

## Casa Mea News



### Casa Mea Christmas Cards



We are absolutely thrilled to announce the beginning of a new tradition at Casa Mea: our Casa Mea Christmas Cards!



Each design was hand painted by the children of Casa Mea. The cards will not only raise funds, but also awareness of our mission and our foundation.



We hope to continue the tradition every year. The children were excited to learn that their designs would be used, and are already excited to work on next year's!



For anyone interested, it's not too late to order Casa Mea Christmas cards, either for this Christmas, or in anticipation of next year!

## Thank You, Cojocaru Family!



The Cojocaru Family on Halloween

This holiday season, we'd like to thank the Cojocaru Family, a family of three from Brasov who come nearly every weekend to see our kids.

Whether they're painting, teaching the kids chess, helping with homework, or just playing, the kids have come to anticipate the Cojocaru Family's visits, and are always so happy to see Bogdan and his family.



Livia rides the bike that was a gift from the Cojocaru Family

They even bought the kids a bike this summer, and have taught them each to ride!

#### **Holiday Celebrations**



The kids in their Halloween costumes



Livia (above) and Robert (below) bob for apples \_\_\_\_\_

The kids celebrated one of their favorite holidays with special guests: friends from the neighborhood, the Cojocaru family, and even Jan, Casa Mea's founder, who was visiting over the holiday!

Less than a month later, the kids celebrated an American Thanksgiving with American volunteers and many friends.

Finally, to kick start the Christmas holidays, the kids have begun to decorate the house, starting, of course, with the Christmas Tree!



Above: Livia, Vlad, and Ana decorate





Above: Robert and Stelian prepare squash for Thanksgiving

Left: The kids were ready to eat!



# Mi Casita

Progress continues to be slow but sure in our Guatemalan home.

In addition to completing paperwork, we are working on furnishing and preparing the house.

We are hopeful that progress will be quick in the New Year!



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