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Dear Sct. Georgsgilderne i Hammel,

Let's go outside, inhale pleasant chilling winter air... if you hear snow crunching under your feet, see children cheerfully laughing on the snowy hill and this picture makes your heart jump, be sure - Christmas time is coming..

Many stories take place here, in the SOS children's village, sometimes they are happy sometimes sad, but their characters and their emotions are always real.

#### **Creative process of healing**



*Asta with one of her creations!*

'Asta, your works are so beautiful,'- someone said to the girl. Asta often hears these words, but still feels embarrassed when someone flatters her. 'I want to buy this bowl you have made,' - said a woman who once saw her ceramic works. 'Mother mother, I sold my ceramic bowl,'- shouted girl with excitement that day. SOS mother Aldona was very happy for Asta and even not for the fact, that she had sold it, but for those burning with enthusiasm eyes.

Before the village girl's life was not so bright and exciting, girl came to the village emotionally and psychologically instable, because of life experience she had had to go through.. Now, after special help of professionals, including ceramic classes she has attended for many years, Asta has found herself as a creator, a person who can do nice things and the most important, other people like it. 'I think she has realized that if people complement her works, it means they like her too and she is worth it,' said mother.

This summer, the exhibition was opened at Asta's family house and many guests could admire her works. 'I was a host of the event, mum and

sisters helped me a lot that day. I talked with many people, told them how I created,' - boasted Asta.

Creative process of making art improves a person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being, reduces stress, and improves self-esteem. Asta's (child's name is changed to protect her identity), case is a proof of this truth,'- confirmed psychologist Grazina.

'I wish Asta's life bowl to be colourful and full of exiting adventures,'- says mother Aldona.

#### **Christmas Eve miracle**

That day, twelve year old sister Ana and four year old brother Robertas (children's names are changed to protect their identity) were walking shyly and slowly to their new home. It was Christmas Eve.



A year has passed since that moment, Ana and Robertas feel totally different; active, smiling and asking question after question, especially little Robertas. 'Mummy, when are we going to decorate Christmas tree? I want to do it as you did last year, when you were waiting for me and my sister,' – reminded the boy to his SOS mother Giedre.

Mother remembered that day, when two shy kids entered the house, - 'they looked at everything with big surprised eyes. I prepared lunch for them, but they were more interested in Christmas tree. They were walking around in excitement and probably were expecting for the presents,' - smiled mother.

'During the first weeks Robertas called me 'Giedre', later 'mother Giedre' and now he simply says 'Mum'. I am happy that they accepted me as I accepted them to my heart from the first moment I saw them.

Mother Giedre's family is growing, now she is taking care of 5 children, so this year she will have many assistants to decorate the family's Christmas tree.

Children from SOS children's village in Lithuania send you a HUGE present box full of cheerful smiles, happy eyes and grateful loving hearts that YOU have been warming up for so many years. Thank you!

Let's go outside, inhale pleasant chilling winter air... take a snow sled and slide down the hill with your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

P.S. A little Christmas present from Rolandas and his family – an apple pie recipe which they bake for a special family occasions.

#### Apple pie

3 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1 cups flour  
5 apples  
100 gr butter/ margarine  
Vanilla extract

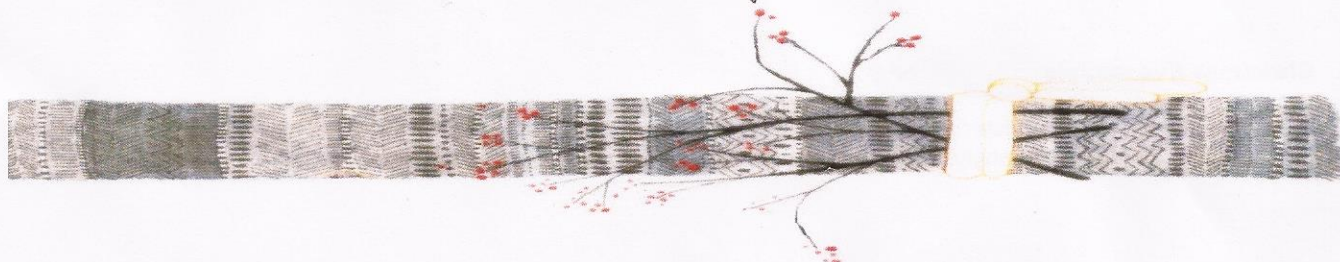
Mix flour, sugar, butter/ margarine and add blended eggs. Peel, core and slice the apples into small slices. Cover baking plate with butter, put apple slices. Then, cover apples with pastry. Bake the pie at 180C about 40 min. After pie bakes, cover it with melted chocolate.

Enjoy

Yours sincerely,  
Jurgita Ciutaite  
National Sponsorship Coordinator  
Association of SOS Children's Villages in Lithuania



*It is our Christmas tree!*



## Her er Charlottes uddrag af Rolandas' julehilsen – på dansk..

Julebrevet fra Vilnius fortæller intet omkring Rolandas – jeg ved ikke andet, end hvad jeg har modtaget og oversat efter bedste evne.

I alle årene, det gælder jule- som fødselsdagshilsener, har jeg bedt Rolandas selv skrive en lille hilsen til os, om det så var på lettisk, skulle vi nok få det oversat. Vi har aldrig hørt fra ham selv.

Da han var mindreårig, modtog vi en tegning i ny og næ. Jeg har alt, hvad vi har modtaget fra Vilnius. Ville det være noget for Krøniken?

Gildehilsen Charlotte

*"Kære Sct. Georgsgilderne i Hammel.*

*Lad os gå udenfor og indånde den kølige vinter luft – hvis du hører sne, der knaser under dine fødder, ser børn der glade ler på en sneklædt bakke, og dette billede får dit hjerte til at hoppe – ja, så er julen på vej.*

*Der er rigtig mange ting/historier, der kan fortælles her fra SOS Børnebyen i Vilnius – nogen glade, nogen triste, men de er altid ægte.*

*Der er den lille Asta, der kom til byen følelsesmæssigt og psykologisk ude af balance p.gr. af oplevelser hun havde været igennem. Hjulpet af professionelle, som fandt ud af, at der var en lille kunstner i hende, kom hun i "ceramic classes". I dag har hun udstillinger med sine keramikting i huset, hvor hun bor. Folk kan lide hendes arbejder og køber dem. Moderen i huset er stolt af Asta.*

### ***Et Juleaftens mirakel!***

*Netop denne dag kom en 12 år gammel pige Ana og hendes 4 år gamle bror Robertas gående generte og langsomt til deres nye hjem – SOS Børnebyen i Vilnius. Nu er der gået et år siden de kom. De to børn er totalt forandrede i løbet af året som er gået, fortæller deres mor Giedre.*

*Børnene fra SOS Litauen sender en kæmpe kasse med glade smil, lykkelige øjne og taknemmelige hjerter til Sct. Georgs Gildet i Hammel. Det har vi varmet op for i mange år for at få. TAK!*

*MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

*Jurgita Ciutaite*

*National Sponsorship Coordinator."*

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