

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Winter 2017

## The Magic of Winter in Romania



St. Nicholas arrived on December 6th

On December 6th St Nicholas visits all the children. Before bed, the children put their shoes out. If they have been good, they awake to a gift in their shoes. If they have been bad, they get a lump of coal. Thankfully, this year all the children received a gift from St. Nicholas!

A favorite winter activity is to visit the square in Brasov. There are many lights and stalls where people can purchase gifts or snacks. It is always a festive opening to the holiday season.



Christmas market in Brasov



The first snowfall at Casa Mea

And of course, the excitement of the first snowfall is not lost on the children or the adults!

# To All of Those Who Have Touched Our Lives and Moved On

Georgiana came to us from the streets. She was our wild child, but over time, she became our beautiful princess. The Romanian court thought it would be in her best interest to return her to her mother who now had a place to live. The place has electricity, it has water. Regardless, both her mother and she were so reunited. The moral of love and family are more important than comforts. Georgiana's was sad to see her go, her the best. Georgiana will always be welcome Mea.



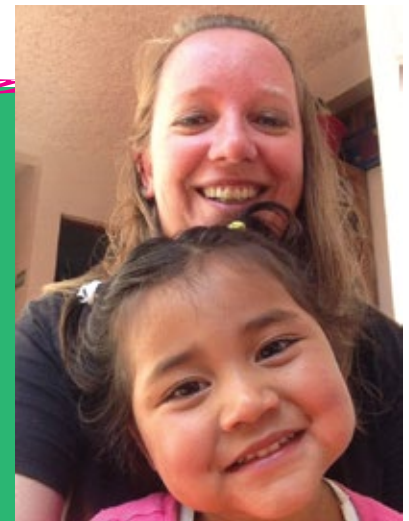
Georgiana's Last Day

Although this has no running Georgiana and excited to be this story is that always much material Casa Mea family but we all wish and her mother to visit us at Casa



Farewell to Georgiana  
Our Princess.

We are particularly sad that Casa Mea had to close Mi Casita. There is such a need in Guatemala for family homes for the abandoned, unwanted children. But unfortunately, we could no longer afford to continue to support Mi Casita. We are grateful for all of Jessica's hard work and for the beautiful children that came into our lives if only for a brief period of time. We are also grateful to all the donors, especially from the Netherlands, who supported our effort in Guatemala.



Farewell to Mi Casita  
Jessica with Tatiana

# Thank You to All of Our Donors and Volunteers



Emmanuel Baptist Church

Many thanks to the members of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Britain who have consistently supported Casa Mea. When we needed their help most, they stepped up to the plate with a large donation which has help keep Casa Mea going in Romania. A special thanks to Bryan, who volunteered for a summer at Casa Mea.

When he returned to Britain, he mobilized his friends and his church to support Casa Mea. And for years, they have. Duncan and Emma of the church also have been instrumental in supporting Casa Mea. We cannot thank enough all of the people of Emmanuel Baptist Church!



Bryan, Emma, & Duncan



David helping Stelian

And thanks so much for David & Hazel. David volunteered at Casa Mea several years ago and now returns with his wife Hazel to spend almost nine months volunteering at Casa Mea. They help the children with homework and English. They take

the children to town when they have lessons there. They are invaluable to all of us. Plus they held a huge fund raiser for Casa Mea to help us paint the house which has been needed for years.



Hazel helping Livia

# Donors and Volunteers Continued



Catherine with the children

**Catherine founder of Childrens Helpers Worldwide has been instrumental in raising funds from her organization for Casa Mea. They have helped us support the children's tutors, the staff salaries, and especially the painting of the house. Catherine is Casa Mea's fairy godmother!**

**Esther is another fairy godmother to Casa Mea! She never forgets to send the children cards, money and candy for every single holiday. Esther is not a wealthy woman, but she always manages to give to the children and we are all grateful for her generosity!**

**Krissy is in the category of fairy godmothers. She organized, within 3 days, a bake sale at her church which was a huge success.**



Gifts from Esther

**And we are grateful for all of our donors. Without your help, we could not survive!**

**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...

- By Check: Payable to **Casa Mea** at 6705 Shadow Crest Drive, Plano, TX 75093
- By Credit Card: Donate online by visiting [www.casamea.org](http://www.casamea.org) and click "Make a Donation"
- Other Donations: Contact Jan at 612-227-3239 or email [jan@casamea.org](mailto: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!