



THANK YOU!

LETTER

From four youngsters that are employed at “TOK”
(All coming from orphan institute “SOS Village”)

It has been a pleasure for us to work for the last 4 months with four brilliant youngsters. For some of them this is their first working experience and we are happy to have been the ones to help them jump into the working market with more self-confidence, with better knowledge of their rights, duties and responsibilities, and hopefully with a better understanding of what is right and wrong.

They are very grateful to have such opportunity and support from your club and our organization. The best way to show their gratitude is by working hard, enjoy what are they doing and learning process and till now they are doing their best. They wanted to show something more about themselves to us!

They have chosen from one of their favorite authors or their favorite quote, to show where they take their inspiration. All of us have had heroes and their stories or their words have helped us at least once in our life time.

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

My name is Rovena Tartaraj and I am 19 years old. I finished recently my high school studies, with focus on foreign languages where I learned English, Turkish and Spanish. I really like school and I will continue further with my university studies. I have been working during my summers and this year I had the pleasure to be part of "TOK", a coffee shop with a social purpose to help young people. I am a social animator working and interacting directly with children. For me it is a new experience that I am loving a lot, and that I am sure would not have the chance to experience in any other place than YMCA Tirana. I am very grateful for the opportunity and for the





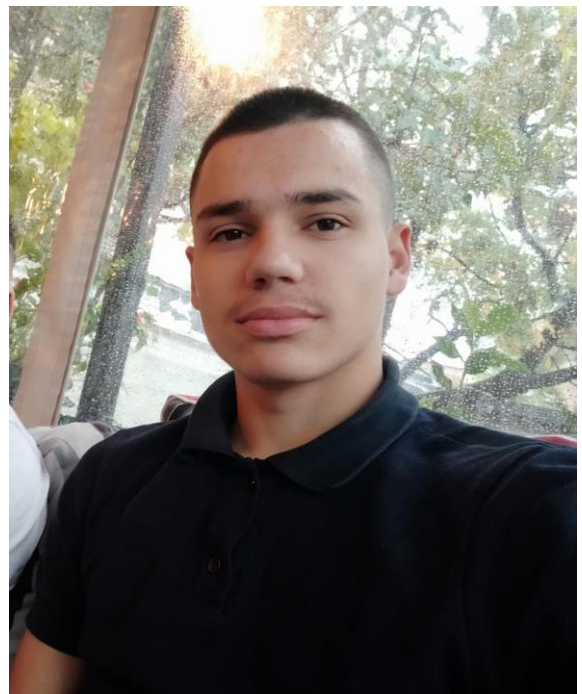
support I find working in such a positive and encouraging environment.

In my free time I like to read books, watch movies, listen to music, go out with friends, etc. My favorite sport is swimming and I practice it. This was a brief description to describe myself.

“Eventually, the time that was not spent on learning skills will catch up with you, and the fall will be painful.”

Robert Greene

My name is Danjel Dervishi, I am 18 years old and have just finished high school. After concluding this first part of my education, while deciding what my next choice would be, I was looking for any job not only for some extra money but also to challenge myself. At the end of June I got offered the possibility to be part of the project “TOK”. Even though I do not see myself in the future as a bar tender, I think and I am sure that I am learning more than I thought from this experience. I have learnt some practical skills, which will be very much helpful in any endeavour I will undertake, such as time and task management, communication skills within different situation and with different people. I am happy I met with YMCA here in Albania and glad to be part of TOK and of the big worldwide YMCA family. Thank you to YMCA and Y’s Menette Club for offering such opportunities to young people in specific circumstances as we are, which I am sure will help us to be better persons and future professionals with different skills

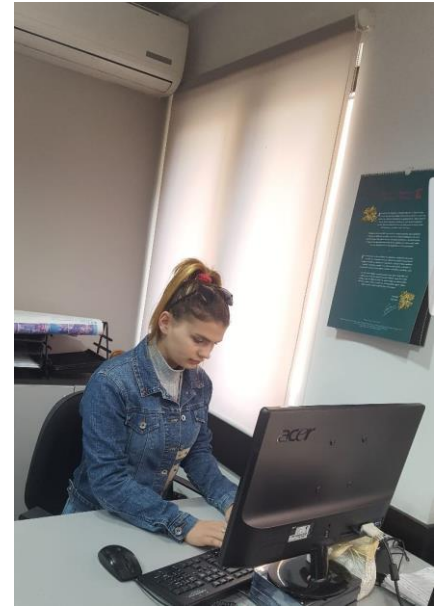




“As a woman I have no country. As a woman I want no country. As a woman, my country is the whole world.”

Virginia Woolf

My name is Adela Roçi, 19 years old and I just finished high school vocational studies for economic/finance. Life is very hard and I do believe that beyond any difficulty there is hope and good chances to continue smiling. My dream is to continue with my studies and to be able to be my own person and a very good professional in economic sciences. I think that the best thing in this life is to help those in need. I have always wanted to give back and help other people, the same way as I was helped, taught and given an opportunity. An important opportunity given to me this summer is working for “TOK” becoming part of a bigger family, YMCA Tirana. I feel myself in what I have been doing here, I am learning new practical things and I love the very warm and ‘familiar’ environment created. This is a wonderful opportunity for me and I am very grateful for being taken in and for the support.



“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

Mark Twain

My name is Megi Blaceri and I am 17 years old. I am still in high school hoping to continue further my studies. I love sports, in particular basketball, which I have recently learnt is an invention of an old YMCA member. In the last few months, precisely, I had the chance to work for the Albanian branch of YMCA and I am very happy to be part of this big family. I have great colleagues and employers. I am grateful to them not only for the possibility given to me, regardless of my absence of work experience, but also for the help, support and precious advices.



