



## This Christmas we made children & parents alike happy

Christmas 2011 thanks to all who supported including UEA KAOS and Dorcas amongst many others meant we were able to bring real Christmas joy to the most needy of families in North East Romania. December was a long month of filled with hard work for all of us in Romania in RCHF, but an enjoyable one as on each delivery we saw the most needy of children filled with joy as they received their Christmas presents including again this year deliveries in both Botosani County – Dorohoi and Suceava County by Father Christmas.

Parents also who simply had no means in the most needy of families received Christmas food as well as food aid from Dorcas, thus assuring these most deserving of families not only a Christmas dinner but enough food supplies including fresh meat, eggs, cheese, vegetables and fresh fruit amongst many food items we purchased with RCHF funds to last into early January as well meaning these families could also celebrate the New Year day with a good meal on the table for all the family too.

In the photo you can see RCHF Romanian volunteer Ionut Preotu with 2 of many children who received Christmas presents in Dorohoi on the 24<sup>th</sup> December!



# Father Christmas delivering RCHF Christmas aid in December 2011

A selection of Christmas delivery photographs – for further photographs please see our website album!





Alexandra & Ionut with a child in Dorohoi



We are thankful to our Romanian volunteers Alexandra Railianu & Ionut Preotu plus the Suceava Police for there support in Christmas aid Deliveries again this year



In these small dwellings near Dorohoi live families who have a difficult life to say the least. They are honest Christian people but without means and are trying to raise their families as best they can and this year we were able thanks to your support to deliver aid including clothing, food and Christmas presents for every child in this complex of dwellings were just getting a bucket of water is a precarious job from the only water well in front of the dwellings surrounded by thick ice.



We received support from the public in Bucharest arranged by UK ex-patriot Dean Edgar who made an appeal amongst friends resulting in a delivered consignment of clothing to distribute in Dorohoi to the most needy of families- all of whom were thankful and overjoyed.

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These photographs show the appalling state of some of the replacement dwellings in Dorohoi constructed for the flood victims who lost their own homes in the terrible flooding of July 2010.

Doorways left unfinished with large holes above the doorways, bathrooms that have unfinished ceilings and walls causing damp and mould to gather and many more problems caused by poor construction and poor workmanship despite huge funds that were made available for reconstruction.

Now families are left in a new dwelling that is far from healthy to live in. We will look to try making some repairs to the worst affected dwellings in 2012.

In the last months of 2011 finally after a 15-month wait families were given replacement dwellings in Dorohoi to enter into. Many had to wait longer as these dwellings had no mains services and when they arrived there was a long wait for formal contracts for gas, electricity and water supplies, which had to be paid for before families could have these services in their dwelling. RCHF jumped in with support and paid these set up service bills for the poorest of families who simply had no means otherwise to have electricity, gas or water supplies in their replacement dwelling.

In Iasi County we continued to support the educational cost of a student who lives in a family with reduced income, thus assuring his education in Iasi were he has started at Iasi University last fall. We also continued our support aided by Mrs Roelie Post in Brussels of a family in Madarjac village who live in poor conditions and provided fresh fruit to children in a rural kindergarten on St Nicholas day as well as to children in Dorohoi. also.



**We thank you all for your support in 2011** and look forward to achieving greater support for the most needy of families that we help in 2012 as well as continued support for our educational work in the public health domain. In early 2012 we will be making first school trials with the new RCHF drug prevention board game lesson, which teaches young people about the dangers of narcotics and how to live a clean safe life without drugs!

