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## “Restoration of City Hospital Park from Lupeni”

IMPACT I

Lupeni, Romania

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### Project Summary

This project is an initiative of IMPACT I youth club, supported by the manager of Lupeni Municipal Hospital. Together with Young Life Europe, they implemented an ecological project aimed to restore the hospital's park. The funds needed for this project were provided by Young Life. The hospital management provided the necessary tools and electricity. Because the park was in an advanced stage of degradation, three days of hard work were necessary in order to finalize this project.

### Problem Statement / Justification

The initial purpose of the park was to contribute to the comfort and relaxation of the people from the hospital. However, due to the lack of funds, doubled by citizens' lack of concern for its preservation, the hospital park turned into a ruin. As the lack of civic involvement is one of the biggest problems in the area, this project was meant to bring an example of civic responsibility and action for the rest of the community. Additionally, through the collaboration with Young Europe Organization, the project stimulated the exchange of experience between youth from Romania and youth from Western Europe.

### Objectives

- To establish a collaboration between the New Horizons Foundation and local institutions;
- To sign a partnership agreement for future projects with the management of Lupeni City hospital;
- To restore the Lupeni City Hospital Park;
- To create the opportunities for an intercultural change of experience between the Romanian youth from IMPACT I and the volunteering youth from Young Life Europe.

### Activities

- Planning the project, together with Young Life Europe Organization;
- Signing the partnership agreement with the management of Lupeni City Hospital;
- Acquisition of needed materials;
- Restoration and cleaning of the park;
- Evaluation meeting.

### Evaluation

A partnership agreement was signed with the management of Lupeni City Hospital, in order to continue the collaboration for further community service projects. The park was entirely restored. All the activities proposed for this project were successfully accomplished. Romanian youth and European youth worked together for the implementation of this project. Building on these successes, this coming year, a group of 200 youth volunteers from Young Life Europe will come back in order to take part in further community service projects in Jiu Valley, in partnership with the New Horizons Foundation.

### Partners & Sponsors

- Lupeni City Hospital provided the necessary tools for the project;
- Young Life Europe provided the necessary funds -300 USD;
- Ten volunteers from Young Life Europe took part in this project together with IMPACT I members.

### Budget

Young Life Europe – 300 USD

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