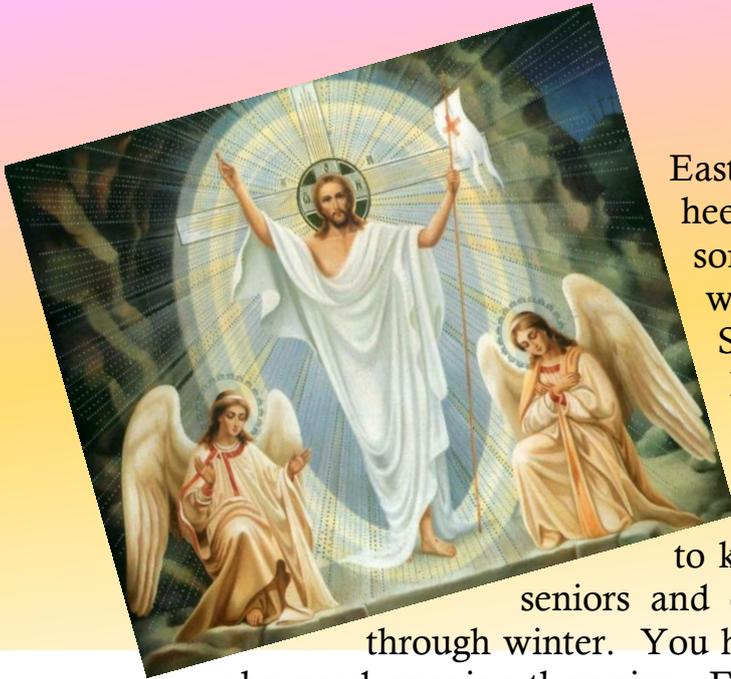


# Easter Newsletter

April 2015



Easter has come really quickly on the heels of Christmas so our update will somehow be briefer than usual. Firstly, we wish you a Happy Easter, a time of Springtime and New Life in your lives. We thank you for your ongoing support. Those of you who supported us at Christmas and in the following months will be happy to know that you helped us to keep our seniors and our most vulnerable families warm through winter. You have also supported our sick children who need ongoing therapies. Forty-four of our seniors and families had a wonderful Christmas lunch thanks to the courtesy of the Radisson Hotel.

Our programmes continue as usual with our seniors, families and children. These you can follow on Facebook.

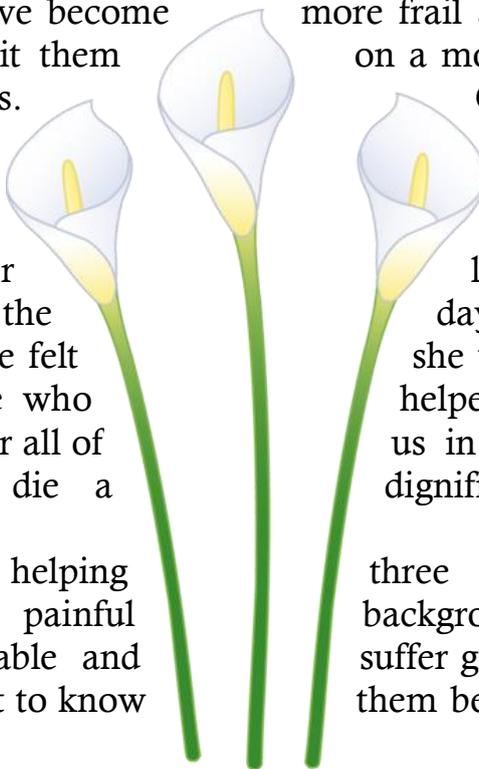
Denisa, our child with autism is now six years of age. She has been assessed recently and doctors expressed their gratitude to all who are contributing to her progress. She has a mental age of a child of three and a half years and can now feed herself and can actually sit at a table. She is toilet trained for the most part, having occasional lapses when agitated. Her social skills as yet are not developed with children of her own age. She has no problem with her sister, but otherwise prefers to be a loner. We are confident that these areas will develop (as did the other areas of success) in time. Her therapy alone costs €400 per month. You can be proud that you are giving this child a chance in life. Denisa, her sister Roberta, and their mum, live with the grandparents, surviving on their meagre pensions and on the small children`s allowances in a tiny two bedroomed apartment.



Moire, our child with Krabbes disease, eight years old is now completely blind. She is totally bedridden during these winter months as it is too cold to take her outside in a wheelchair. She is too heavy for one person to lift. Life for her mother is indeed sad and difficult. Out of necessity she has had to return to work. Florie one of our mother`s with a heart that is kind and sensitive has taken on the responsibility of caring for Moire when Natasha (Moire`s mum) is at work. We provide Florie with monthly transport as she has three modes of transport to reach Moire. We also contribute towards Moire`s special liquid food which is excessively costly. Moire is `Peg Fed` (through a tube into the stomach). We thank you for your support.

Matei our child missing a large portion of his brain on the left side is now twenty-two months old and again thanks to your support will hopefully have a chance in life. His therapies are ongoing and amount to €600 a month. The family struggles financially. We have been supporting the therapies with €500 per month and the family are supplementing the rest. This no doubt is a financial burden but like all parents wish for their child to cope in life. The good news is that he is responding very well to the therapies. The right side of the brain is learning to take on the tasks of the left side. He can now sit and play without continually falling. He can stand and walk on his own but needs therapy to get a correct walk. On occasions he will hold things in the left hand but ongoing therapy in this area is necessary. The fingers on the left hand are quite spastic looking. Our hope is that in time they will become more flexible.

Some of our seniors have become senior groups. We visit them have joined us. ridden for fourteen the Lord. May she rest happy that we to enable her to live her We were with her on the actually told me that she felt to thank all the people who that she is interceding for all of has enabled her to die a



more frail and cannot come to our on a monthly basis. Newcomers Genoveva who was bed years has now gone to in peace. We are implemented support last months with dignity. day she died and she she was dying and asked me helped her. You can be sure us in heaven. Your support dignified death.

Since Christmas we are helping with sad and painful everywhere are vulnerable and more detail when we get to know their needs are great.

three additional families, all backgrounds. The poor here as suffer greatly. We will give you them better. We are aware that



We promised to update you with regards to adequate housing for the Gregore family. Six years ago we challenged social services to provide them with accommodation as Alina the mother has undergone four operations for cancer, and is currently having chemotherapy for the second time. Her husband is also a sick man and is currently in hospital. The family kept knocking at the door of the

council and to our surprise they have been promised an apartment. They hope to receive the keys after Easter and possibly move in June. We pray that this dream will be reality as their present living conditions are abysmal. Our focus on housing will now switch to Daniela and her four children, currently living in a garage. Until last November when one of our generous donors donated a bed the family slept on the floor. We pray that they will find dignity and security in living. We hope to expand details of this project in our next update.

Renewed thanks for your wonderful support. May your Easter be one of great joy filled with renewed energy and hope. May each one of us be a 'Resurrected' Easter person.



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