
How can I help?

1. By giving us a donation. We gratefully welcome any amount—it all adds up. We can make money go a very long way in Romania, and if you are a tax payer we can claim an extra 25p on every £1. Please ask us for a gift aid declaration form.
2. By donating your old clothes, unwanted ornaments, videos, books and bric-a-brac. We have a charity shop in Rotherham market. This is a great help to us in raising funds. These items may be left at any of the Hamby shops. We can also use you as a volunteer!
3. We have no paid staff and no big overheads or costs so every penny we raise goes directly to aid projects. Over the years, we have raised and donated over a hundred thousand pounds.

THE HAMBY FOUNDATION

Executive board

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Our sincere thanks to everyone for their help and encouragement over the years. We could do nothing without your help and generous support

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*“I grumbled as I
had old shoes—
then met a child
who had no feet”*

.....“You can stand and curse the darkness, or light a candle” ...

The Hamby Foundation was founded in 2004 but our work in Romania dates from 1999 when Chris Hamby visited Romania and saw the poverty in Constanta on the Black Sea coast. Since then, a group of friends have raised funds for various aid projects. Many people have generously supported the work by giving donations and items to sell. Money and practical aid has gone to help street childrens charities, old peoples centres, an Aids hospice and to poor families in need. The Foundation has helped to buy a building, Casa Meryl in Baltageste to use as a feeding centre and Church. We have also sent out clothing, footwear and other items directly by lorry. Over the years we have paid for life-saving operations, provided wheelchairs and given many much needed grants to families, old people and charitable organizations.

Existing projects and future aims

1. We will continue to support Heart to Heart, the old peoples feeding centre in the port of Constanta. This centre feeds 30 to 40 old people, giving them a hot meal and hot showers etc.
2. We will continue to support PRR, Project Romanian Rescue, a Street Children's centre in Constanta. They provide food, clothing, education & housing for children rescued from the streets. We have seen children taken from poverty, starvation and danger to become citizens who now have their own homes, families and jobs.
3. We will continue to aid medical operations and help in severe hardship cases. Where possible we aim to support the local economy and workers.

It is now 20 years since the revolution, so why does Romania still need our help?

After 40 years of extreme communism all the social services have had to be started from scratch. This is a long job.

Most of the population is 8 times poorer than 20 years ago.

6.5 million Romanians live in extreme poverty with over 1.2 million unable to afford food.

1 in 5 children are forced to work in order for their families to survive. They are withdrawn from school and are therefore illiterate.

Many homes, 95% in rural areas have no running water and many cannot afford electricity. These factors along with a poor diet and poor healthcare lead to the third highest infant mortality rate in Europe, (18 deaths per 1000 live births) and a resurgence of tuberculosis. TB is a growing killer with 30000 cases a year, the highest in Europe, the next highest being Albania with 600 cases. The chief victims are young adult men who are the breadwinners so leading to more problems.

Romania still has over 6000 street children .

Home care for the elderly, meals on wheels, and home nursing simply don't exist in Romania. The only help for old people comes from aid.

Statistics. WHO and UNICEF reports
