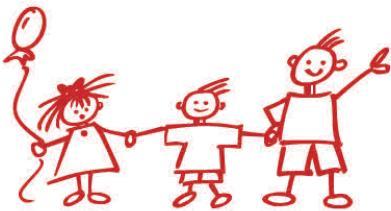


CASA MEA NEWS

Winter 2012



Season's Greetings!



Off to school!

Thank You...

Casa Mea is one of a handful of non-profits providing a loving group home for orphaned and abandoned children in Romania. The others have closed their doors due to one fact: the lack of funding. Casa Mea's survival is a tribute to it's donors. The children enjoy the safety of a stable loving home environment which provides basic human needs such as food, clothing, and shelter, in addition to love. It is this stable loving home environment that separates Casa Mea from state run institutional settings.

Your contributions are providing these children with hope and a chance to become productive and contributing members of society; instead of becoming a burden on society. Hopefully, one day the children of Casa Mea will share with others this same hope and a chance.



Winter Fun!

Casa Mea does not employ any professional fund raising organization nor does Casa Mea US staff receive any salaries. It is a strictly volunteer organization.

Casa Mea does this so that all of your contributions are used to operate the home in Prejmer, Romania. The IRS return is available on www.guidestar.org

Thank you!



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Volunteers

Casa Mea depends on its volunteers.

Without them, Casa Mea would have to pay to have the work done. This fall three volunteers from Rochester Minnesota came to Prejmer and painted two rooms in the house. In addition, they played with the children. Volunteers from England also came and spent an afternoon playing with the children. By doing so, these volunteers conveyed to the children that they are precious and loved. Casa Mea's volunteers are a valuable asset and contribute much to our home and to the lives of our children. We are grateful for our volunteers' donation of time, effort, and love. Thank you!

Please know, volunteers are always welcome at Casa Mea.



Volunteers from Rochester, MN

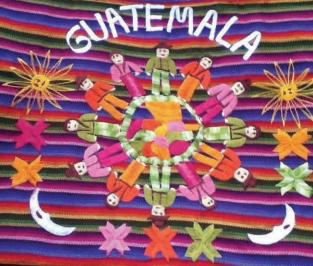


Team Building with British Volunteers.



Finishing Touches to the New School.





Mi Casita in Guatemala

Casa Mea has made a commitment to expand into Guatemala.

After visiting Guatemala this summer, it is apparent that there are many children abandoned there each year, especially those children with birth defects. A recently published report by the Joint Council on International Children's Services revealed that **one child is abandoned in Guatemala every four days** – and over three quarters of them are newborn babies.

Families in Guatemala abandon their children because they feel they have no other option. Poverty and large family sizes are the main reasons that families abandoned their children. They simply cannot care for them.

Other children are abandoned because they are physically disabled.

Beginning in 2013, Paula, Casa Mea's volunteer administrator, will move to Guatemala to establish Mi Casita, (my home in Spanish). Casa Mea has located a home to rent in a small village outside of Antigua. Casa Mea hopes to partner with a Dutch charity which provides assistance to cleft lip and palate babies. Casa Mea will assure the Dutch charity that any abandoned cleft lip or palate baby will always have a place at Mi Casita.

Boy in the Box.



Abandoned newborn twins.



We hope we can continue to count on your support during this Holiday Season and the upcoming year.

While in Guatemala, we heard about a baby who was born in the parking lot of an abandoned factory. By the time authorities arrived, the baby had been mauled to death by stray dogs. While we were there, we also learned of twins with cleft lips and palates who were abandoned in the hospital and another cleft lip and palate baby who was left in a box on the steps of the hospital. He became known as the "boy in the box."

Wishing You

joy,

peace,

and love

this holiday season and always!



Jan and Julia



To send your financial gift to Casa Mea:



By Check: Payable to [Casa Mea](#) at 6705 Shadow Crest Drive, Pano, TX 75093



By Credit Card: Donate online by visiting our website at www.casamea.org and click on "Make a Donation"



Other Financial Donations: Contact Melanie Clark at mel@casamea.org or Jan at 612.227.3239 to arrange for a monthly automatic bank withdrawal, donations of appreciated stock, or other type of financial donation

If you have specific questions regarding how you can help, please call us at

612.227.3239 or email us at jan@casamea.org

All contributions to Casa Mea are tax-deductible.

Thank you!