

Stichting Romanian Children's Humanitarian Foundation NL 2020 year review.

2020 was a year in which the way humans think, live and act in their daily lives change dramatically.

The year started well including for us at St RCHF as we with eagerness as usual in January purchased and delivered back to school kits for many a child in the rural area who, parents have no possibility to fund their child's basic school kits because of severe hardship in the family home. Despite the winter cold we delivered to over 70 children these vital back to school kits.

We visited and made lessons in schools in late January with Timmy products as well as helping teachers to themselves learn how to present these wonderful learning tools to their young students. St RCHF members Brian and Peter in Dorohoi helped many a struggling family by purchasing top up food aid and delivering same to the neediest of families and In Suceava county we did the same helped by Police officers from Suceava Police Inspectorate who we have collaborated with for 10 years now and have in fact in 2020 agreed a new 3 year collaboration until 2023.



Back to school basics sponsored and delivered free to needy children by St RCHF despite poor conditions on the roads January 2020

By February many a person started to fall ill with respiratory illness's but nothing serious was thought of this in Romania a Country where are huge amounts of tuberculosis and bronchitis sufferers. Then mid month all changed when it was realized that a new severe respiratory illness had developed very quickly and had spread from where it was thought to have originated from in the province of Wuhan in China. This theory has been broken down though as is now known that the **infection known and named as Sars Covid 2 which caused the Covid 19 illness** was in fact present the December of 2019 even in Europe including in Italy but had not been diagnosed as a new type of infection or illness. That was where China came in and made the discovery and here confusion reigned as to its original origin, much fuelled by an international trade war between the then president Trump of US and China with a great deal of untruths included.

Whatever happened, happened very quickly and by March Romanian saw an influx of Romanians who work abroad arriving back at its borders as had lost their jobs in Italy, Germany and Spain as a result of rapidly rising Sars Covid 2 infections in those Countries and these citizens returned untested and brought home with them the pandemic. Suceava quickly became a hotspot with many deaths recorded to Sars Covid 2 infections in March and April and as a result a national lockdown in March stopped people going to work, children were off school indefinitely and strong curfews on movement were imposed on citizens, plus new regulations to wear face masks at all

times, wash hands and social distance in shops and so on, plus shopping time was reduced to a few hours a day for essentials only with all other outlets like café's and restaurants closed. We at St RCHF were allowed to continue our work on a humanitarian basis with documents to prove where we were going, what we were doing and what route we would take to a destination and back again for verification by authorities at road checks. Suceava County was forbidden to enter or leave in this time.

This continued with ever-high numbers of infections and resulting deaths until July when politics took a turn with August elections coming up and an easing or restrictions, when they should not have been eased at all. Schools were deemed unsafe for children, but suddenly safe to be election vote centers!

Our work in St RCHF comprised of the work we do for many years with the **Pulmonary disease hospital in Iasi** hands on and with extremely poor rural families. We made Easter actions for orphan children and children in families without means likewise and allowed Mothers to take Timmy products so they could home learn their children in families we know and trust.

Likewise in collaboration again with the pulmonary disease hospital of Iasi we as a Humanitarian foundation made a presentation again at the prestigious **INSPIR** medical conference, which was this year an online event, and at the **TB Reach** conference online at Borstal in Germany.



Delivering treats to children and sanitary products at Easter in Vaculesti village, Botosani County

Unfortunately this year for the 1st time in the last 10 years we were unable to make our summer camps for children, but did make several day events including a full meal for children in poor families at each event as well as sports activities. We were given a donation of library books which we donated to a village center in which children take a book on a library style basis home to read and return same.

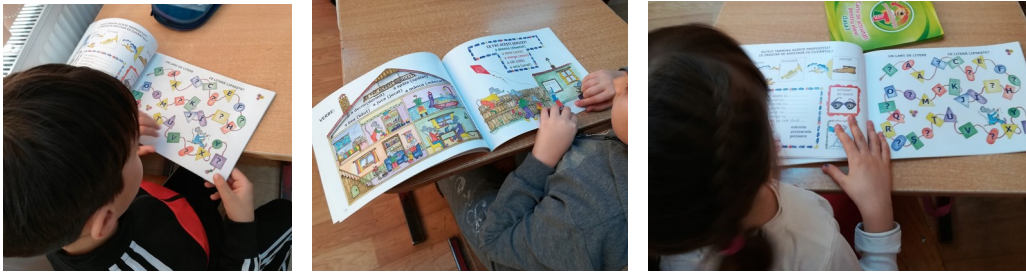


Children's day event meals and the donation of books placed in the village Library

Throughout the year St RCHF developed new areas to work in where we could help the poorest and again the grow your own garden project taken up by 14 families went well, in fact better than in previous years and resulted in some fresh crops of vegetables for the families who grew their own from the seed donations that again came from a very kind family business in The Netherlands.

