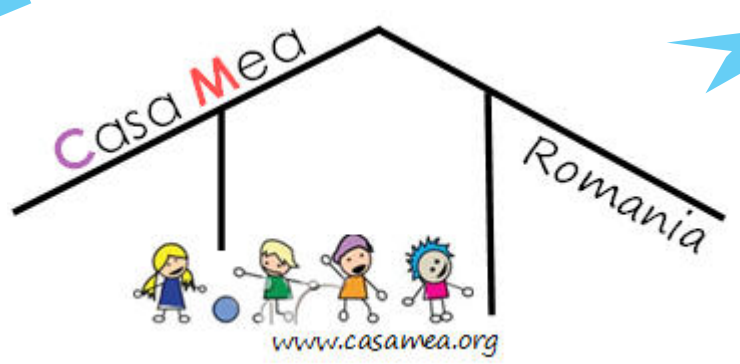


# Casa Mea News



Winter 2018


## Season's Greetings



*Wishing you and yours love, peace, and joy in 2019*


## What is happening at Casa Mea

The children are busy getting ready for school holiday shows and of course their freedom from school! Raul, Robert, Cristina, and Livia will all have performances in the Prejmer town hall this season. All the kids are taking part in Secret Santa at school. Livia and Raul won their school table tennis contest against another school and are their school's representatives for table tennis. Raul had his drum exam and made a 9 out of 10. Vlad is still working and is now conscientious about it. Ana is singing at functions and helping around the house getting ready for the holidays. Steli recited his class poems and received the highest award. Casa Mea will start the new year with the house in perfect order thanks to Doru, our handyman, and the women who have cleaned and baked in preparation for the holidays. The children are taking gifts to Steli and Livia's 11 siblings, to Georgiana who was with us for several years, and to Simona, a girl who may come to Casa Mea the first of the year after her paperwork is completed. Tis a busy and joyous season at Casa Mea!!



Steli (4th from the left) & Livia (2nd from right) performing in native costume

## Christmas Charity Ball



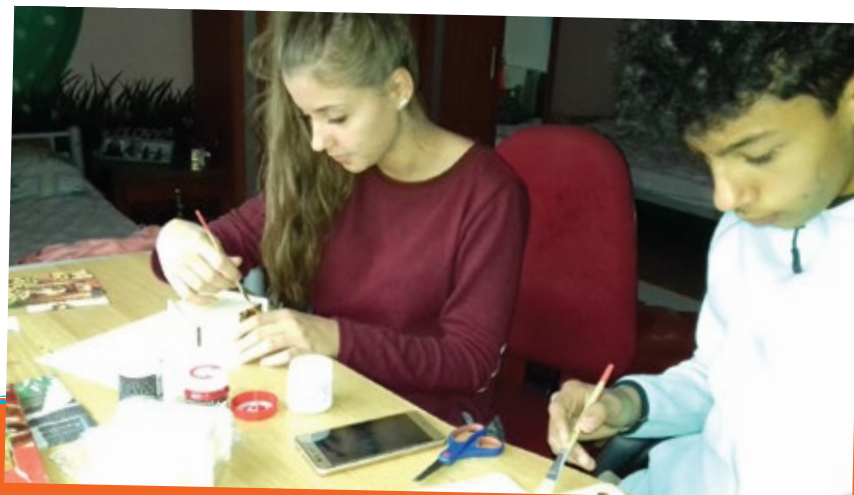
Thanks to Chef Jon and Felicia for organizing a Charity Ball for the benefit of Casa Mea. It was a big success and everyone had a great time. Jon provided the venue at his Event Center, a delicious meal, and all the staff for the event. Prejmer school children presented a dinner program and after dinner a DJ provided the dance music. The Casa Mea children made items for the raffle. All enjoyed excellent food and an evening of holiday fun.

Chef Jon

Dancing at the Charity Ball



Ana & Raul making raffle gifts



A sample of the homemade raffle gifts



## Thanks to our 2018 Volunteers & Donors

All of us at Casa Mea are so grateful for all of our 2018 donors and volunteers. They are too numerous to recognize all of them individually. But we would especially like to recognize Children's Helpers Worldwide of Britain who help fund Casa Mea for several months. Emmanuel Baptist Church, also of England, who pulled Casa Mea out of a tight financial situation this year. And especially Hazel and David who personally raise funds plus volunteer at Casa Mea during the school year.

## Casa Mea has opened a Brokerage Account

Donate stock to Casa Mea to maximize donation, minimize taxes  
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