



HEARTS ACROSS ROMANIA AWARDS FIRST

ADRIANA SERBANESCU EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Hearts Across Romania is happy to announce Cristian Madalin as the recipient of the first Adriana Serbanescu Educational Scholarship. Cristian, a third year student majoring in mechanical engineering at Transylvania University in Brasov, was selected from a group of eligible candidates because of his proven academic excellence, his demonstrated financial need and his quality of character.

The Adriana Serbanescu Educational Scholarship was established earlier this year by friends and family as a way of honoring her memory after she passed away from a courageous life-long battle with heart disease. Her loved ones wanted to inspire young adults in Romania to imagine a better world and to be able to make a difference in that world. This endowed scholarship, named in Adriana's honor, provides funding for current college students who have demonstrated their commitment to overcoming financial hardships and barriers to life, through their desire for a higher education.

This scholarship will be awarded to students with (1) a strong academic record in any field of study; (2) a significant financial need; and (3) quality of character and commitment to serving others. The goal of the scholarship is to provide funding to students who meet the stated requirements and who might not otherwise be able to attend or complete college.

In the words of Cristian, now he "doesn't have to worry about missing anything," and the scholarship "has taken a burden off my parents' shoulders. I didn't receive only money from you, but a big boost in confidence, a feeling of relief, and also I learned how important it is to help people around you."

As a way of giving back and a condition of maintaining their scholarship, recipients are expected to participate in Hearts Across Romania Volunteer Work Teams in Brasov, as well as acting as mentors and role models for young Romanian children sponsored through our organization.

The Adriana Serbanescu Educational Scholarship provides up to a four-year Master's Degree at Transylvania University in Brasov and covers books, fees, living expenses and a monthly stipend.

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Cristian Madalin



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