

Stichting RCHF delivered Christmas joy in December 2010



In December 2010 and right through until January 2011 we delivered Christmas joy to children, families and pensioners in Iasi, Suceava and Botosani Counties including children in state care homes.

All of this was made possible by the kindness and support of RCHF via donations of Christmas aid from the UK, Netherlands, Hungary and Romanian partners.

Pictures speak a thousand words especially when bringing joy to those who are living in a precarious situation.



This 80 plus year old lady who lives in Dorohoi was made a refugee last July when her small dwelling and all her lifetime possessions were washed away in the terrible flooding in her small town in Botosani County and the young lad also with his sister became refugees also in the same flooding and this winter stay in a tent provided via RCHF as temporary accommodation. We were able to bring the pensioner Christmas joy with a bucket of food and some special treats, plus for the young lad and his Sister a well deserved Christmas Box that brought instant joy! Other families and children in Dorohoi also received Christmas joy with buckets filled with essential food plus treats and for children boxes of Christmas presents and teddy bears. All of this Christmas aid and support is on top of the monthly support that RCHF gives to the refugee families in Dorohoi. In 2011 RCHF will continue to support these most deserving of families until all are re housed once building work is completed hopefully by the springtime.

A few more of the Dorohoi children who were happy to receive Christmas presents via RCHF



Father Christmas delivering Christmas joy to the Dorohoi Children



For all of the refugee families we care for in Dorohoi who have suffered many months of being homeless we were thanks to our sponsors able to deliver not only Christmas presents but Christmas food supplies as well in December so that they and their children could have a Christmas meal to enjoy.

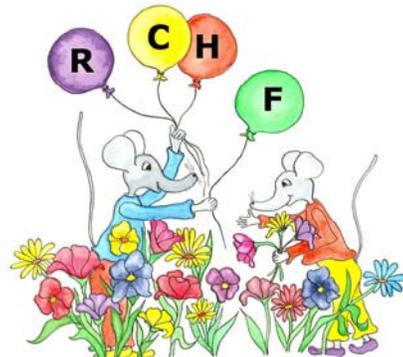
In Suceava County RCHF in its partnership with Suceava Police Inspectorate brought Christmas joy to children in care and families in need of support.



Brian Douglas of RCHF aided by two Suceava Police inspectors departed Christmas boxes, fluffy toys and 2011 Calendars to children at the Suceava children's home where every child received a Christmas box and fluffy teddy direct from Father Christmas alias Brian. Following this RCHF and the Police delivered food buckets to families living in disfavored conditions and pensioners alike.



Children happily recited Romanian poems and sang Christmas songs on our visit adding to the Christmas spirit! The day's events were followed by the Romanian news media.



Christmas food aid and support for pensioners and needy families



Delivering buckets filled with Christmas food to families and pensioners.





Despite sub zero temperatures many days in December and heavy snowfalls we were able to bring both warmth and Christmas joy to some of the most needy families with children and pensioners alike.

In the early days of 2011 we will be delivering also Christmas joy to families and pensioners in the Republic of Moldova who celebrate their Christmas in January under the Russian orthodox calendar

RCHF also brought Christmas joy to some of the most needy of families in Iasi County in December 2010



As with deliveries to Suceava and Botosani Counties we encountered plenty of snow and ice especially on rural offbeat roads within Iasi County, but it was worth it as the families we support are amongst the poorest in Romania today.

In the photo on the right you see a rural woman who is bringing wooden branches home on her child's sledge that she has chopped from trees to use as heating wood as is too poor to afford heating logs. RCHF volunteers met her on the road and walked to her home with her to bring Christmas aid.





Our support was vital to these families at Christmas





At RCHF we support all we can who need Christian support without discriminating on any grounds

Children in Kindergartens receive sponsored new RCHF fluffy teddies



Some of the many young children who RCHF donated new fluffy teddy toys to thanks to our sponsors in The Netherlands and Romania.



Deprived of a chance in life



These are some of the families supported by RCHF who are amongst the most needy in North East Romania today and not alone in the fact that they live in terrible conditions, gain no support from the local authorities and are left to fend for themselves including the pensioners amongst the families. Their broken dwellings are made of mud brick and mud thatch construction with thatched roofs all of which are in poor shape through lack of funds to repair these dwellings. In any other European Countries these families would have been re housed, not left out in the bitter winter cold that one feels when inside these family dwellings. The men try to find work to bring home enough food for the one meal a day as that is all they can afford and the women work gathering firewood by breaking tree branches as have no other means then carry it home to add some heat in the family home daily; bitterly cold and hard work. Their children go to school but marks are low as they have so many problems on their little minds but do the best in class they can. They receive no school grants or any other support apart from that which RCHF delivers. Looking at the families its easy to say they don't merit as have no work, but in all honesty their plight is because they have no work that would bring an income into

the family home and thus allow them to raise standards. We can all fall by hard times and in those times we would all be thankful for some kind and well meaning support and that's just what RCHF delivers to the most needy of families who are willing to be helped and respect the aid we donate to help them go forward into another day. Within the families we support though poor they keep the best standards they can, not easy in a small dwelling with a soil based floor in the winter and within the families though extremely poor no one turns to crime like theft to gain food from locals or local shops, neither do they beg on the streets. Its unfortunate that in Romania today there are thousands of families in this poor situation forgotten by local authorities who have the power to help but prefer to look the other way. With RCHF we don't forget these people and do all within our means to support them within our budget.



The RCHF team in The Netherlands and Romania wishes all of our supporters a Very HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011 and we pray is a year of success, good health and happiness for all of you alike, plus sincerely thank you for all of your support in the previous year 2010.



In our first newsletter of the New Year 2011 in January we will bring you news of our Christmas support in the Republic of Moldova where Christmas is in January under the Russian Orthodox calendar, plus all of our other news.