

# Projects

## ONE

Sponsor a Child Program

## TWO

Host volunteer work teams to Romania

## THREE

Provide ongoing in-kind donations for Romanian children and their communities

## FOUR

Support ongoing vision program established in 2004, including eye surgeries and glasses

## FIVE

Partnership with One Step to the Future (UPSV) Transitional Program



# Accomplishments

■  
In-kind medical donations valued at over \$200,000 have been shipped and distributed to Brasov area hospitals.

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\$36,000 of new medical equipment purchased and donated to children's hospitals in the Brasov area.

■  
Sponsored eye operations for Romanian children. Donated new and used eye-glasses to children and adults in the Brasov community.

■  
Provided over 750 pairs of new shoes to children and needy families.

■  
Provide ongoing sponsorship of the One Step to the Future (UPSV) Transitional Program providing donations totaling over \$33,000.



# Hearts Across Romania



A NON-PROFIT  
DEDICATED TO  
IMPROVING THE QUALITY  
OF LIFE FOR ROMANIA'S  
CHILDREN AND THE  
COMMUNITIES WHERE  
THEY LIVE.



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# The Beginning

Hearts Across Romania is the result of three friends brought together by their desire to help orphaned Romanian children. In 2003, Romanian native Mariana Achiriloaie and Texas natives, Geanie Burns and Suan Flanagan, founded the organization.

These 3 women combined their energy, resources, and passion for children to create a non-profit dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Romanian children.

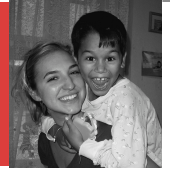
## Romania's History And Today

Romania suffered under the rule of Nicolae Ceausescu, a communist dictator, for over 25 years until he was overthrown and executed in 1989. During his reign, birth control and abortion were illegal, and families who did not have at least 5 children were punished with increased taxes. He was building up his country, but at a terrible and lasting cost to the people. After his rule, the economy was poor and families could not support their large families, so many children were placed in orphanages, where they did not receive the proper care that every child deserves.

Today, despite great improvements, Romania continues to struggle. Everyday, newborns are abandoned in hospitals and young children are dropped off in state facilities, where they begin their lives lacking love and a family they may never know.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

- Anne Frank



## Sponsor A Child

Hearts Across Romania's new Sponsor A Child program allows you to make a significant change in the life of a child. It allows you to grant that child a solution to one of their greatest troubles: finances.

You can be the sponsor and pen pal to a Romanian child – an orphan who has never known a parent, a struggling family trying to stay together, or a teenage orphan who is in great need of medical or dental care or would like to continue his or her education but does not have the means to do so.

You can be a friend, a mentor, a supporter. With your sponsorship you are providing a measure of financial stability that has been missing from a child's life. You are saying, "I care about you" to a child who is waiting to hear this message.

You can provide food, shelter, clothing, education, medical/dental care and so much more. The effects are endless. You are giving hope to an orphaned, abandoned, or vulnerable child.



You may make a one-time donation to a child or sponsor a child monthly.

You can meet these beautiful children on our website at [www.HeartsAcrossRomania.org](http://www.HeartsAcrossRomania.org).

## Volunteers: Join Our Work Team!

One of the best reasons to join us on a work trip is that you get to meet, work, play with, and see the smiles of these amazing children in person! Once you do... your life will be changed.

Hearts is unique in that we can customize work trips to meet your volunteer interests. We work closely with you to plan a trip tailored fit to you!

Volunteers do not need to have special skills or experience. All we require is the desire to make a difference in the lives of Romanian children.



Trips are generally 2 weeks in length, and volunteers will have the opportunity to work with children of all ages, from babies to young adults.

Teams work primarily in and around Brasov, Romania, a beautiful medieval city in the Transylvania region of the country. If you are interested in volunteering on a work team, please contact Hearts Across Romania for more information.

Won't you join us on our journey to improve the lives of Romanian children?



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