

Claudiu's Story



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Claudiu M., Bistrita Volunteer pictured above pushing stroller with child & pink balloon.

Coming from a family with very limited financial resources, Claudiu (age 20) learned from a young age how to cope with the many hardships life brought to him. But he never let those challenges prevent him from giving to others. In fact, Claudiu is one of Inocenti's most dedicated and generous volunteers in Bistrita! We hope you'll be inspired by his amazing story of benevolence.

Claudiu's early adversity included working to help to support his family. “Personally, I know how it is when you feel life is turning its back on you. I know what it's like to be the witness of heavy burdens on the shoulders of the family ... whether we are talking about financial problems or a disease that affects the person that you love most. But I also know that it is up to each of us to bring positive change where and when needed,” Claudiu says.

For Claudiu, life took a very hard turn for him when the person that he loves most, his mother, became ill. His mother is the one that always supported and encouraged him to fulfill not only his dreams and goals, but to also help the underprivileged ones...

It was that gift of empathy for others that inspired Claudiu to volunteer at Inocenti. He promised he would do everything to bring the sun into the sky of children with special needs and limited means. He has known from the very first day that our journey together will be a long and beautiful one. And now both children with disabilities and children in Inocenti educational programs occupy a very special place in his life.

For several years now, Claudiu has been a volunteer at our annual Olimpiada Inocentilor and in our after-school programs. This year, Claudiu hosted a very fancy Pizza Party for the children of Slatinita, a very poor village not unlike the one he grew up in. What's more amazing, is we only recently learned that this party was paid for not by the restaurant, but by Claudiu and a friend!

This year, Claudiu is also donating his birthday to help his little Inocenti friends. If you want to support his mission and also to wish him "Happy Birthday" in a very special way, please access the link below and donate.

"These children need all of our support, good thoughts, dedication, time, and special care. All I know is that together we can give them a chance to a better life," says Claudiu. We couldn't agree more.

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