



giving is a year round activity, even during the summer

summer is almost here!

**the
children's
contribution**

The children are eagerly awaiting their summer vacation! They have so much summer fun planned! But they also have their work cut out for them.

The children all have chores to do at Casa Mea. In the summer they help with our massive garden. Each child has a plot where they plant their favorite vegetable. Their plots are dependent on them for care throughout the summer. In this way, they contribute to helping to feed all of us throughout the year.



Jan's visit to Romania

Jan's contribution

This spring Jan traveled to Romania during Easter break to be with the children. While there, she and the children celebrated both Ana Maria's (March 20) and Cristina's (April 8) birthdays, in addition to Easter Sunday. The girls love dressing up for parties but so do the boys; note the ties on Vlad and Robert! Stelian would have donned a tie too but we only have two in the house!



Jan goes to Romania several times a year to ensure the smooth running of the house, to plan for future activities, and to be with her precious children. Both Jan and the children are always glad to be reunited.

the British have come!

a British contribution



A British charity called Children's Helpers Worldwide has for the past two years funded a portion of the salary of one of Casa Mea's staff. Each year Casa Mea has used the funds towards the salary of Stela.

Stela has worked for Casa Mea for 4 years, initially part time helping the children with their homework and now full time as both an educator and care giver. We are glad to have Stela, especially throughout these early formative years. All the children have come to love her. Thanks to both Stela and CHW!

