

Casa Mea News

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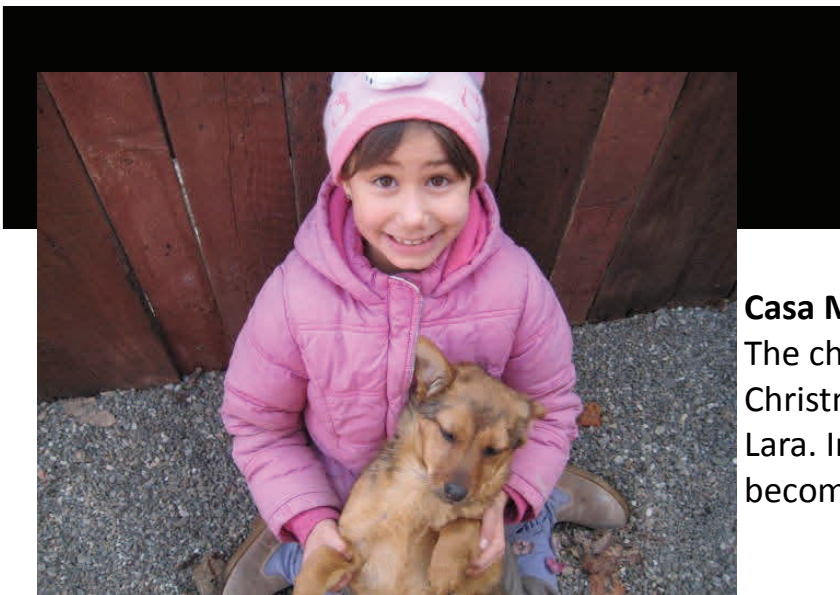


It is spring in the Transylvania Alps!
Everywhere you look these tiny white flowers are
popping up through the snow. They are always the
first sign that spring is just around the corner.



Romania - Casa Mea

"Rescuing one child may not change the world, but for that child, the world is changed forever."



Casa Mea's Newest Addition

The children received a little puppy for Christmas from our neighbor. They named her Lara. In just a short period of time, she has become a member of our family!

Work & Play at Casa Mea



Cristina

At Casa Mea, all the children have their daily chores. If they do them without being told, they earn an allowance at the end of the week. The chores rotate, so no one constantly ends up on the garbage detail! Even the boys get to help with kitchen duty. Every Saturday Vlad makes French toast and on Sundays he makes scrambled eggs for everyone.

We hope his repertoire gradually expands!



Ana Maria



Livia

The children also have fun at Casa Mea! In the evenings, the children love to play Farkel, which often gets quite heated. They also enjoy a good game of Garbage and War and Old Maid is always the game of choice with the smaller children.



Guatemala - Mi Casita

In Guatemala, on February 18, 2013 the news reported that so far for the month...

66 children had been abandoned.

3 babies were dumped on a rubbish heap.

4 severely malnourished siblings were found abandoned in a house in Guatemala City. The youngest, a three month old, appeared dead. Currently, no one has claimed the hospitalized children.

1 newborn baby was found dead in a toilet of a fast food restaurant.



The Home



Beginning June 1st, Casa Mea will rent a house for some of Guatemala's abandoned children. Mi Casita is hopeful that the government will quickly approve the house as a children's home. Once Mi Casita receives the government's approval, it will begin taking abandoned babies with cleft lips and/or palates in addition to other abandoned children.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Casa Mea is looking for dedicated volunteers to organize games and sports for the children during their summer vacation! Casa Mea also needs both the inside and outside of the house painted. If you like to slap on paint, hate bugs and the heat, then the inside painting is calling you. If you don't mind heights and can balance on a scaffold, the outside painting is the job for you. Casa Mea's Romanian-American Scholars' Club (our converted attic school) is currently seeking English teachers for both the children at Casa Mea and other children/adults in our community. This should be a fun and leisurely summer activity for any teacher. When not teaching, these volunteers can explore Romania. For more information on any of the volunteer opportunities please email Jan@casamea.org

CALLING ALL DONORS

Now that Casa Mea is running two homes, one in Romania and one in Guatemala, the financial needs have doubled. If you can contribute financially, that is terrific! However, if you are not in a position to contribute yourself, perhaps you can organize a Casa Mea fundraising event at your home, school, or church. Casa Mea will gladly provide speakers and materials for these events.

We hope to hear from all of our dedicated donors!

NEW BANKING ACCOUNT FOR UK DONORS

To make it easier for our UK donors to contribute, Casa Mea opened an account at HSBC Wellingborough. Although the account is named Mi Casita, all funds deposited into the account will be available to either Casa Mea Romania or Mi Casita Guatemala unless otherwise specified by the donor.

Please make your checks payable to Mi Casita and mail to :
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To send your financial gift to Casa Mea...

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- 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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