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For the attention of the decision-making body

I am sending you this letter of intent to express my desire to be accepted by the locality of Corpaci, a member of the WHO GLOBAL NETWORK FOR AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES.

The village of Corpaci implements the concept of an Age-Friendly Community from 2020, with the application within the Aging and Health project implemented by AO CASMED, financed by the Swiss Red Cross. Every fourth person in our town is over 50 years old. This fact motivated us to focus on assessing the needs of the elderly, prioritizing them and determining solutions to solve them. Through the involvement and activity of the members of the local Coordinating Committee and the local initiative group, we carried out many local activities through volunteering and community mobilization. We have accumulated experience in determining the needs of the elderly, in initiating socio-medical care services at home for the elderly and the disabled. We initiated a social canteen in the locality that offered a hot lunch during the cold period of the year to lonely elderly people. The mini-grant won within the project, as well as co-financing the town hall, the voluntary work of the villagers ensured the setting up of an outdoor socializing space for the elderly. This space positioned near the local church attracts many grandmothers and grandchildren. The space is furnished with three gazebos, tables, chairs, trash cans and some entertainment utilities for children. The local initiative group "Romantica" is very active in local initiatives. They know all the problems of the elderly and come up with solutions and involvement proposals. The local public administration helps and creates them as much as possible conditions, thus offering them a space where they can meet during the winter, work on their action plan, prepare for the socio-cultural activities.

Our objective is to ensure that elderly people do not live with the fear of being alone, without the care and attention of the community.

We find very attractive the idea of the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to connect cities, communities and organizations around the world. The experiences of other communities help to avoid mistakes in the planning of activities, enrich with new ideas. In response to the aging global population, we focus on local actions that encourage the full participation of older people in community life and promote healthy and active ageing.

We are sure that the Corpaci community has experiences to share with other communities, but also wants new experiences, new visions, new approaches. By becoming a member of the network our community would have more opportunities to ensure the continuity of developing an age-friendly community, which is our number one goal.

Sincerely,
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