



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! This month, we're inspired by the profound impact that compassionate healthcare and nurturing environments can have, no matter where we come from.

In the heart of Lovech, Bulgaria, the Firefly children's ward has been beautifully transformed by Za Dobroto Foundation, with heartfelt support from the America for Bulgaria Foundation and private donors. This makeover goes beyond new equipment — it's about crafting a haven where children can heal and flourish. It's a testament to the incredible things we can achieve when we come together, uplifting not just individuals, but entire communities.

Similarly, the Trust for Social Achievement is making groundbreaking strides in vulnerable communities, also supported by the Foundation. By transforming informal settlements into recognized neighborhoods, they're not just constructing buildings, they're building dreams, giving families the dignity of a legal address and access to life's essentials — water, electricity, and a stable future.

Moreover, we're embracing the transformative power of family-centered care, pioneered by Dr. Snezana Nena Osorio, of Weill Cornell Medicine. This approach does more than treat; it heals by integrating families into the care process, creating a circle of support that leads to happier, healthier lives.

These stories remind us that, despite our differences, our aspirations for health and happiness are universal. Join us in nurturing a world where every individual has the opportunity for a vibrant, healthy future. Let's accelerate change together — support these life-altering initiatives!

The glow of change



The Firefly Effect: Lovech Celebrates a Milestone in Community-Driven Pediatric Care

The refurbishment of the Firefly children's ward in Lovech was a true team effort: Za Dobroto's work was supported by the America for Bulgaria Foundation and dozens of individuals and businesses.

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Dreams within reach



Unlocking a Normal Life: The Transformational Power of an Official Address in Bulgaria

The Trust for Social Achievement's efforts to formalize informal settlements around the country transform lives, offering residents access to basic services and legal recognition — a crucial step toward normalcy and security.

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Partners in Healing: Dr. Osorio's Family-Centered Approach Reshapes Pediatric Care

Weill Cornell Medicine's Dr. Snezana Nena Osorio (second right) champions family-centered care, which enhances patient outcomes by integrating families into care. Dr. Osorio visited Bulgaria at ABF's invitation.

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Don't miss out!



Twenty high school students in grades 8–12 will participate in the program on July 1–8. Participants will learn about storytelling, report on real stories, and have fun. The camp is free for participants and is organized by the Association of European Journalists, the Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission, and the America for Bulgaria Foundation. **Apply by May 7!**

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