished the 4th grade of primary school with very good results and behaves in an exemplary manner. The kids accepted her great at school and she has a lot of friends! She loves helping around the house and carrying our foster baby. She is slowly entering puberty, so she likes to dress according to her taste, which we sometimes have to stop. Her dad returned from prison last month. We are currently working on an agreement with him that S. and he would spend one weekend a month together!

L. is a 9 year old girl who has intellectual and physical disabilities. She is mastering the school according to a customized program and has learned to read and write since she has arrived with us. The speech therapist helped us a lot. She is a small, quiet and very gentle girl who is very attached to us! She finished 2nd grade of elementary school also with very good grades! Because she is so gentle and quiet, she finds it a little harder to get along with her peers due to her intellectual difficulties, she is better off hanging out with smaller children! L. sees Dad when he comes from Germany, about one weekend a month.

D. is our baby, a boy who came to us from the hospital at 9 days old. I picked him up at the maternity ward and there were special feelings for the little helpless child. Thank God he was born healthy given his mom's habits. He grows up, laughs a lot and our foster girls keep entertaining him. He doesn't like to eat much and is constantly active, so he's a tiny baby. He is currently growing 2 teeth, so he spends the night in his fosters arms, nibbling on his soother. With teeth it will be even sweeter to play with! He was seen by his parents once a week for an hour until they were recently deprived of parental care. A complaint from the parents is now expected.

3. The foster family K. (along with their 3 children) adopted young A (18.5 years old) from a Gypsy settlement.

He decided to leave the family earlier this year because he wants to become independent.

4. Foster mother K. adopts 2 girls, and 1 boy who was in the childrens home until recently.

R. (19) is a Gypsy girl who is making great progress and is of exemplary behavior. She is finishing her first year at the Faculty of Law and is currently taking her exams properly. She sees her parents once a week.

M. (19) is a Gypsy young man who voluntarily left us for an orphanage, but changed his mind again, and returned to our family, and is progressing well. Although he knows how to behave nicely, he is sometimes impulsive and explosive. He graduated from the 4th grade of high school with very good grades and wrote the state high school certification, and if he passes the exam, he wants to enroll in a medical polytechnic or DIF faculty of physical education. He sees his parents every week.

I. is a 4-year-old girl who came to the family from an orphanage in poor condition due to parental abuse. She was very backward - even though she was 2.5 at the time, she was at the level of a 4-month-old child. Now the physiologist says she is at the level of 2 years, which is great. They thought she could not learn and progress, but she can count to 5, she can dance with rhythm of the song, she is cheerful and merry. She doesn't talk much and takes epilepsy medication, and she doesn't stand on her left foot except on her toes. By the way, she is a great girl, she loves music and animals very much and this year she went to kindergarten. Due to bigger speech problems she goes to a lot of speaking exercises. She does not see her parents, they are in prison because they physically abused her and her sister.

5. The foster family V. takes care of 4 children together with their son

The two brothers, who arrived in the family as very young children are still in the family. They both finished high school, D. 19 years, for a cook, and I. 20 years, for a business secretary. The Social Welfare Center terminated accommodation for I. last year in September and for D. this year in March. They are still in the family because they have nowhere to go and still have no job. I. behaves well in the family, treats the foster parent and other children well, and looks for work. D. has a slightly worse behavior, plays games, goes out with friends, likes to drink and smokes a lot even though he doesn't have his own means. However, he treats foster parents and other children well in the family. They occasionally contact their mother and grandmother. With the girl N. 15.5 g, we have had big problems since her arrival. She attends high school in economics, majoring in Business Secretary. There are a lot of absences at school- 70 justified hours, which she justified herself - falsified with documents pretending to be the foster parents. We did not know about it until the teacher told us. Despite all the bad behavior, she finished the first grade of economics school with good grades. The class teacher told us that her conduct at school was not appropriate and that she was a very stubborn person. N. went out regularly without permission, and stayed up all night, so we didn't even know where she was. Because of this, we had to call the police three times and report her disappearance. Although she has not yet turned 16, we learned that she is going to see her boyfriend, who is twelve years older than her. We also asked the social workers to warn her about it, but everything was without success and we are in no way able to limit those outings and sleeping with her boyfriend. Her mother is in prison, so there is no contact with her, her

father is unknown. Due to this behavior and possible problems, and a very bad impact on other children, we were forced to request the termination of her care in our foster family.

