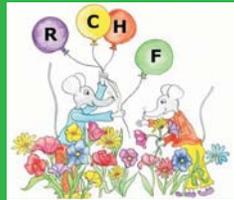


# Stichting RCHF June - August 2013 update



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Stichting Romanian Children's Humanitarian Foundation known in short as RCHF-NL bases all of its effort into bringing humanity where little appears to exist amongst the poorest & most needy of one of the European Union's most poorest Countries namely Romania. Working with empathy and understanding of extreme poverty RCHF-NL brings a whole new meaning of life to some of Europe's poorest and most deserving children.

Our voluntary team based in The Netherlands and Romania alike works as a team for the direct benefit of children, pensioners alone and families who need extra support to find their way ahead in life again. **We hope that you will agree that we can all suffer from hardship in our lifetimes & it is in those very times when a Christian hand of support can make a huge difference!**

## Stichting RCHF provides a new playroom for children interned in Dorohoi Hospital.



Over 2,500 children are interned in Dorohoi municipal hospital in north east Romania yearly suffering from a variety of illnesses. During their time in hospital none of the children receive any mental stimulus and all loose out on vital education, which in Romania is never recuperated once a child is well enough to be home and return to pre-school or main steam school again. Stichting RCHF places a very high emphasis on education which is the right of every child and we simply could not stand by when we saw these sick children simply sat on their beds all day with no mental stimulation. A meeting with the Hospital manager, plus support from wonderful sponsors who created a **Bun Sunday** fund-raiser via their Church in Brussels and also support from Wings of Angels provided us with the tools to provide a education & playroom for every child interned in Dorohoi hospital pediatric wards. Now daily children are stimulated and educated, plus have time to enjoy the toys and games too all helping recovery!  
 Photographs below show part of new RCHF playroom, one of the childrens wards and Brian Douglas of RCHF with Dr Valerie Andreis manager of Dorohoi Hospital



**Stichting RCHF caring for children in need!**

## RCHF summer holiday camp 2013

Far too many children in Romania because of extreme family hardship never get even 1 days holiday away with their parents year after year. This is in stark contrast to many other countries within the EU where children do get days away with their parents in the long school holidays. In 2012 we made our first summer camp for deserving children and because of the success of that camp we were able again this year to provide some more very needy children with a full weeks holiday. The holiday camp again took place in the beautiful Suceava mountains near the village of Botos and our thanks go to the Local Mayor Mr Ciocan and his officers for providing the camp fields free of any charges, plus to the local Ciocanesti school for loan of sports equipment and extra tents. The fact we as an NGO collaborate with the Inspectorate of Police in Suceava County also brought more added and valued support with senior Police officers attending the camp to help and also make a series of actions to the children's benefits on the subject of child crime, which saw children taking part also in very interesting role play activities. Every child had 3 full meals a day plus treats and many for the first time were excited at sleeping in a tent and warm sleeping bag! Days were filled with sports and exercise activities, walks and organized games, plus each night there was a warm campfire for the children to sit around and enjoy each others company. Every child went home very happy and this made us happy knowing that these children this year had, had a holiday. Our thanks also go to Face Faw volunteers Freddie Michell and Ioana Medelet who traveled from the UK to give their time free along with Claudia Samson, Dan Bostan and Ionut Epureanu.



## RCHF-NL giving needy children a holiday



## Child Safety & awareness of adolescent problems

As we grow up and become teenagers there are many distractions that face the modern child, some good but also some definitely not good. All too often a child who would normally lead a clean straight life falls pray because of the friends around them and before they know it their life is destroyed at a tender age by committing a petty crime. In today's World with parents occupied, children often simply do not get to learn about dangers that can appear when growing up and as a result also of a lack of education in many schools on adolescent subjects there is a growing number of children today all too easily falling on the wrong side of the law. Within Stichting RCHF we in our collaboration with Suceava Police Inspectorate provide the means for all children in our care to receive regular information on adolescent problems, thus addressing these problems in the children's mind before they appear in real life. Within Romania as with many other EU countries we now have many children of a tender age addicted to narcotics, which have very quickly ruined their lives and that of their families too. As affiliate members of EURAD (Europe against Drugs) we also educate on these real dangers faced by children who all too often are enticed to try narcotics by their friends. Trafficking of children across international borders is also a problem in Romania and every child needs to understand how to react and were to get immediate help if such a case appears to them or a friend. We take child safety as a priority and educate many children a year on such subject. In the Photographs below you can see Inspector Ionut Epureanu of Suceava Police Inspectorate at the RCHF summer camp educating children and also allowing them to participate in role play activities.



