

Give a life-changing gift this Christmas

For this year's perfect Christmas present, sponsor a guide dog and transform the life of a Romanian Blind person.



LIGHT INTO EUROPE



ALEX'S STORY

My family were truly speechless when we found out 2 months ago, in the middle of the lockdown that our son Alex would be receiving a guide dog! Alex lost his sight due to retinitis pigmentosa (RP) when he was 15 years old, while we were working in Italy. As a mum, I am writing to you to let you how Light into Europe truly helped my family!

NEW HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Due to lack of accessibility in the University of Iasi, I have spent my last 3 years accompanying my son every day to courses and back home. Every day I was praying that soon, my son will become independent and able to go out by himself whenever he wants. Alex finished his University degree in Italian language and aspires to be a dedicated professional, but companies are reluctant to hire a Blind person.

When Guide dog Desmond came to our home at the end of June, it was like entering another world. It was like entering another way of being! Alex continues: For me, the biggest change in my life is that after the first week, I realized that this is the first time in quite a long time I was able to go out by myself without my mum, or a companion. I could just pick up the harness and walk out the door.

With Des I have the confidence to go anywhere. This is a real miracle that will open new opportunities for me and I can now plan to reach places which I could never have dreamed of before. I'm very grateful to Des' s puppy walkers (including Alix Sheppard in the UK) and all the Light into Europe team and donors!

Each of you contributed to the life-changing difference that Alex and his Mother wrote to us about. It takes all of you: donors who give so generously, dedicated puppy walker volunteers, guide dogs users who educate and inspire and supporters who share in the passion for making a difference in the lives of Romanian people living with sight or hearing loss! So to each of you, a heartfelt thank you!

We hope you'll continue to be involved, take action, and be a part of the GREAT Light into Europe team.

YOU ARE THE REASON WE ARE ABLE TO DO WHAT WE DO!

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"I felt isolated, hopeless and as if I had no one... we found Light into Europe and felt secure, welcome and received lots of practical help"

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING TIMES FOR EVERYONE, BUT NOW MORE THAN EVER WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO DELIVER THESE SERVICES, SO IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT US IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED.

YOUR DONATIONS WILL ALLOW MORE PEOPLE LIKE ALEX TO HAVE ACCESS TO A GUIDE DOG

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