

Project Romanian Rescue (P.R.R.) Foundation

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Discover more information below about our two group homes for the children we felt were ready to leave the street, two separate locations for boys and for girls.

BOYS' GROUP HOME « CASA BENJAMIN »

opened in 1998, in a rented flat in Constanta, moved to Mihail Kogalniceanu village from 2008 to 2018, currently located in Murfatlar town; with a maximum capacity of 12 boys, aged 7 years old and older. The house is owned by a family in the UK, who allows us to use it free of charge.



Casa Benjamin, Murfatlar town

GIRLS' GROUP HOME « CASA ANNA »

that was opened in 2000, located in Valu lui Traian village since 2004, with a maximum capacity of 9 girls, older than 7. The owner of the house is a lovely lady from the UK, who never asked us to pay any rent for using it; moreover, she is very generous and invests in the maintenance and the improvements of the building.



Casa Anna, Valu lui Traian village

The children and teenagers in our group homes are children at risk for whom no other action was possible (integration into their extended family, placement to a professional caregiver, adoption). They know they *belong* – they learn to live as a family, go to school, pray together, attend church, learn many useful skills and responsibilities, develop their talents and plan a future... At school they are doing well with the support of our staff, but many of them have fallen behind their peers due to their past lives, we are working hard to help them catch up. All the children, boys and girls, care very much for each other, and all meet up at Church on Sundays as well as other special times such as birthdays or celebrations. Schooldays are split, with some children going for morning sessions and some for the afternoon, so both for the boys and girls evenings are valuable as times when the whole families at each home spend time together.



FORMER BENEFICIARIES

Some of the youth who lived in our residential homes did really well after they left the project, have their own families, their lives were radically transformed and they are reliable people in society. Cristi is a navy officer, Iulian is a professional gardener, Ioan is a maintenance man at a school in Sweden, Mishu is a private entrepreneur in constructions, Seigean graduated from a medical university and Johnny, her husband, is about to graduate a school of nurses. Romică 12 years now. All these and many others dedicated their lives to Christ and now attend local churches. Some of the former beneficiaries expressed their desire to come and visit the actual beneficiaries in the homes and spend time with our staff members. They call us, their family, just to say hello, or to ask for help when they are in need. Of course, we help them with counseling, in practical ways, or financially, according to our possibilities.

SUMMER CAMPS AND SPORTS CAMPS

- Summer Bible camps has always been a priority at PRR. Over the years, Casa Charis Day Centre children and youth, as well as the children from PRR's own group homes, have attended various summer Christian camps or urban camps called Christian youth conferences in Romania.

- In 2006 PRR hosted its own summer Bible camp for the first time. Outside speakers were invited, and lots of work went into logistical and spiritual preparation. The venue was PRR's property in Kogalniceanu village, which has 1½ acres including space to play soccer and other games, and has a large house with a large gathering room. Needy and

unevangelized children surrounding communities were invited, as, at PRR we know of many needy children and youth from poor areas of Constanta city and neighbouring places who desperately need to hear about Jesus, and, of course they welcome a break for a few days from their poverty-stricken living environment!

- From 2011 to 2013 we hosted two summer camp sessions each year, with different groups of attendees. Since 2013 we went to other lovely settings too, in the mountains or in the Danube Delta.

- 2019 was the 7th year for PRR to organize sports camp with an evangelistic emphasis, with children from poor backgrounds or just classmates of our children or other friends in the community. We run these camps together with coaches from Ambassadors Football and others from Romania.

camp in the Danube Delta



Sports camp in Murfatlar town, on the local stadium



- So, through the camps we organized other hundreds of other children were impacted for God's kingdom. The Lord really works in a special way to change lives at Bible Camp!

After school 'homework' program in Murfatlar – since its opening in October 2015, we ran this program in a house provided by Hope for Life Ministries association run by the family who currently hosts Casa Benjamin Boys' Group Home. The classes were held devoutly by three volunteers twice or three times a week. The children assisted here read the Bible, were taught to pray and were helped with their homework. We started with 15 children from the local community and then reached 27 children coming from various backgrounds, all of them achieved good or very good grades in school. All those children attended church, at least occasionally. We showed our appreciation for their efforts by taking the children to camps we organized. Changes in the children's lives have been observed by their school mates and teachers who thank our volunteers for all they did for these children. March last year we had to stop our classes because of the pandemic.



Assistance for the children/youth who live in the streets.

The holistic program for the children / youth who live in the streets of Constanța their environment, establishing personal relations with each one of them, meeting their needs by giving them food, clothing, shoes, assisting them in obtaining identity papers, or certain legal rights they have, or assisting them in finding a job (for those who look for one), counseling them in order to restore their relationships with their natural families, offering them the necessary support in obtaining the access to different medical services. The main objective we have in assisting these beneficiaries is to help them quit this lifestyle and be reintegrated in their natural families, when that is in the beneficiaries' interest, or placing them in specialized protection institutions, when the beneficiaries want that.



Youth living in the streets happy to have a hot meal, get clothes, blankets in the winter and just having fun with our staff



Assistance for a number of in need families from Constanta city and its surroundings

As a function on its available resources, PRR Foundation provides PERIODIC help to more socially disadvantaged families both in Constanta City, and in the villages surrounding it, where the needs are

extremely great, especially after the pandemic has begun. In order to prevent family and school abandonment, we assist these families with food, and clothing & shoes, as we partner with the Food Bank and the County Council in Constanta City. We also provide them with school supplies, fire wood, furniture etc, facilitating the access to various medical services, and to leisure activities for the children. Also they benefit of support in obtaining identity papers or certain rights.



food distribution in Siminoc village



one of the three families in Siminoc receives firewood



Furniture that put a smile on the faces of those who lived in almost empty houses

VISITS TO THE HOSPITAL AT THE ABANDONED BABIES AND YOUNG MOTHERS – this is a small project by which we try to support the main hospital of Constanta County in practical ways – we provide the hospital with food, fresh fruit, dippers, bottles, bowls, thermometers, creams, tonometers, wipes, etc.. Not having many resources, but wanting not to deprive the babies of love and necessary things, we used to go and visit from time to time. This activity happened only by faith, as we don't have a budget for this, and we just get surprise donations. Due to the pandemic, we were forced to stop our visits, but we had the honor to be intermediaries for our partner Chimpex SA to fight COVID-19. Through them were donated two beds and 280 ventilation systems for the intensive care unit of this hospital. But, we hope to have a bigger impact on the lives of these little ones and also on the hospital staff in the future.

OUR 20TH CELEBRATION



In 2017 we celebrated 20 year of continuous activity in the field of social services. If at beginning some didn't give much chances to our project to last and make a difference in the lives of that type of children, God blessed us to be together in August with the children who became respectable men and women in society. So, we invited former beneficiaries with their families and former staff members to celebrate; officials, collaborators, and friends of the project from the area, from

Romania and from abroad were also invited to be part and had allocutions; local media was present too. We plan to celebrate 25 years of activity next year, with emotion and gratitude.



Summer sports camp in Murfatlar town



Our residential children on a short trip to Constanta city



Doing homework in the group homes, assisted by our staff members