

Sponsor a child in Romania

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**GRASSROOTS
in ROMANIA**

Even though Romania has been part of the EU since 2007, at least 25% of Romanian families still live below the poverty line. It is common for poor people to live with up to 12 other family members in one room, with no running water or flushing toilet facilities. School is technically free in Romania but some children do not go simply because they cannot afford the extras needed. Life becomes a choice between food or school. Many children have a poor diet and so suffer from dental issues and health problems. Due to the recent economic crisis the state health service is under massive strain and many simply will not take a sick child to hospital due to lack of funds!

BENITA

Grassroots partner with a Romanian agency called **Benita** (www.benita.ro) who work with some of the poorest children in the towns and villages around Bistrita and Cluj Napoca. Benita is a well known Christian organisation in the area. They work closely with both the local church and with the local social work authorities. They have a wonderful reputation, are registered for both education and social work, and serve on the local government committee that reviews whether organisations should be registered.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP is only £8 per month (£96 per year) per child. This makes a big difference to these families by giving each child with what they need to be allowed to go to school. This includes:

- School uniform
- School satchel
- School sport uniform
- School material: writing books, pens, book
- Medical certificate (which is necessary for the child to have a place in a **Benita** Christian camp)
- Medical & Dental care

The families receive regular visits from **Benita's** trained Christian staff and each child gets a place on one of the Christian camps that take place in the summer. Sponsorship enables the children to attend school on an equal footing with other students - helping them to gain confidence and the chance of a good education.

Grassroots also runs a project called "Speranta4Romania" which works with **Benita** to build or renovate the houses of some of the poorest families. Each house costs about £4000, and about $\frac{3}{4}$ of this money is raised in the UK. Sometimes UK volunteers travel to Romania to help with these building projects.

Your regular gift will enable Grassroots to help change a child's future.

Once you have decided to sponsor a child, please return the **Standing Order** (or **one off donation**) & Gift Aid Form (if you are a UK tax payer) to the office. (Alternatively **give by credit card** via the "Shop" on our website). We will send you a certificate including their name, a photograph and a few more details. We will also forward any letters that we receive from them. There will be opportunities for you to write to them, although this will always be via the Grassroots' office. For more information please contact us and we'll do our best to answer any questions you have.

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Please send to: **The GRASSROOTS TRUST, 8 Meadow Way, Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey GU10 4DY**

I/We wish to sponsor [.....] children (£8 per month per child or £96 per year per child)

I/We wish to donate to the "Speranta4Romania" fund (building houses for very poor families)

I/We would like to make a donation to the work of Grassroots in Romania to use where most needed.

EITHER: **I/We enclose a cheque** for: £.....
(payable to THE GRASSROOTS TRUST)

OR: **Standing Order Authority**

First Name/s & Initials:

Last Name:

Address & Post Code:

Tel:

Email:

To: (Name of your Bank)

Address:

Post Code:

Account Name:

Bank Account No:

Sort Code: ____ : ____ : ____

Please deduct £ (numbers) [(words)]

from the above account, on / /20..... (date - at least one month ahead of date of posting)

and each **Month / Quarter / Year** (delete as appropriate) until further notice.

Pay this sum to **The Grassroots Trust** (Registered Charity No 1060034)

Sort Code: 40:09:10 Account No: 91169475 HSBC, 140 High Street, Barnet, Herts EN5 5XW

Signed:

Date:

Gift Aid Declaration

Full Name

Home Address

I want The GRASSROOTS Trust (Charity No: 1060034) to treat all donations I make on or after 6th April 2010 as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.

Signed _____

Date: _____

Notes:
1. As your donation covers donations that you will make in the future, please notify us if you change your name and address while the declaration is still in force.
2. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying us. It will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
3. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations in the tax year. This is currently 28p for each pound that you give.
4. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income or capital gains tax equal to the tax that we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration as described in note 2
5. If you pay tax at a higher rate, you can reclaim tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, please contact us. You can also get the leaflet IR113 Gift Aid from your local tax office.