

# Wheelchair Fund



My name is Alin and I am 32 years old. Five years ago, following an accident, I could not walk and had to start using a wheelchair. The days after the accident are hard to put into words. I was disoriented and I felt totally helpless. Basic activities that seemed trivial before, like crossing a threshold, were now impossible to do using a wheelchair.

After a while, I realized that life goes on and that I needed guidance from someone who went through a similar experience and could understand what I felt. This was how I met Motivation and attended their active rehabilitation camp. Their trainers, who are wheelchair users themselves, helped me regain my independence. At the camp, I discovered I was not alone. I learned that the wheelchair was but a means for moving around and that what's most important is the person using it. This helped me change the way I was looking at my situation – I understood that I need to focus on my abilities and bring forth what I am as a person.

Later, I was given the opportunity to become part of Team Motivation in Sibiu. Here, I can use my experience to help those who, just like me, want to improve their lives and regain their independence. Now I am an independent living trainer and this, for me, is more than just a job. I do my work with passion and with the desire to convey a state of mind.

Life is like riding a bicycle – to keep your balance you need to spin the wheels, and that is what we do, at Motivation. We promote abilities and we help each individual regain an active role in the community.

## Dear Friend of Motivation,

In 2017, with help from our sponsors, the trainers in Team Motivation gave back self-confidence and hope for independent living to over 4,000 Romanians with disabilities.

In 2018, Motivation continues to Spin the Wheels of Change. We aim to consolidate the Wheelchair Fund, which enables us to donate, year after year, over 1,000 quality wheelchairs to individuals with mobility disabilities living all over Romania.

The financial support of each company and the donation of each Motivation friend enable us to increase the number of wheelchairs donated annually to those who need them to break isolation. The Fund can also support employees of member companies, who may need, whether temporarily or permanently, a mobility equipment for their family member.

## Every \$100 donated to the Wheelchair Fund give back mobility to a person using a wheelchair!

Friends of Motivation who wish to join us can choose between several ways of contributing to our initiative. Any choice you make brings us closer to independent living for wheelchair users. Your donation is deductible to the fullest extent of IRS rules.

I have had the privilege to serve as the Board Chairperson for the last two years. Many of you have known of the great work of Motivation Romania Foundation. They have over the years developed an array of supports and quality services recognized throughout the world. Their ability to create sustainable programs is based on advocacy, the success of their for profit businesses, transparency and partnerships.

**Together we keep Spinning the Wheels of Change!**



### VISIONARY 12,000 USD

- 85 persons with disabilities receive wheelchairs with donor recognition on each wheelchair
- 10 athletes represent donor at Bucharest Marathon/other sports event
- recognition on Motivation website
- other personalized benefits

### DEDICATED 10,000 USD

- 75 users receive wheelchairs with the donor recognition on each wheelchair
- recognition on Motivation website
- other personalized benefits

### DEVOTED 6,000 USD

- 40 users receive wheelchairs with donor recognition
- 5 athletes represent donor at Bucharest Marathon/other sports event
- recognition on Motivation website
- other personalized benefits

### TRAILBLAZER 3,000 USD

- 25 users receive wheelchairs with donor recognition on each wheelchair
- Donor recognition on Motivation website
- Other personalized benefits

### MOTIVATING 1,500 USD

- 10 users receive wheelchairs with donor recognition on each wheelchair
- 3 athletes represent donor at Bucharest Marathon/other sports event

### BRAVE 900 USD

- 7 users receive wheelchairs
- donor recognition on Motivation website

### TRUSTING 400 USD

- 3 users receive wheelchairs with the donor recognition on each wheelchair
- posted recognition on international listing of donors

Supporter

# About Motivation, since 1995

**20,000** 

lives improved

**30** 

independent living trainers,  
former beneficiaries



**17** 

teams in the  
country

**27** 

abandoned young adults with severe disabilities  
live in our group homes since 2003

**23** 

years of Spinning the  
Wheels of Change

## In Romania

**Only 1 in 5**

persons who need a wheelchair  
have access to one

**Over 30,000**

persons who need a wheelchair  
every 3 years, are forgotten by the  
public health insurance system

**1 NGO**

Motivation donates  
personalized wheelchairs  
according to World Health

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