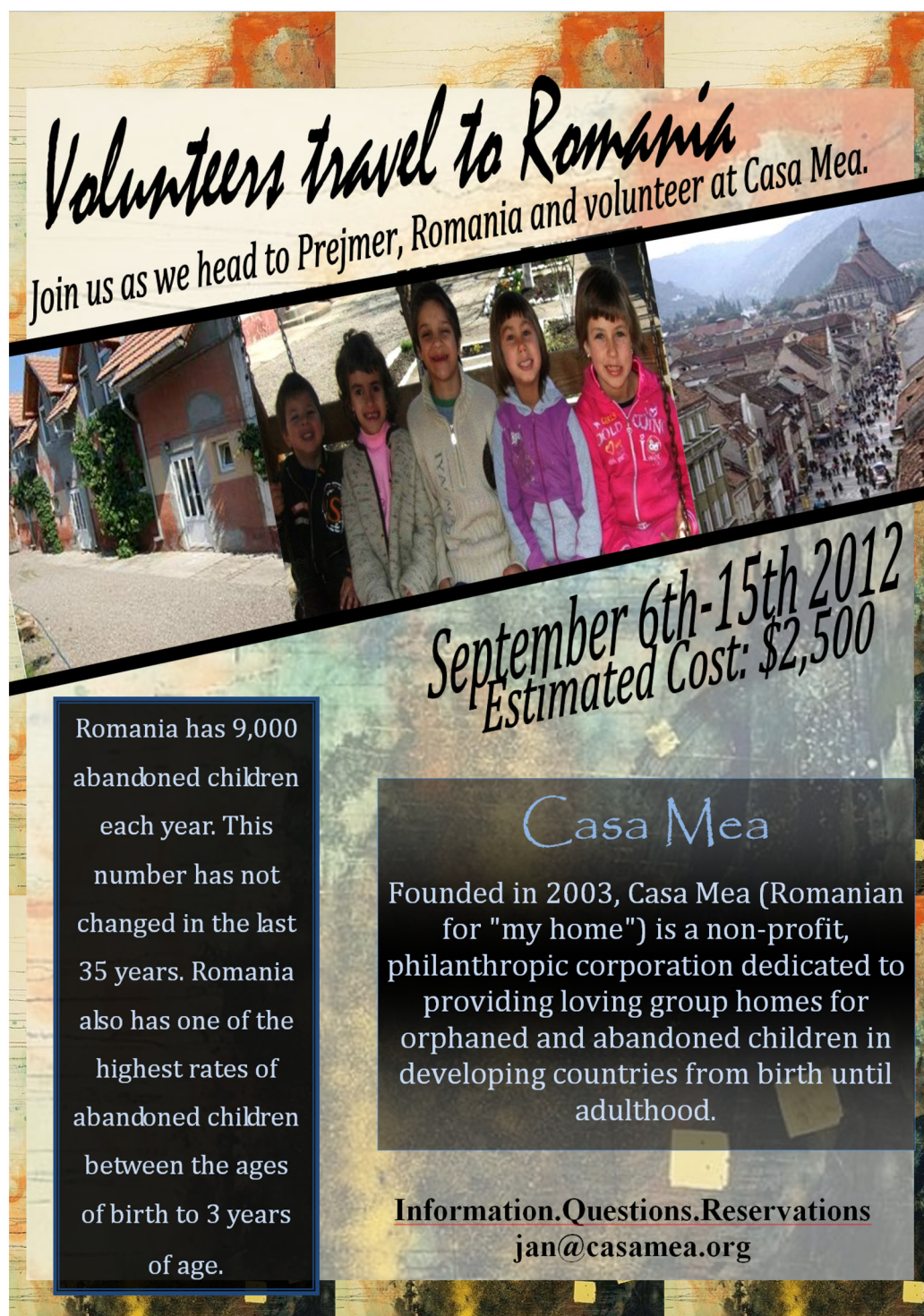


Fall volunteers needed

volunteers' contributions

Volunteers have been a big help to Casa Mea through their contributions of time and energy. We appreciate each and every one of them!

This fall a charity from Rochester, MN is putting together a volunteer team to work on a project at Casa Mea. They will be digging a French drain designed by a retired Army Corps engineer. This drain will help remove water from our courtyard during the spring thaws and heavy spring and fall rains. Now, the water in the courtyard has nowhere to go but into our basement!



Volunteers travel to Romania
Join us as we head to Prejmer, Romania and volunteer at Casa Mea.

September 6th-15th 2012
Estimated Cost: \$2,500

Romania has 9,000 abandoned children each year. This number has not changed in the last 35 years. Romania also has one of the highest rates of abandoned children between the ages of birth to 3 years of age.

Casa Mea
Founded in 2003, Casa Mea (Romanian for "my home") is a non-profit, philanthropic corporation dedicated to providing loving group homes for orphaned and abandoned children in developing countries from birth until adulthood.

Information. Questions. Reservations
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Of course, there will be plenty of time for playing with the children and site seeing. If you would like to be a part of this volunteer work team or just want a firsthand look at Casa Mea, please join us this fall.

progress on the school

donations for the school needed



Casa Mea is renovating its attic to prepare a school for our children with special needs and for children in our community who need special education services. The cost of renovating the attic is \$26,000, plus another \$4000 to furnish the school with desks and supplies. The biggest renovation expense is for electricity, plumbing and heating. The labor for the electrical work is being donated. Hopefully we can convince the plumber to do likewise. However, we are still far short of our goal of \$30,000. We need the renovations completed by our start date of September 17th.


Casa Mea also needs volunteer therapists and teachers who would be willing to sign on for a semester or longer, for what is a school without its teachers? Casa Mea will provide all volunteers with room and board while they work at Casa Mea. Please help us get our school up and running!



This is as far as we got in our renovations of the attic in 2006. Obviously we have a long way to go!

thank you thank you thank you
to all who have contributed to Casa Mea!!

To send your financial gift to Casa Mea:

- ♥ By Check: payable to [Casa Mea](#) at 6705 Shadow Crest Drive, Plano, TX 75093
- ♥ By Credit Card: You may donate on-line by clicking on this PayPal button  or visit our website at www.casamea.org and click on "Make a Donation"
- ♥ Other financial donations: Contact Melanie Clark at melanie@casamea.org or at 972.306.6705 to arrange for a monthly automatic bank withdrawal, donation of appreciated stock, or other type of financial donation

If you have specific questions regarding how you can help, please call us at 972.306.6705 or email us at jan@casamea.org.

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

