



## RCHF News Summer edition 2015.

Bringing basic education to every child, helping the sick get well again & lifting families above the poverty line are our goals.

**Our voluntary work in Dorohoi has helped many a family since our arrival the town when flooded in 2010 and continues today.**

Dorohoi is a town situated in Botosani County in Northeast Romania. It was once prosperous before the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and had a large Jewish population many of whom were traders of goods and services. Tragically they were deported with many losses of life and of those left few returned to this small town. Now their dwellings are almost all that remain and are now lived in by Romanians since the War ended in 1945.



In the communist years after World War 2 the town developed into an industrial base with a huge industrial complex that made everything from a nut and bolt to a tank. Ancillary support factories opened to as did a boot making factory, glass factory and textile clothing works. All this employed the population, but in the years following communism a lack of investment, lack of moving with new industrial methods along with uncompetitive prices for goods all became a factor in the closure of all these industrial complexes. What is left today is a massive shadow of this former prosperous town and with mass unemployment along with high youth unemployment families make ends meet and live in many cases from day to day. Children go without on many occasions because of a lack of family funds and pensioners struggle on small pensioner.



RCHF first arrived in the town in June 2010 to help with emergency support after massive nighttime flooding that caused deaths, injuries and also many dwelling to collapse under the wall of floodwater that hit the town's old area including Jewish area.

We delivered bottled water, food aid, new beds and bedding plus other amounts of furniture for those who had lost all to the floodwaters. Today we still help many social families cannot manage because of severe hardship.



RCHF with help of European funds built a play & education room at the town Hospital, thus children can enjoy their days when interned instead of sitting on their beds all day, plus we in turn have the support of an ambulance officer at the Ambulance station who also with his Wife helps us with families in need.



We believe that children no matter what their family financial circumstances all deserve a chance equal in life and in Dorohoi we help many a child often with fresh fruit, educational needs including transport fees to school and again this year for 40 children a summer camp away from home in our care at Ciocanesti in Suceava County. In the last 2 years we have also via superb Dutch sponsor support been able to initiate a grow your own vegetable project thus giving many families an opportunity to grow their own and have a bumper harvest to help their families food supply.

### **Education is the key to a successful future and a way to lead in time out of poverty**

In a project started last autumn RCHF has distributed thousands of free manuals to kindergartens within Suceava County, held teacher training sessions and helped motivate staff to a new way of teaching children by early learning at kinder age, thus giving a child a huge advantage when they pass on into junior school.



These wonderful Timmie Mouse animated educational aids that include also learning cards have proved a great success and in the fall we will initiate a similar project in Dorohoi in Botosani County, thus extending the learning base.

We eagerly await also in September new additions to the Timmie mouse learning range that Miriam Charmant is working on at present at her studio in The Netherlands.



### **RCHF helping children in care homes.**

This year we continue to provide help and support to children who live in the care of the state at the Ulici Center for children in Gura Humorului. We know most of the children at the home, design projects that we fund that helps them to develop and in total help bring to these very deserving children a higher quality of life.



Above children and staff at a photo project at Ulici center for children earlier this year

### Life saving reflector project that aids the poor!

Within our ongoing collaboration with the Inspectorate of Police in Suceava County we have again this year been able to help bring safer roads to all travelers by mounting for free highly visible reflector plates onto horse carts. Here in Romania horses & carts mingle with heavy traffic on even major roads and accidents come all too easily when a fast moving vehicle comes upon a slow moving unlit horse & cart. Horse & cart owners are from rural villages and are the poorest in the communities unable to afford a motorized vehicle thus our support helps save their lives, that of their animals and that of other road users as well.



**We are able to do the humanitarian work because of the superb support of our sponsors and take this opportunity to thank them for their confidence in us and pray that we can continue to bring a better standard of life to all who we help in Romania. Sincere thanks!**