

NARRATIVE P R O J E C T R E P O R T

Art Therapy for Vulnerable Children

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Pottery workshop

There are 13 children in the pottery workshop class, 8 of them are children from Artsakh.

Some of the children will soon return to their homes and they like to make crafts, which they can use at home, such as cups, plates and teapots.

The children with special needs enjoy working with clay. Now there are 3 such children in the group. 2 of them don't attend school and this is one of their favorite activities. The teacher admits that one of them has a special talent for pottery and works hard with this child to improve her skills. This girl has musculoskeletal disorders and mental disability and she is feeling very proud with her achievements in pottery.

The children are learning to work with the pottery machine. This is something they always do with special joy. After making crafts, they are stamping beautiful prints with plants, flowers and lace.

Puppetry workshop and mobile puppet theatre

There are 10 children in the puppetry workshop and mobile theatre class, 2 of them are children from Artsakh and 6 from the community. During this period they have been working on the performance of two fairy tales – "The stupid man" and "The cat in the boots". Now all the puppets and decorations are ready, the children are ready for the performance, which will take place in the middle of July. The children also wanted to present all the puppets they prepared during this period.

Sand therapy

There are 17 children in sand therapy class, 7 of them are children from Artsakh and 4 from the community. The teacher has noticed, that they mostly like to play with kinetic sand, and also they are fond of painting with quartz sand. The most common things they like to create are cakes and churches.

The children took part in exhibition- sales organized by "Yeraz" kid's center. They presented their pottery crafts, beautiful angels, soldiers and small puppets, which they made at the puppetry workshop and also paintings. The kids decided the prices for the crafts themselves and were happy, that the costumers liked their works and bought many items.