

# Service Project

## “You and Us, Together, One History!”

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**A**nnyonghaseyo! We want to report about our service project that we organized on 1st of December.

On the National Day of Romania, we decided to celebrate it together, not just by ourselves, but together also with people that are not so fortunate and are lonely: a group of old people, from a care center for elderly. We know how important is to serve our grandparents like we love and serve God, but in our days the gap between young and old generation is quite big, and we tend to forget about our ancestors. So our purpose was to bring joy to the old people by interacting with them and offering something, but also we wanted to educate our members on how to practice true love and learn how to respect old people as our ancestors and learn some life lessons from them.

We prepared before few Romanian songs and we sang for them and also we danced traditional dance. We were very happy **because “our grandparents” enjoyed the songs**, they even sang with us and we

danced together. They thanked to us **because they said they didn't had this chance for long time, to participate to this kind of event.**

After the artistic moment, we had time to share more with them about life; we naturally made groups and discussed, **asking them few questions like: “What is the biggest joy in somebody's life?”, “What kind of advice would you like to give for the young people?” and “What is the most precious memory in your life?”.** The elders started to tell us stories about their families, about their youth and their life experiences. Was nice feeling, because although they were living there alone, without their loved ones, they were positive and treated us like their grandchildren, which made us feel very happy and gave us hope for life. They advised us to have big dreams and always strive to accomplish them.

We also had time to play some board games with the elders, which brought them a lot of joy also. We could create a

family atmosphere, really like grandchildren are visiting their grandparents.

To have a memory from us, we offered origami that we made, as a sign of peace, with the wish to have good health and prosperity.

We are grateful that we had the chance to have this experience; we could learn more about the meaning of filial piety and have this feeling of One family under God. At the end, we had a small sharing with our **volunteers and one of them said: “I thought that we come here to give love, but actually we received a lot of love!”.** I think that this was the feeling that we all had.

We just hope that, in the future, we can keep our own families close and united, creating the culture of true love in our **tribe, and we won't have to wait for a special event to all meet and spend time together.** Aju!

Thank you!



Singing Songs



Dancing



Playing board games



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Offering Origami



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Sharing life stories