## Flooding in North East Romania leaves many thousands homeless again.

Year after yea and despite many promises by Romanian authorities, few of which are ever implemented means that the North East of the Country suffers from severe flooding several times a year. In July Iasi City was flooded including residential dwellings and apartments at ground floor level, plus basements and many business properties too including local markets. Most could be avoided if there was drainage within the City and town areas and if river banks that often break loose because of huge amounts of water in these times of monsoon like rainstorms were shored up as in The Netherlands. I take Wemeldinge as one very good example. Stichting RCHF has helped in the task of aiding flood victims since the terrible floods in Dorohoi town in 2010 and has huge experience in this domain, the fact we were invited by NATO to produce a document on man made and natural disasters and their causes is proof to this. In the most recent flooding in Galati and vaslui counties 9 human lives have been lost, plus hundreds of animal lives, thousands of families have lost not only their homes, but also all their belongings in these floods that simply washed all away that was within its raging path. **Stichting RCHF appeals for any donations of support that can help flood victim families and can be donated via our website bank address at RABOBANK**



# Stichting RCHF helping children in care.

RCHF-NL has all year joined in a healthy collaboration with the center for children named Laurentiu Ulici in the Suceava County town of Gura Humorului. This center was brought to our attention via our collaboration with Suceava Police Inspectorate and is home to many very needy children. We are trying to raise funds to replace old and worn ^& broken beds within this children's center and any donations will be accepted for this purpose, thus allowing these children a comfortable bed to sleep in at night along with a few treats!

Below is a photograph of some of the children at a special event in June this year.



## Dorohoi Ambulance service.

Since RCHF started its voluntary work in the July 2010 flood disaster we have helped many and have also made friends within the town including at the Ambulance service which though well behind in terms of modern equipment saves lives daily of all in need within this large municipal of Botosani County. Petrica Parascan a proud member of Dorohoi Ambulance service in particular has been of help to our NGO including arranging free accommodation when we have had need to be overnight in the town especially in the bitter cold winters. Petrica's Wife Mihaela is a nurse at the Municipal hospital and so it's a real medical orientated and caring family we are proud to know as with all members of the Ambulance crew in Dorohoi. Below is a photo of Petrica Parascan with Brian Douglas of RCHF.



# Back to school - Autumn term

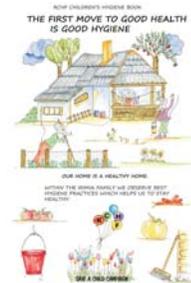


If a child is to have success in life ahead it needs to learn as much information as possible from the earliest of ages, starting at Pre School and moving on to mainstream schooling and later high school. Within the most needy of families the chance of success is lowered dramatically by the simple fact that within the family there is a shortage of funds. In Romania schools do not provide even the basics of materials or equipment and parents are expected to fund these items. Sadly this is not possible in many families with social needs and here we at RCHF

Step in and help, thus allowing the child from a family without means to also be able to attend school and learn alongside the other children in class without embarrassment or having to feel second class! The cost to RCHF is small in our opinion compared to the benefits to these children as allows them to receive a basic education which is the right of every EU member state child. One such student we have supported for several years now has done so well that he passed through high school and is now at Iasi University and has a bright future ahead in his life.

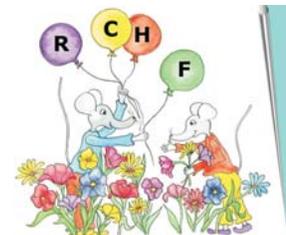


## Timmete Je Muis



“Timmete Je Muis” is the work of Mrs Miriam Charmant of Helmod The Netherlands and over several years now Miriam has dedicated a great deal of her time to creating superb artworks based around a set of muis (mouse characters) adding text and all of this has produced the very best early learning tools a child can have in pre school. I invite you to see in the Dutch language her website at this link <http://www.timmitetjemuis.nl> and appeal also for support for this wonderful range of children’s educational books. We within RCHF have tested the products in both kindergartens and schools in Romania and they have been received with great interest and success in class. We would like now to have at least 5,000 copies for kindergartens but lack funding and ask for donations to support these early learning tools which can be made via the Timmete website and will go towards helping educate needy children..

Our voluntary work in helping the most neediest of children depends on donations as we receive no support from the Dutch or Romanian Governments  
If you can help in any way please contact us at [stichting\\_rchf@yahoo.com](mailto:stichting_rchf@yahoo.com)



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