

Summer 2016

OUR FAMILY IS GROWING!

Welcome to our newest child at Casa Mea...Georgiana

Georgiana arrived on April 1st after Child Protection removed her from her mother. The two of them were living on the streets and eating from the garbage dumps up until that time. Georgiana will be 4 years old this July. She is not potty trained nor has she ever been to school. As you probably noticed, she came to us with a cast on her broken left arm. Her left arm has been broken twice. Recently, the cast was removed and she had surgery to remove the pin in that arm. Last week, she broke her right arm. We just started her on calcium and vitamin D for her bones, and since she has been with us, she has gained 3 kg. We suspect that her frequent breaks are a result of improper nutrition while on the streets. Georgiana is a character and keeps us all on our toes! But we are all happy to have her.



Georgiana On Her 1st Day

YES! Mi Casita is licensed!

Mi Casita was finally approved by the Guatemalan Government on May 4th as a residential home for abandoned children. We are licensed for 12 children. These abandoned children will come to us between the ages of 0 to 3 years of age with or without cleft lips and/or palates. They will remain with us as a family until they decide to move on with their adult lives. We and our staff are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our first baby soon!



License



Training Staff In Guatemala

GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROSITY OF OTHERS

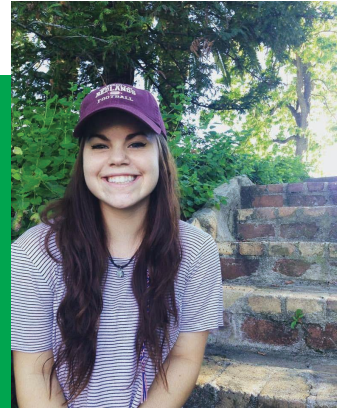
Summer Volunteers

This summer we are fortunate to welcome three young women from the US who will be helping us with the children and all of the other things it takes to run our home. Maddy, who will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Minnesota, will be with us for 10 days in June. Claire, also a sophomore at the

University of Minnesota, will be with us for 5 weeks starting in June. Chryse, who hails from California, will be with us from June through August. All of us at Casa Mea are looking forward to all the help our summer volunteers have to offer!



Maddy & Claire



Chryse



Claire in Traditional Romanian Costume

Donors From Romania, Guatemala, & Canada



Felicia in Romania has been busy all last fall and early this year securing donations from the people of Brasov and Prejmer. Her church donated paint to repaint all of the walls at Casa Mea. With the money she raised from a fund raiser called The Donors' Circle she had additional funds to hire painters and to replace all the flooring in the four bedrooms. All of this was sorely needed as the house had not been updated for some time.



Canadian's Donations For Guatemala

Jessica has also been working diligently to secure donations in Guatemala as well as in The Netherlands. An article in a local paper in The Netherlands featured Mi Casita and the work we are doing there. She has also received many donations from Guatemalan businesses and lately from a Canadian woman living in G u a t e m a l a .

UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our updated web site www.casamea.org. Our new Face Book pages are <https://www.facebook.com/micasitaguatemala> and <https://www.facebook.com/FundatiaCasaMeaPrejmer>. Our Guatemala email is micasita@outlook.com. Of course, you can always find us at www.facebook.com/casamearomania.micasitaguatemala. Hope to see you there if not in person.

SCHOOL IS OUT!



All the Children at Casa Mea

The children at Casa Mea are looking forward to summer vacation. Vlad will be advancing to the 9th grade (High School!), Ana Maria will be in 7th grade and enjoys basketball and the school choir, Cristina will be in 6th grade and loves judo! Livia who will be in 5th grade is a hip hop dancer, Stelian will also be in 5th grade and is a great soccer player and also enjoys judo, Raul will be in 4th grade and is a great athlete enjoying soccer and judo, Robert will be in 2nd grade and loves dancing and karate, and Georgiana will start kindergarten. We are grateful that the teachers and coaches allow our children to participate in all of their activities free of charge.

Thanks!

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: 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.

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