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## **Hearts Across Romania Receives Grant from Little Heroes**

*Utah-based non profit donates \$2,500 in cash, shoes, to Romanian orphanage*

**DALLAS (June 21, 2013)** – [Hearts Across Romania](#), a Dallas-based non-profit foundation established to improve the quality of life for orphaned children in Brasov, Romania, has received a grant of \$2,500 in cash and 250 pairs of shoes from the [Little Heroes Foundation](#).

Based in Provo, Utah, Little Heroes aims to improve the mental and physical well being of children throughout the world by serving, supporting and enhancing human life. Their grant makes it possible to purchase tennis shoes and sneakers in the United States for distribution throughout orphanages around Romania.

“Providing shoes to children in this community is an ongoing concern, especially as children grow and need new shoes frequently,” said Jerry Williams, Lakewood resident and president of Hearts Across Romania. “Most of these children have only one pair of shoes and they see a lot of wear and tear. And some have never even owned a brand new pair of shoes. We’re grateful to Little Heroes for giving us the resources needed to help these children one step at a time.”

Two Hearts Across Romania board members will host a volunteer work team trip to Romania from September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 1st when they personally distribute the shoes to children at the Dacia Orphanage, the Lady Bug Day Care Center, the UPSV transitional program, and to youngsters who are in the HAR Sponsor a Child Program.

Hearts Across Romania is looking for additional volunteers interested in participating in this trip, as well as in future events. Volunteers must be over the age of 16 and are asked to pay \$1,400 for the 14-day journey. This fee covers the cost of meals, lodging, ground transportation and some sightseeing and cultural activities. Airfare is not included in this fee and will be the responsibility of the work team member.

Hearts Across Romania was founded in October 2003 by Mariana Achiriloaie, Geanie Burns and Susan Flanagan—three friends with the desire to help orphaned Romanian children. To find out more about Hearts Across Romania, or to sign up for the upcoming trip, visit [www.HeartsAcrossRomania.org](http://www.HeartsAcrossRomania.org) or call (972) 849-4359.