Since the end of last fall, there have been two brothers in the family. L. 16 years old is a very good student in the school, he passed with a very good grade the first grade of the language grammar school. As for school obligations, I don't have any problems, he does everything on his own and treats his school colleagues and teachers well. He goes to judo training twice a week. As for contact with his parents, his mother visits him once a week, he visits his mother twice a week after training, and he talks to her and his father on the phone every day.

We also have no learning problems with his brother P. 11. He is very good in school and finished the fourth grade with great success. He is independent in the performance of his school duties, and has exemplary conduct in school and is therefore commendable. He does not engage in extracurricular activities because he suffers from chronic bronchitis and asthma. His mother comes to visit him once a week, and she always greets him when he goes to school, accompanies him to school, and when he returns home she waits for him to accompany him to the bus. He has also very often contact with his mother by phone. His father has a ban on approaching him. Although they are both good students, they have not yet fit into the foster family. When they come from school they go to their room and spend all their time there, they only come when we invite them to meals. They do not have a closer relationship with foster parents and other family members and do not feel part of the family.

6. The foster family K. takes care of one girl.

N. -15 completed the eighth grade with very good grades. She is very happy and satisfied and will enroll in high school for hairdressing. She is obedient and hardworking girl, warm in nature and loves to help. So far we have no problem with her. Her parents don't ask about her, and neither does she ask about them nor does she want to have any contact with them. From this year we have become her guardians.

7. The foster family M. takes care of 5 children

The eldest brother L. 12 y. is a boy who passed the fifth grade with good grades. He still communicates with his mother via social media and he by no means realizes that she doesn't want to have any kind of contact. Although she writes to him that she loves him, she does not want to see him and he is sad and nervous about it. She recently gave birth to another child and has not responded in almost a year. L. loves sports, goes swimming and football.

His older sister L. 11 y. passed the 4th grade of primary school with good grades. She attends classes according to a customized program, visits a speech therapist twice a week, a psychologist and a physiotherapist once a week. She is a cheerful girl, well developed for her age and healthy. She trains swimming and football.

Their youngest sister J. 8 years old passed the second grade of primary school with very good grades and she really did her best, she studied for 5 hours a day. She also attends classes according to a customized program. She goes to a psychologist twice a week, once a week to a speech therapist. We still have to deal with the behavioral disorder but the outbursts are much milder now. She trains swimming and folklore and gladly goes to trainings. All three children do not have meetings with their parents because the parents do not want to.

There are 2 more brothers in the family. K. 10 y. is a boy who has completed the 3rd grade of primary school with good results and attends school according to a customized program. He is good, likes to help everyone and loves animals very much. He trains swimming and football. His younger brother D. 9 g. 2nd grade of primary school passed with very good grades. He loves swimming and football, and both brothers are the best swimmers in the club, and are therefore exempt from paying membership fees. Both brothers often communicate with their mother via Viber and the phone. Their mother km far away, so they have meetings with her only two to three times a year.

8. Former foster mother A. helps take care of the little boy of her former protégée.

A. is a boy of almost 4 years. He lives with his mother, who is without income and without permanent residence. That's why she changes the partners she lives with until they get bored of her, and besides, she's due to give birth to a baby girl this month. A. is a very nice boy, playful, smart, sensitive. Due to frequent changes in housing and environment, he is insecure and sad. When he comes to me or sees me in the city, he cheers and shows all his tenderness. He seeks a hug, love and belonging. As soon as he receives that, he relaxes and rejoices. He looks forward to everything he receives, with excitement as a little kid. Any help is welcome to him for the reason that he and his mother are in an extremely bad financial and life situation

