

Our Buddies:

Elderly People's Home - Zone B5

Characteristics: The home is located in Zona B 5, in Sofia in a block of flats. About 70 elderly people live there. They give 70% of their pension to the home, the rest is funded by the state. The elderly people are very friendly, they love performances and chatting, asking questions, telling about their life and playing with children. They extremely enjoy our visits. This is our fifth year of communication. We phone them and visit them regularly. Traditionally, we visit them for Harvest, Christmas and at the end of the school year. The elderly people come to AAS for celebrating Bulgarian national holidays. During these visits they have different activities with the children such as cooking, making martenitsas and playing board games. During these 5 years the elderly people have become very attached to the children from AAS. The link between buddies is so strong that they keep in touch even when the families leave Bulgaria.

Needs: More wall decorations; a printer, fax machine, typewriter, telephone, T.V., VCR, tape recorder; any food supplies preferably enough to distribute evenly among all residents (quantity

rather than diversity); furniture.

Our Goals for the future: Donations; Christmas presents; more visits.

