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### Your sponsorship for SOS Children's Village Bucharest

Dear Team Hotel Stefanie,

Christmas is a time for love, giving, and reflection—a season that reminds us of the incredible potential and light within every child. Their dreams, laughter, and determination fuel our hope for a brighter tomorrow, and this holiday season is the perfect time to celebrate their boundless potential.

## - Restoring Hope After the Storm

In the aftermath of the devastating floods in Galaţi, many families were left struggling to recover from the loss of their homes and belongings. The floods, which hit the region hard, caused widespread damage, leaving people without basic necessities.

#### Essential aid brings comfort and hope to flood-affected families in Galați

SOS Children's Villages Romania stepped in to provide much-needed support to the affected families. We distributed essential items such as mattresses, non-perishable foods, clothing, and medicine to help those in need.

'I'm proud to be part of the team providing essentials and hope to the families affected by the floods. It's heartwarming to see the difference we make together,' says a co-worker involved in the relief efforts.

Thanks to this timely support, families were able to rebuild their lives with renewed hope.



A helpful hand is always welcomed

# Music, Creativity, and Community Shine as Children and Beneficiaries Come Together for an Unforgettable Festival

FestiSAT was a day full of fun and joy that celebrated the great work done by SOS Children's Villages. The festival had something for everyone—music, dancing, pottery, sumo wrestling, and

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No child should grow up alone

climbing. Both children and adults explored new activities, laughing and cheering as they tried out pottery or raced up the climbing wall. 'I felt like I could touch the sky!' said one child after climbing.

The event also welcomed back old beneficiaries, many of whom were happy to return. 'This place feels like home,' said one young adult, sharing how SOS had been a family to them. It was a day for all, where both young and old enjoyed every moment together.

### A Day of Fun and Celebration

The children loved the wide range of activities, from painting in the sand to friendly wrestling



A day full of fun and making memories together

matches. Volunteers noted the smiles and energy throughout the event. 'It's amazing to see the kids so happy and confident,' one said.

Even though a little rain came near the end, it didn't spoil the fun. Everyone left with smiles and a sense of community. 'I can't wait for next year's FestiSAT!' one child exclaimed. The event was a true celebration of the love, support, and care that SOS Children's Villages provide.

## - Costumes, Laughter, and Sweet

### **Treats Under the Afternoon Sun**

It was a bright Halloween afternoon, and the whole village gathered in the garden for a spooky party. The children had spent the morning decorating, hanging ghostly figures in the trees, setting up scarecrows, and placing ouija boards and witches' hats on the tables. By 2 o'clock, everything was ready, and the excitement was in the air.

The fun began with a costume contest. One by one, the children paraded down a small catwalk, showing off their creative outfits. There was a leopard, a witch, a superhero, Pocahontas, Harley Quinn, and many more. The crowd clapped and cheered, filling the garden with laughter and joy.

As the contest wrapped up, the barbecue started sizzling, filling the air with delicious smells. Families and friends gathered to enjoy the food and share stories. The children couldn't resist the bowls of candy and sweets spread out on the tables.

It was a perfect afternoon of fun, food, and laughter, bringing everyone in the village together to celebrate Halloween.

As we cherish the joy and warmth of the holidays, I want to thank you. Your kindness and generosity make a profound difference in the lives of children, filling their hearts with hope and their days with happiness. Thank you for being a part of this journey, and may your Christmas be as bright and joyful as the smiles you help bring to others.

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