9. The foster family H. takes care of 6 Gypsy children, along with several other former residents, who are still occasionally or permanently with the family. M.- 19 years old came to us with neglected educational habits. He had a very illegible handwriting, which has significantly improved in the meantime. Now he has graduated from high school with a degree in nursing, and he graduated with honors. Now, after finishing school, he should find a job and get out of the social welfare system. However, we asked his social worker to keep him in foster care for another year in order to complete another additional education with payment, because he has a great desire to enroll in the police academy. He continues to go to

trainings at his Athletic Club every day and has a lot of success in various races. M. - is a 17-year-old girl who graduated from the 1st grade of the High School for cosmetology, with very good grades. Since she attended primary school according to a customized program, she needed a lot more effort to master the regular program in high school, in which we helped her the most. In all this, she pleasantly surprised us with her persistence, diligence and dedication. With the help and instructions, she mastered the school material very successfully, although it was significantly above her intellectual capacities and acquired prior knowledge. She learned massage very well and is very happy with the profession she has chosen. M. a 14-year-old boy finished 7th grade of elementary school. He is relatively withdrawn and disorganized, but in areas of interest he becomes interested and shows initiative. In the beginning, we had more challenges within the family, because he was reluctant to participate in household chores, and occasionally he stole money from us. But in the meantime, he has made significant progress and he is today a pleasant young man who is working harder in every segment of his relationship with his family and school obligations. S. a 12-year-old boy arrived at our family for temporary accommodation a year ago. When he started the fifth grade of elementary school, he could not read, that is, he could barely read letters like in the first grade, and writing was even worse. It really took us a lot of effort and joint work to start learning and adapting to fifth grade material with a customized program. For now, it looks like S. will still stay with us, but will occasionally go home on the weekends. In the meantime, he made a lot of progress. Even with the difficulties with distance learning, he finished the fifth grade with good grades. He is a very nice and obedient boy, but he still struggles with lies. We believe that he will slowly overcome that as well.

E. An 11-year-old girl finished the third grade of primary school with good results. She has great difficulty with math so her teacher allowed her to count with a calculator. The first two years she struggled a lot with the reading, but now she reads very nicely and a lot. She is a very lively and temperamental girl. She attended elementary school of ballet for three years, but now she realized for herself that ballet had become too demanding for her and her health. She loves acting and is already planning to get involved in a local small theater. We are controlling the health condition of her operated heart and intestines and for now everything is within normal limits.

N. 28 years old is a young man with mental retardation who is at the level of an eight-year-old child. He is extremely happy that he is still a student of the Center for Education because he has a lot of friends there with whom he makes ceramic figurines, goes swimming, learns to cook simpler dishes and plays board games. He also dances folklore in the Cultural and Artistic Society in our city and especially enjoys it

10. Foster family V.Š. takes care of 4 children

B. is a 4 years old Gypsy boy and is 3 years in our family. When he arrived at the family at the age of 9 months, he could not communicate, did not turn in the crib, was fed on a tube and weighed 6 kg. By the time he came into the family he already had 2 heart surgeries and 12 more diagnoses. Doctors then said that he will always be just like a plant. From coming to us he started eating, turning around, communicating, gradually getting up and walking. In 2018 he had his third heart operation, a mechanical valve, a pacemaker and some bypasses, and another operation is planned for this fall. Now he is a cheerful and playful little boy, who is very emotionally attached to us. B. has rare encounters with his parents even though he has been deprived of them by the court.

Last year, the family housed 3 siblings who had been in an orphanage for two years because their mother was in prison and their father was unknown. S. is a 12-year-old boy and finished 5th grade with good grades. His sister A. is 10 years old and she finished 4th grade with very good grades, and their youngest brother S. is 8 years old and he finished 1st grade with great success. They fit in perfectly with the family and welcomed little B. as their brother. All three children have a behavioral disorder and go to a psychologist regularly for childhood trauma. They are in occasional contact with their mother.

11. Foster family J. From Daruvar, in addition to their baby, takes care of 3 Gypsy children

A. is a girl who will turn 8 years old. She finished the first grade with great success. She had a lot of problems with written exams, so an individualized program will be required for her. She behaves like any slightly spoiled child because we spoiled her a lot. She goes to tennis, and her wish is to play the violin. She loves to sing. She has no contact with her parents, only with her sister in another foster family.

Her sister A. turned 11 years old. She finished 5th grade with great success. She attends music school, and finished second grade there. She is talented and intelligent, but with extremely problematic behavior. She expresses her will very violently and what she wants, she will do regardless of the consequences. She sees her parents two to three times a year.

