



## RCHF Newsletter January 2015.

A New Year brings new opportunities within our latest news and also a look back at some of our voluntary work since last summer.

The Timmy Mouse educational project was launched with success on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2014 and is now helping to educate children in Suceava County kindergartens & schools.



**Education is the key to a better future is our motto for the Timmy Mouse project!**

Our goal is to provide modern, attractive, easy to use educational material for children in kindergartens, schools, hospitals and state institutions in Eastern Romania and The Republic of Moldova. This will allow each child to start to learn with ease the basics in education at the earliest age, thus will provide a real start into educational life, which is the right of every child. Within the project we also provide a real opportunity for the children who are in the danger area because of a lack of ability to learn as our learning tools are specially designed to accommodate all levels of learning, thus can be of direct benefit to the child with learning difficulties meaning they will not be left behind in the learning process in class.

The strong and healthy collaboration between RCHF, Timmy products along with Wings of Angels brings together all the expertise required under one sound roof to help children to learn with ease in a positive and interesting way with modern books and learning cards all produced in the Romanian national language. The project immediately overcomes shortages of learning manuals in many Romanian kindergartens & schools alike and so children can go into lessons with all the learning materials they need to further develop their skills in given subjects.

The Timmy Mouse basic package at the moment consists of a pack of 251 animated learning cards split into 22 categories and is aimed at the youngest of children in 1<sup>st</sup> class of kindergartens mainly as well as children who are in hospital losing valuable educational time whilst recovering from illness or injury. Completing the card set is a manual explaining with ease the way to obtain the best results with the cards.

Also an easy learning Timmy Mouse book compliments the cards for every child using the same titles and categories as the cards thus allowing the child to cross reference within its learning process.



Helping with reading skills for each child is accomplished via a Timmy Mouse reading book named Dream Rocket, which is animated in full colour.

Helping the child in other spheres is being attained via the Timmy Mouse Geography book. This important learning tool allows a child to learn about the environment and world they live with ease and again is fully animated with wonderful colour pages.

Since 2008 RCHF has collaborated with the Inspectorate of Police in Suceava County and on learning of the excellent Timmy Mouse learning materials they asked if we could produce a children's crime prevention manual and this we did producing an easy to understand manual for children which is helping them to a better life daily via the manuals use. Also because of the strong collaboration we have with the Police Inspectorate in Suceava not only did they offer to arrange a press conference launch of the Timmy manuals but also support in the distribution of all Timmy Mouse learning materials in term time.



Official launch of the Timmy educational packages for children at Inspectorate of Police Suceava County on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Within this year we are planning to further enhance children's education with new books including an arithmetic book, Book for easy language learning and further card learning tools and possibly a learning board game. This will mean that each child in class has a full learning Timmy Package and all teachers have training manuals and feedback pages.

In addition to the range is the long standing RCHF –Timmy public health book, which is still in use and aimed at teaching children about Tuberculosis, which remains a major health problem in Romania and The Republic of Moldova.

Positive feedback has already arrived at Timmy Products office from Romanian teachers all of whom are showing great enthusiasm about the whole Timmy package and are delighted with both the quality of the books & cards and the excellent learning information contained within same. Below we add a short series of photographs of happy children all eager to learn with their Timmy books and teachers at Timmy training sessions.



To date over 40 learning institutions being kindergartens & schools have received the Timmy packages and are using same daily along with further children with Timmy Packages in hospitals and state orphanages. Within the course of this year many more children will be helped in their learning the Timmy method that is a success as proved by the children's and teachers appraisals of the whole Timmy package.

## RCHF Road Safety actions are helping to save lives!



Reflector plates save lives is the strong message explained clearly in the above tragic photograph that shows what happens when a fast moving vehicle hits a horse & cart. These accidents that mostly occur in bad weather when there is poor visibility or at nighttime all too often result in human & animal death alike. A year ago with support from SPANA we were able because of our collaboration to devise with the help of our friend Arabella Michell in London as project to address this serious phenomena that was taking a terrible toll on human life as well as that of horses too. Working weekly with Police officers RCHF has again nearly finished placing another 4,250 reflectors on horse carts thus providing added visibility in poor weather and at night and helping avert further accidents. These reflectors are highly visible in their 3M quality material and we continued to provide this FREE road safety device to horse cart owners in Suceava County working hard until the extreme winter weather stopped us, but will start again in the springtime and in a short time will have all the last donation completed. A few photographs below showing the work in 2014 to date.



## Warm clothing & food supplies for pensioners & the homeless people.

We will all be old aged one day and here in Romania there are many homeless people who have fallen on bad times often because of a family breakup or loss of financial means to afford their own home. In Suceava this winter we have helped bring some warmth and joy to both pensioners and street people alike with warm clothing and sustainable food to put in their stomachs. We will in this year also continue to support these people who often suffer ailments associated with age and for those living rough many medical problems.



Throughout 2014 we also continued to support social families in Dorohoi town in Botosani County with aid supplies including food aid as well as giving counseling advice in many a situation within these families.

## We brought Christmas Joy again via RCHF for children in Suceava County and Dorohoi also

Thanks to our sponsors at the University of East Anglia we were again able to provide over 145 children with a Christmas present in the form of a shoebox filled with treats. Along with this we also had boxes for pensioners and people living alone and supplied to up food aid as well to families and pensioners alike in cases of hardship. By Brian Douglas playing the Father Christmas role children gained extra joy and our thanks also again go to the Police for their help in these deliveries of aid.



## Winter without mercy in Northeast Romania

Winter arrived early this year with a short autumn going straight into freezing cold days with temperatures below zero and down to minus 28c several days also on end thus with snow and ice the days work became slower than normal, but we managed to accomplish our main tasks to help those most in need in the extreme cold. There is however a beauty to the extreme cold of northern Romanian winters as shown in these few photographs below.



Horse and cart carries its passengers through the snow in Bivolari Commune, northeast Romania



Snow so deep and ice underneath in rural village December 2015



Snow shoveling a daily job in rural areas each winter.



Dorohoi War memorial December 2014



RCHF members will again in 2015 place a large amount of their voluntary time to helping children gain a sound education.

**We hope to bring you our next new update in approximately 3 months. Thank you all who have supported the voluntary work of RCHF again in the last year and let's again work together to achieve even more in 2015!**

