



AMURTEL Romania 2014

Sharing the Values of Neohumanism: Ecology, Inclusion, Inner growth

Spreading Neohumanism

The overall focus of 2014 has been to share our Neohumanist values of inclusion, ecological interconnection, personal development and volunteer spirit through trainings. Through the “We all have a story” project, funded by a Norwegian grant, we are in the process of training 100 kindergarten teachers in diversity education, helping them to overcome stereotypes and barriers to inclusion as well as to learn specific techniques to promote greater inclusion in kindergartens.

AMURTEL opened a new social enterprise, the Morningstar Holistic Wellness center - to express the personal development and self-care component of our philosophy and offer trainings in these areas. We have hosted several permaculture events, to promote the design of natural ecological systems, and we have a new European Voluntary Service project underway.



The Morningstar Center opened in the summer of 2014, and includes massage therapy, ayurveda, yoga, meditation and qigong.







One of our first juice detox programs at Morningstar.



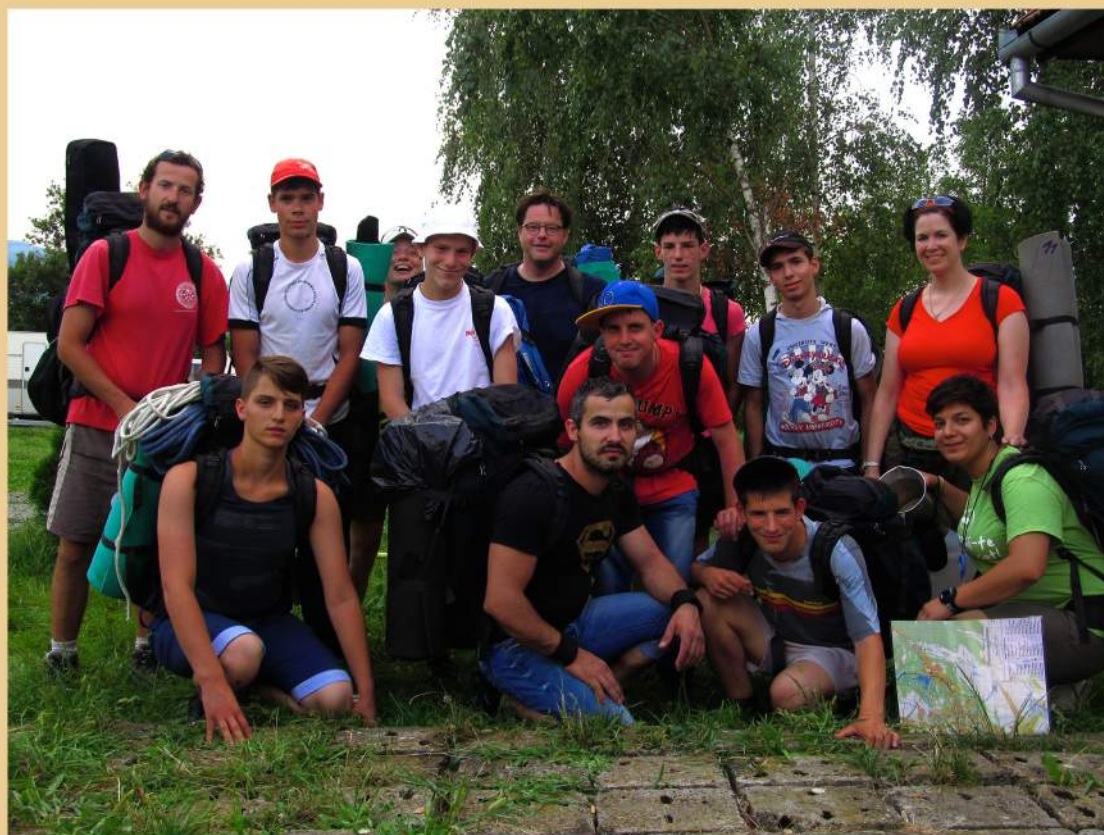


Sudiipa Gradinetti, an ayurvedic expert from Italy, taught ayurvedic massage to students with visual disabilities and led an intensive workshop at Morningstar.

A person wearing a green helmet and a harness is ziplining over a river in a lush green forest. The person is holding onto the zipline rope with both hands. The river flows over rocks, and the forest is dense with tall trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves.

Panatau

Our “Vistara” program prepares the young adults that grow up in the Familia AMURTEL residential care home to integrate into adult life.



Our annual outdoor adventure camp with the Familia AMURTEL youth is an excellent chance for them to develop life skills.





The adventure this year included two overnights in the wilderness, as well as cooperative and challenging exercises in the ropes course.





"Passing the Torch" a project funded by "Terre des Hommes"- the kids from Fountain of Hope got to try out adult jobs for a day!





The young adults from the Vistara program working at the farm together with volunteers and the farm team.



A close-up photograph of a black plastic basket filled with fresh organic vegetables. In the foreground, a large, bright orange pumpkin is wrapped in clear plastic, with a small pile of sliced pumpkin seeds resting on its surface. To the left of the pumpkin is a large green cabbage. Above the pumpkin are several long, orange carrots. To the right, there is a bunch of fresh green leafy herbs, possibly parsley, and a clear plastic container holding more vegetables, including some dark red leafy greens. The background shows the black plastic mesh of the basket.

AMURTEL Ecological Garden

We are growing food for Bucharest consumers that enroll to receive weekly deliveries of organic vegetables, and we organize permaculture events and host volunteers and interns.



The farm produced more than 5 tons of vegetables and maintained 32 urban clients in the Community Supported Agriculture system.



A record blizzard dropped such heavy snows that a new greenhouse collapsed, which was a disappointing setback.



We rebuilt back better thanks to the help of “Amici Nel Mondo” in Italy and other donors.
Here is our core farm team - Cristina, Violeta and Daniela.



During the national week of volunteering - a group of AMURTEL volunteers created a medicinal herb mandala at the farm! 21



A photograph of a woman and a young girl in a forest. The woman, with short brown hair and a green shawl, is smiling and touching a large tree trunk. The girl, wearing a pink puffer jacket, is also touching the tree trunk. The background is a lush green forest with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

Neohumanist Education

Learning love for ecology, inclusive attitudes towards all people and developing a strong, creative personality are at the heart of Neohumanist education. We apply this holistic approach in our kindergarten, after school center and training programs.





"We all have a story" - training 100 kindergarten teachers in inclusive education - a project that will last 2 years.



Didi also gave Neohumanist education training to the staff of an AMURT intervention in Lebanon for Syrian refugees.



Our Neohumanist kindergarten in Bucharest!
 “Let’s discover the world”, “I love” and “I can help” are our core themes!





A special earth day experience with a nature elf looking for a lost fairy!



The children helped to find the fairy and spent the day learning about nature together with her and the elf.



A glimpse of some of our teams behind the scenes that make it all happen!



Thank you for believing in us!

Our donors are the ones that help the magic to happen - so thank you so much to those of you that have supported us and we hope that more will join us this year!



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