Their brother D. 19 graduated from high school majoring in auto mechanics with good results. At the end of June, he started working as a waiter at swimming pools. He wants to continue his education and go to the police academy. He has had a lot of behavioral problems with him but he is still in the family and promises to get better. He sees his parents occasionally.

12. Foster mother I. took care of 1 Gypsy girl

S. 15 years, has been in the family since 2012. She came as an extremely neglected and socially deprived child. She did not have any healthy life habits, did not speak Croatian and had no preparation for school, and was supposed to start first grade.

Since coming to the family, she has mastered the Croatian language and all obstacles, and has now finished the 8th grade of elementary school with great success. She will enroll in high school majoring in administrative clerk. She has a desire to enroll in college after high school. She is highly motivated and disciplined. She is progressing more and more, she is independent and is developing into a beautiful young girl, extremely warm and gentle, developed moral and life values. She accepted the family and considers it her own and has a strong sense of belonging. She is cheerful and talented in music, plays the guitar, a bit of keyboard and djembe (drum) and sings all day long. She likes to express herself creatively and enjoys writing and making various jewelry, which she gives to others. She has almost no contact with her biological parents, but maintains regular contact with siblings who are placed in other foster families.

13. Foster family K. Takes care of 1 girl, and they recently got their own little girl.

L. 13.5 years old is a girl of Gypsy ethnicity. She came into the Family 8 years ago as very neglected child, in very poor health, malnourished and with several difficult medical diagnoses. In the new family she has progressed rapidly, her health is in order and she is under regular medical supervision. At school she masters everything neatly with excellent and very good results. Despite the changes in her skin and body due to the disease, which she regularly monitors, she is well accepted in society. She is a cheerful and good girl, she is fun, wise and talented. She has no contact with her parents.

14. The H. family with their 3 children takes care of a Gypsy young man B. 16 years old.

After B. was fostered into our aunt's family for several years, and after her death, the Social Welfare Center returned the boy to his mother and stepfather. His stepfather drove him out of the house shortly after his arrival. Because we know him well, we accepted him into our family so he could finish elementary and enroll in high school. Since coming to us B. shows progress. With a lot of help, conversation, encouragement and support, he successfully completed 8th grade with very good results and did very well in online teaching. Everyone at school loves him, he is a fighter for justice, and he is very happy to help his friends. He enrolled in the high school of tourism and hospitality. At home, he still does not follow the rules (personal hygiene, maintaining cleanliness, learning discipline), so we often come into conflict, but even that is getting better. He has no extracurricular activity, and he wants to train boxing, but due to the current corona situation, it has been agreed to start in September. He likes to work, helps our mother-in-law and thus gets extra pocket money. This makes him especially happy because he earned that money himself. He has vision problems and at certain moments it greatly affects his emotional state. It is difficult for him to respect authority, especially female, so there were many conversations in our family. He is not persistent, so he should be constantly supported, pushed, encouraged, supervised to complete the task. Sometimes he contacts his mother, that he met last year and lived with her for only a few months. He also has a sister with whom he communicates and he desperately wants to meet all his relatives in all Gypsy settlements and wants to find his half-sister.

He attends church with us regularly, he is full of questions, and very interested, but he still needs a lot of prayer.

15. The G. family takes care of a boy with special needs

I. 15 years old boy with moderate mental retardation, came to the family from the orphanage only on weekends as a 2.5-year-old child. At this time, he had severe health problems, especially severe form of eating disorder - whatever he ate he would vomit. When the child returned to the institution, after a weekend spent with the family, the child cried so much and did not want to let the fosters except by force. After a year and a half of such encounters, the fosters decided to take the child completely into their family. Upon arrival at the family, the child was instantly cured from eating disorder and has never had these problems since. From birth I. was completely mute, and at the age of 7 he suddenly spoke, which is the second miracle of God in his life. The child has developed and progressed well since then. The family accepted him completely, both the foster parents and their children, only the relatives and the environment were sometimes negative towards that care. They did not understand why this family needed such problems, not realizing that the joy of giving had enriched the family much more. I. is now attending a special school, and there he will also go to work training. He does not know his father, and has never been in contact with him. He sees his mother (who is also homeless) once a month. The mother is very grateful for everything the family does for the child.