

Spring 2017

WHAT DOES CASA MEA DO AND WHY?



Romanian children

Casa Mea is dedicated to providing loving group homes for orphaned and abandoned children in developing countries from birth through adulthood. We are proud of our accomplishments in Romania where we have 8 children and in Guatemala where we currently have 5 children. (We have had 8 children in Guatemala until recently before the court returned some of them to their families.) Without Casa Mea, these children would grow up in overcrowded, state run orphanages. BUT Casa Mea could provide for many more children if we only had more funds. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO HELP US PROVIDE FOR OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE CHILDREN!



Guatemalan children

CASA MEA PREJMER NEEDS FUNDS FOR A NEW HEATING SYSTEM



Snowmen

This winter has been extremely severe in Romania. In the midst of it, three of our four heaters failed. All of our heaters are 14 years old. Throughout the winter we only have had heat and hot water in the main house. To keep the pipes from freezing in those unheated areas, we have placed space heaters. I am sure you all know space heaters are extremely expensive and inefficient to run 24/7. We are now getting bids for a new heating system which we hope to install this summer. BUT we need your help to pay for this system. WHATEVER YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE!



Brrrr it's cold



Fun in the snow

OUR NEWEST INFANT AT MI CASITA

Dulce (means “sweet” in Spanish) has been with us for the past 3 months. She is now a year old and still only 12 pounds. She came to Mi Casita because her birth mother died, leaving her abandoned and homeless. Dulce’s three older brothers are in a home somewhere and another older sibling is believed to be living on the streets with his alcoholic father. Dulce is so adorable but extremely underweight for her age. We are so pleased to have her cute face and personality with us at Mi Casita.



Dulce

MI CASITA NEEDS YOUR HELP



Guatemala's needs

Because Mi Casita is home to infants and toddlers under three, we need diapers and formula for most of them. Formula is extremely expensive in Guatemala and even more so because some of our infants are premature and/or severely underweight who require special formulas to help them grow. Formula currently averages \$276 per month or \$3300 per year. Diapers and wet wipes for these babies are also expensive in Guatemala and average \$135 per month or \$1600 per year. In addition, baby food tends to be much more

expensive than other foods. ANYTHING YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO HELP MI CASITA DEFRAY THESE COSTS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Mi Casita is also requesting volunteers who are willing to commit to a 2 month stay. These infants need so much on-hands care and attention such as holding, feeding, diapering, bathing, and stimulation that it is difficult for a staff of 2 caregivers to provide each infant with this attention each and every day. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SUCH A COMMITMENT, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jan at 612 227 3239 or jan@casamea.org or Jessica at jstevensdb@hotmail.com.



Jan & Julia

Jan and Julia are going to Romania together this spring! We are so excited that Julia has finally expressed an interest in returning to Romania for a short visit. Although this is great news, it is now doubly expensive. These air fees are paid for by Jan alone and not from Casa Mea's funds. For Jan, who lives only on her social security, this is an expensive trip. ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE HER PERSONALLY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND VISITORS! YOU ENRICH THE LIVES OF ALL THE CHILDREN AND US!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! WE AT CASA MEA HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT!

To send your financial gift to Casa Mea...

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- By Credit Card: Donate online by clicking [HERE](#) or visit www.casamea.org and click on "Make a Donation"
- Other Donations: Contact Jan at 612-227-3239 or email jan@casamea.org to arrange for a monthly automatic bank withdrawal, donation of appreciated stock, or other type of financial donation.

All contributions to Casa Mea are tax-deductible. Thank you!