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The puppets from Croatia

The group of children, called "Children's Forum Society, Our Children, Opatija" are happy to participate in the Tapori campaign. They sent us their *"Dolls of Friendship"*. Here are their puppets and two stories of friendship.

"My friend Sena lived in a home for unwanted children. No one wanted to help her or hang out with her. I helped her study. We became friends. She found her new home in Bosnia. She lives there now. I think that we are all equal and should all be friends."

Jan, 12 years old

"This is my friend Benfik. He's 12 years old. He's a gypsy. He goes to school with me. No one wanted to be friends with him and everyone made fun of him. I became his friend. I think, no matter what color someone is, everyone should be friends and the color of someone's skin is not a reason not to be friends with someone."

David, 10 years old

News from Vietnam

On March 26, a group of children celebrated a day of friendship. They help each other to grow strong, because life is not easy for their families. Together, they read aloud the Tapori story of Ari from Indonesia: *"Nothing can limit your dreams!"* *Then, the children drew puppets of themselves and wrote down their main dream for the future.*

Duy,
11 years old, wants to be a doctor, to be able to provide access to treatment for his parents and for people who live in poverty.

Ngoan,
12 years old, has a lot of dreams: being a beautician, clothing designer, teacher, artist, singer! She wants to help her parents and be useful to her country.

Hùng's dream is to become a lawyer, useful for his family and society at large. He thinks that this career is good because a lawyer can speaks out about concerns that most people can't easily express.

Phong,
10 year old boy, would like to be a good student, and good professor in the future.

Then, they ate a delicious meal prepared by their mothers!

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The Story of the Dove

This year, 2017, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Tapori.

This is the Story of the Dove, the story which tells how Tapori began in 1967.

Francine* lived in the camp for homeless families in Noisy-le-Grand. It's near Paris. The families who lived there had very poor houses without water and electricity. One morning, someone knocked on her window.

Francine looked up and saw the face of a little boy with uncombed hair. His face was very red and he looked at her with big, serious eyes. She recognized André.

Francine smiled and opened the window. Shyly, André set a bird cage on the window sill.

In it, there was a dove. He handed the cage to her and said: "Here, take it. It's for you."
"But André, it's your dove. You don't like it anymore?"

"Yes, I love her very much. That's why I want you to take her," said André.

"I had two but the rats killed one. Last night, they attacked this one. Look at her tail. All the feathers are gone. I don't want her to die. Here there are no rats, so you'll keep her safe."

**Francine was one of the full-time volunteers of ATD Fourth World.*
The volunteers live and work with families in poverty to fight with them against poverty.

Then André ran away so she would not see him crying.

Francine held the cage with a heavy heart, thinking.

“ This is not fair. He had to give up what he liked the best, his dove, to save her. ”

She laid the cage on the table, spoke gently to the dove and gave her some bread crumbs and water.
Then she hurried; she didn't want to be late for her appointment at a TV station.

She had been asked to speak about the camp of Noisy-le-Grand at a program for children.
It was a program that wanted children to get to know each other.

Before this day, Francine was not sure of what she would say. But now she knew exactly what to say.
She would tell the story of André and his doves.

First the TV showed images of the camp, and then Francine told the story of André and his doves.

At the end, she proposed to the children watching,

"What if we got together and everyone gave a franc* (about one dollar).

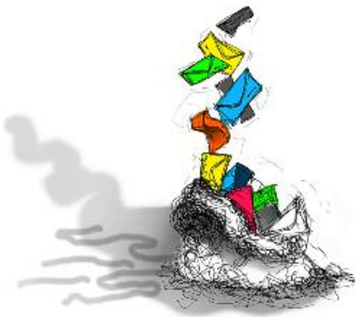
We could make the preschool of the camp bigger, so the children could be happy together, play together, and learn a lot of wonderful things."

Hundreds of children answered and sent a franc or sometimes more. Some children said that they wanted to be friends with André and children like him.
Many letters arrived in the camp; some even came from other countries. It was amazing!

After this, Joseph Wresinski, the founder of ATD Fourth World, together with Francine and other full time volunteers like Georgette, wrote a letter to answer the children who had written. It was also sent to other children. Over 1000 letters were sent. That first letter became the Tapori newsletter.

Today, children are still receiving the Tapori newsletter. Now it exists in several languages and is sent to children on five continents!

Thanks to you and all those who join you! We will all continue to build a chain of friendship for a better world, a world of Peace!



Illustrations : Elaine B. Fernandez, 16 year old, Philippines

**franc: old currency in France replaced by Euro*

Questions for the Story of the Dove

What do you like about the Story of the Dove?

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Do you know other children who are having a difficult life?
Tell us about them.

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