

## Stichting Romanian Children's Humanitarian Foundation

Newsletter covering December 2017 to February 2018

### Timmie products are changing learning habits in pre school education



Above photo; Miriam & Jeroen Charmant at the printers with pallets of timmie products ready to send to Romania.

Since the introduction in 2014 of the 1<sup>st</sup> range of early learning Timmie products with their distinctive mouse family logo and artworks all designed by Miriam & Jeroen Charmant with expert attention to even the smallest detail we now have in 2018 a full range of Timmie products.

Over 18,000 Timmie books and early learning cards are now helping children to learn with ease at the earliest age in northeast Romania with St RCHF delivering to kindergartens weekly, plus training staff in their use as well as making call backs on occasion to check on progress. The feedback has been so good that Miriam is now preparing yet another 7,000 Timmie early learning books that she has designed to be sent to St RCHF in Romania, thus adding to the already extensive range of Timmie products. Our thanks go to **'GIVE Eur-Hope'** who have provided the majority of sponsorship of this ongoing project along with other local Dutch sponsors.

Our view is that if you give a child at the earliest age a good start in learning they will flourish and gain better marks when move up to mainstream schooling. The project also allows the child who is lagging behind in class to catch up to the standard required, thus all children gain from the easy to follow Timmie lessons!



In the photographs above you can see the Timmie products which include books and learning cards being used in various class sessions, plus a teaching staff training session and boxes of Timmie products in the RCHF vehicle ready to distribute within northeast Romania.



Our thanks also go to Suceava County Police Inspectorate for their help in distributing the Timmie products on many occasions within the County.

## St RCHF facilitated a donation of books to village high school in Botosani County

In January St RCHF received an offer of over 100 reading books from a Romanian lady in Ploesti town in the south of the Country. The condition set was that the books would be used and read by whoever we donated them to. In this condition and knowing hundreds of schools and high schools it was not an easy decision to make a choice. We after much thought decided to donate the books to a village High School at Stefanesti in Botosani County. This is a village near the Romanian frontier with The Republic of Moldova and has a fair amount of Rroma families within the large village. We know the high school well and the teachers know us also and we know that even the Rroma children have done well enough in mainstream school to be able to pass up into high school and are making good marks there also amongst all the other children. For us therefore it was fitting to offer this donation to Stefan Lucian high school in Stefanesti village. Rural villages often get overlooked with aid and support and we by awarding this donation have not only helped the children at the high school, but have also raised moral among staff who are delighted that their high school was chosen for such a donation.



A group of the Stefanesti high school children with their donation in the school library

## Food aid for vulnerable families 2017/18\

St RCHF for many years has supported vulnerable families in northeast Romania comprising of children and in other cases senior citizens living alone on an ongoing basis with freshly purchased food and donated food alike. In the Christmas and New Year period we delivered extra supplies to needy families and continue this valuable aid project in 2018. The project addresses the needs of those who like many in Europe today are unable to make ends meet financially and who's family face genuine hardship through lack of decent food. In December alone we delivered over 150 food aid packs to such families thus helping them have what to put on their meal tables. Children and the old aged persons are especially vulnerable when they go hungry to illness related to poor diet and far too many parents suffer stress knowing they have little to feed their children with at the table. For the start of January school term we also purchased with St RCHF funds back to school requisites for children in these families thus allowing them to have their full kit when attending school after the holidays.



## St RCHF brings Christmas Joy to marginalized children.

For many years now St RCHF has made a point of bringing Christmas joy to the most needy of children in northeast Romania, children in orphanages, hospitals and families without means. Christmas 2017 was also a period again when we jumped in thanks to sponsors including S & Q BV Europe in the Netherlands and with this outstanding support we were again able to bring Christmas to many a child who had no hope of even one small present on Christmas morning.

Brian Douglas of St RCHF as in previous years became Father Christmas thus adding extra joy to every child who received a bag of Christmas treats that included some toys, chocolates and also new socks and hats along with knitted teddies for the girls donated by Mrs Bailan in the UK who spent months knitting these dolls. Our thanks go to Suceava Police Inspectorate for support in delivering all of the Christmas aid to children.



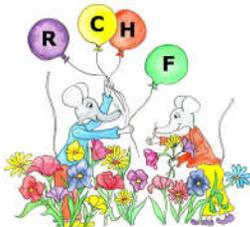
We are now looking to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, which is a day when Romanian children receive a small present to remind of the beginning of springtime



St RCHF continues to support road safety including helping teach children in schools on the subject and with horse and cart owners as well. The horse and cart owners are often rural people who never had the possibility of a full education and often need to be reminded of road safety aspects when on the open roads. We also provide free of charge highly visible reflector plates that allow the back of the horse cart to be seen by faster moving vehicles when in poor weather conditions and at nighttime, thus helping avoid accidents.



St RCHF continues to help homeless people who we find on the streets. In the first place we try get these unfortunate people to street peoples shelters like the one in the photo. In other cases we provide hot drinks and basic food.



**We thank you for your support and will have a new newsletter available in May with all the latest news of our voluntary work and information on the new range of Timmie pre school manuals!!**

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