

Parish Caritas Ruski Krstur

**Project title:
WE ARE ALSO PART OF THE SOCIETY**

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1. Project Title: We are also part of the Society

2. Project Background

„We are also part of the Society“ is aimed at the people with special needs. Target group with which already exists some work are 10 people but the plan is to expand the group with children from special class in the school and with other persons closed in their homes. This project will also benefit the families of the persons with special needs as well for the local community.

These persons have problems in their everyday life – local community does not accept them, family members often hide them from the eyes of other people, they are ashamed of their own children, there are few people who like to work with them – few volunteers, etc. These activities could help them to expand the circle of people, to participate and to give contribution to the local community in small but worthy things.

Family members also have difficulties in the community, sometimes even mere family does not accept them and they hide them and they are ashamed of them. If they appear more in the local community, community could become aware of their existence or problems and could see that they need support and comprehension but above all love. After bigger participation in the community, family could accept them and community as well.

3. Previous Experience with Similar Project

There is one group in Ruski Krstur that consists of people with special needs and of people who lead the group – expert for people with special needs and two volunteers. Sometimes other volunteers join the group. Their encounters begun in 2002 and since then have been held once or twice a month. Encounters have the following parts:

- Reading parts from the Bible and talking about it at the level adequate for them. This group has been conducted by movement «Light and Faith».
- They also have once a month education through writing, learning songs, and some basic and simple things.
- Also, they have creative workshops where they make different objects which help them develop their already diminished capabilities.
- Important dates are celebrated together – as birthdays or name days.

4. Purpose

Inclusion of people with special needs in local community

5. Strategic Goals

- Socialization of people with special needs
- Raising awareness of local community of the people with special needs problems

6. Results

- Raised independence of the persons with special needs
- Developed creativity and self-esteem at the people with special needs
- Raised awareness of local community about the problems of people with special needs

7. Activities

1. Workshops for development of capacities of people with special needs

2. Making a garden

3. Lectures about the persons with special needs

4. Visiting zoo and botanical garden

5. Project coordinator activities

1. Workshops for development of capacities of people with special needs

During the workshops different objects of different materials will be made, the level of creativity will be adapted to the capacities of the participants. Games will also be played but some that help them develop their capacities such as puzzles, dice etc.

Workshops would be held twice a month with duration of 3 hours. Total number would be 12.

Volunteers will take part in the work as well as new volunteer that will be recruited among youth, children and grown-ups.

2. Making a garden

Making a garden consider planting flowers or trees in a space provided for this activity. It would be planted and maintained together with other children from school since this proposal will be made to a school principal. We hope that with normal children also the children from special classes will participate in this action.

This way, passing by this space, everyone could see the contribution of this little group to the local community.

3. Lectures about the persons with special needs

Lectures about mental health would held competitive persons. Before lectures we will made brochures and posters that Caritas volunteers would distribute to the local places visited most often such as – school, Caritas, Church..... Lectures would be organized twice for local community and a special lecture for the members of the families of the people with special needs.

If people with special needs accept, they could also participate at the lectures, sharing their experience and showing local community their potentials and knowledge. Also, children from special classes will be invited to take part in these lectures. This way, little anti stigma campaign in local community will be held.

4. Visiting zoo and botanical garden

A visit to the Zoo would be in Subotica and a botanical garden in Belgrade. There will be an opportunity to see different flora and fauna species. Other children, volunteers would be invited to join the excursion.

5. Project coordinator activities

Project coordinator will be responsible for writing final report together for Caritas responsible as well as coordinating activities and taking care of administrative and financial work of the project.

8. Timeframe

	January	February	March	April	May	June
1. Workshops for development of capacities of people with special needs						
1.1. Workshops	*	*	*	*	*	*
2. Making a garden						
2.1. Preparing garden for planting			*			
2.2. planting flowers/trees				*		
2.3. maintaining garden				*	*	*
3. Lectures about the persons with special needs						
3.1. Finding lecturers	*	*	*			
3.2. Preparing brochures		*	*		*	
3.3. Lectures for local community			*			*
3.4. Lectures for families				*		
4. Visiting zoo and botanical garden						
4.1. Visiting botanical garden				*		
4.2. Visiting zoo						*
5. Project coordinator						
5.1. Writing a report						*
5.2. Administrative and financial work	*	*	*	*	*	*
5.3. Activity coordination	*	*	*	*	*	*

9. Budget

Item No	Item Description	No of item	Cost	Cost in USD
1	Material for workshops (colors, papers, crayons....)	12	48	576,00

2	Material for garden (flowers...)	1	100	100,00
3	Lecture preparation	3	25	75,00
4	Fee for lectures	3	100	300,00
5	Visiting zoo	1	175	175,00
6	Visiting botanical garden	1	175	175,00
Sub-total				1401
7	Administrative costs (5% of sub-total)			70,00
Total requested				1.471,00