

Working closely with local partners, ZOV has touched the lives of over 400 children since being established in 2006.



2015

HELPING BULGARIAN CHILDREN IN CARE

In 2015 ZOV got a special recognition as one of the best services for children from specialists in Social care area in North Bulgaria

Members of ZOV staff became part of a Regional Strategy planning of social services in VT area for 2016 – 2020

We want to support 200 children by 2016, only £10 per month or £120 a year provides a child with a trip away, weekly music, art dance and sports sessions, a student mentor and weekly educational help, Christmas party and present. Children with disabilities and special needs will be provided with specialist music, speech, art therapy. It can make a huge difference to a child's future.

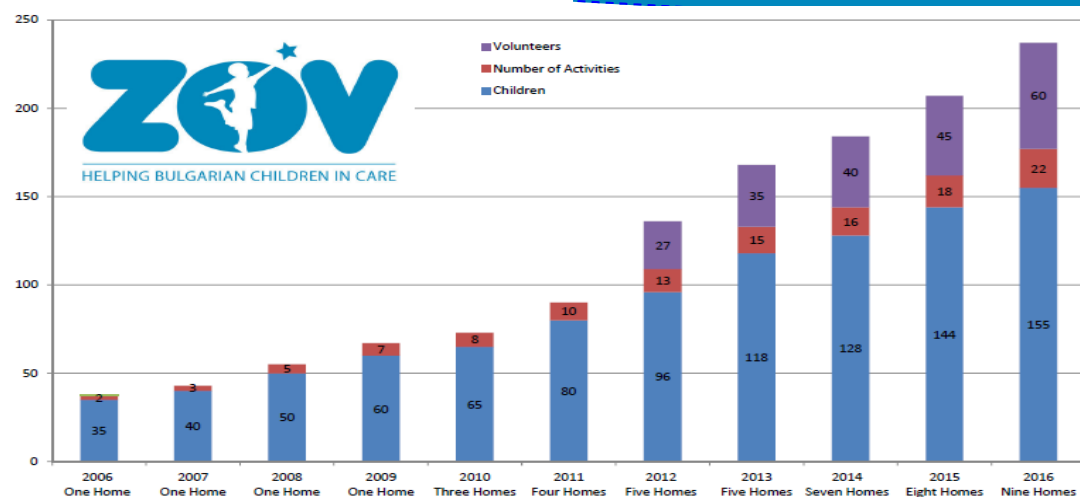
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"Thank you for what you did for the Balvan orphanage children – you saved the situation when children were left without care and staff. I think ZOV is one of the most important partners not only in supporting children without parents but also as part of the entire deinstitutionalization process!" - Rositsa

Vision: ZOV believes that all children deserve the chance for a bright future and that every child needs to be loved and supported.

ZOV supports children who have grown up in institutional care and often suffered severe trauma, by helping them prepare for life outside the home until they are secure and independent. We see each child's unique potential and facilitate the development of their skills and talents, to help them build their confidence, by providing a range of different creative and educational programmes. Our dedicated team of staff have built lasting relationships with many children since ZOV started in 2006. Now many of these children are supporters, volunteers and employees of ZOV today.

2015 has been an amazing year with 144 children benefitting from the programmes that ZOV ran



"Thank you for the training opportunity ... you take care not only of our children but also of us as teachers!" orphanage.

Mr Slavchev, Teacher at VT

"I had a difficult life. ZOV supported me the most, they showed me I should believe in myself. Now my dream came true! I will never forget you!" –

24 year old Mikto who is now independent

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Educational & Employment successes

6 youths completed paid work experience with 5 gaining full or part time employment.

6 children won a Stipendii Grant which is an education grant competition that ZOV helps administer.

70 children, as part of the educational club, received one to one mentoring support. As a result of this many children's school results and general motivation have increased.

56 children participated in a range of weekly sessions including music, dance, English, sports, computers and cooking.

7 environmental and educational trips.

2 staff training sessions organised by ZOV on child behavioural issues and problem solving.

Volunteering

45 student volunteers from the local university provided weekly educational and mentoring support. With two previous mentors now employed by ZOV.

Building Life Skills

30 Children participated in the Football life skills project, which student mentors implemented utilising the manual produced by ZOV, to improve key life skills.

20 children received medals from participating in local and national sports tournaments

10 children from the Gabrovski family centre have developed life skills, such as budgeting, growing vegetables, tending gardens, cooking, etc.; increasing their confidence levels and independence.



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Your projects and practices are amazing I can't believe someone is doing this in Bulgaria, you are a great example of how things can be better in Bulgaria if people are dedicated." Director of Social centre in Russe Bulgaria.

"Thank you for everything. You help not only children but you help our staff as well and you became permanent members of our team. Now we can see more and more results" Mrs Grigorova director of VT orphanage

Providing Recreational Opportunities

42 children participated in a Christmas Bazaar raising money through selling gifts they had made.

12 children from the Gorna family centre for children with severe needs organised their first trip away from a home.

Child Empowerment

52 children with a range of disabilities received weekly music, art and speech therapy support. 2 children no longer need the use of a wheelchair.

ZOV participated in 5 folklore festivals. The only amateur folklore group in Bulgaria comes from the Penyo and Maria orphanage

Titiana let the orphanage and became a University student studying Psychology and will receive a grant from ZOV 'I am really grateful to my mentor as she gave me strength and motivation not to give up!'