In the Netherlands where like in each Country last year was restrictions because of the Sars Covid 2 infection and ongoing pandemic St RCHF with Lady Miriam Charmant aided by her Husband Jeroen worked hard long unseen hours to bring a new Timmy book to the range and all who saw the book when it was delivered to Romanian were visibly impressed because again Mrs Charmant combined brilliant artwork with easy to follow text that even the youngest child can learn by.

On top of this Miriam, Jeroen and Brian developed an online range of timmy products so that even in times when school education is not available learning at home with online lessons directed by children's teachers can carry on. In Suceava and Botosani Counties there are now over 30 education establishments using timmy online e-learning as well as another 3 in the south of Romania.



Children given the chance love to learn and with the outstanding Timmy range they can now learn both in school and online when not at school as at present, thus learning continues and children gain their education even in lockdown pandemic times.



St RCHF supported by GEH made a huge effort in 2020 to find and provide free solar light kits to families who have no mains electricity. Many we found in remote areas by word of mouth and traveled many km on foot over difficult terrain to resolve lighting for these distant households. Far too many dwellings burn down when an improvised candle falls over resulting in human life loss also and this project removes those dangers, thus is a lifesaver too.

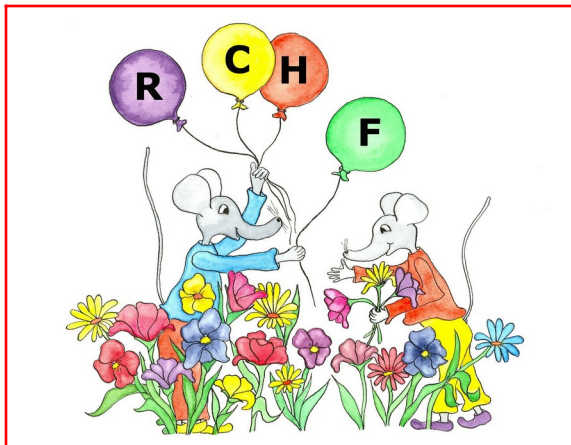
Our volunteer helper Peter who is an ambulance man and his Wife also went down with Covid 19 and spent a long period in hospital and thank the Lord above they are both well again now.

The world changed in 2020 and not only because of the medical pandemic but also because of global warming which is a subject that sadly man people do not show interest in, yet we at St RCHF believe in as our futures depend on changing the way we live and produce products. The removal of smoke from industry and fumes that fill out cities and towns is all a part of the reason we must become cleaner day-by-day. Pulmonary disease affects millions and in many cases is direct from pollution in some parts of the World. In Romanian Bucharest and Iasi suffer extra high above EU limits of air pollution many times a year and most can be attributed to toxic fumes from vehicles that clog up the cities because of a lack of ring roads around them and lack of industrial pollution control. Plastic waste clogs drains, waterway and even small tribunes and here man has to learn to simply dispose of his waste in special designed containers, not just to throw away when out on a picnic for instance.

At both Easter, St Nicholas day and Christmas again despite the pandemic St RCHF aided by the Charmant family and very kind Romanian sponsors again brought smiles to the faces of the poorest of children, including orphan ones, the homeless and old aged people living alone.



St Nicholas day for Children 2020 Suceava



On behalf of us all at Stichting RCHF I would like to say a **huge thank you** to all who supported our vital work in 2020 and we look forward to the challenges and will face them in 2021 with dignity and a correct attitude with blessings from God above so that we again can reach our hands out to the poorest, most marginalized and sickest people we know and offer them the true support they deserve, plus will continue with vigor our vital work in the Timmy product educational domain that helps shape children's futures of the most needy of children and gives them a real start in education either in class or online in e-learning.