

## NEWSLETTER



Dear friends and supporters of the "Our Kids" Center,

We wish you a great autumn! We are grateful for your kind support of the "Our Kids" Center! As a result of your generosity, we continue our work by providing kids with the best services. Here is some news on what has been going on in the Center in July-September 2019.

### LATEST NEWS

#### IT CAMP

The IT Camp, which is hosted by "Our Kids" Center in cooperation with GOFRIENDS nonprofit organization for two years in succession now, started working on July 27, 2019. The IT Camp is the combination of education and recreation. The computer and web programming training program for children and adolescents was structured in such way that it demonstrated possibility to create the IT future, gain the skills of modern IT profession for independent and successful living. During two weeks, the children had an opportunity not only to get to know real success stories from the former alumni of orphanages and foster homes, but also to practice English, create presentations, develop website designs individually and in teams, be engaged in programming. Children's joy and pride knew no bounds when, by showing their imagination, creativity, and individuality, they not only derived pleasure from it but also... received money reward, presenting their developments. Time and again we have received evidence that every child is a gifted person and is able to achieve success if there are people nearby who believe in him, provide support and assistance to him.





## RECREATION IN “CARPATHIAN DAWN” CAMP

Our children were lucky again to spend their vacation in the “Carpathian Dawn” summer camp from August 16, 2019. Among the highlands and diversity of local culture, the children had an opportunity to get to know deeper the peculiarities of the region and find new friends. Each day was different from another. Various interesting walking tours, competitions, games and concerts made them so diverse. Besides, there were sightseeing tours of the city, mountain hiking, disco, and just recreation...



The children demonstrated results of their athletic training during the Camp Sports Day and Olympic Games, in football, volleyball, table tennis and draughts competitions.

Our children enjoyed their stay in the summer camp having great time there, but unfortunately the time flew very quickly. However, during non-study time, the children are sure to find a minute in order to give a call or write a message to our friends and think back together to the joyful moments of staying in the camp!



## BACK TO SCHOOL!

So, the summer has passed already. The autumn has crossed the threshold, and with the First Bell has called all schoolchildren to sit down at the school desks again. The First Bell will ring for the last time for some pupils, and for the first time for others. This day is especially exciting for one of our pupil because he is a first-former who sets out on an exciting journey – to the land of knowledge. We would like to wish our schoolchildren to have good academic progress, easy tests, interesting lessons and faithful friends, because the years of studies are the best time in our life.



## THE WORLD OF THEATER

“11 Questions to Ukraine”, a theater project of “Bazaar Europa – young theatre across borders” from Berlin, came to the Center on a guest visit on September 19, 2019.

You would think: how can one understand what is happening on the stage if you don't have a perfect command of the foreign language? However, our children didn't have any problem with that. The actors performed their own short plays with the help of the language understood by everyone, namely, body language – gestures and mimicry. That was the first stop/meeting in their trip round our country. The group set a goal to get to know Ukraine, its wonderful people, visit various places in order to tell about our country in their Motherland. Our children watched the actors entranced, shared their impressions and guesses on what exactly the performers tried to deliver.



All over again, we were convinced that the art knows neither bounds nor limits.

We thank sincerely our new friends for such a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with the magical world of theater!

From the children and the whole team at the "Our Kids" Center I am sending you our sincere best wishes.

Warm regards,

Barbara-Maria Monheim

