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*The mission of the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family is to support vulnerable and marginalised children so that they can grow up in a safe family environment and have access to the much needed education and healthcare.*

**Here are our 2007 results that we are most proud of**

- ✓ We helped over 3,000 children and families get through the crisis, which could have otherwise led to child abandonment or school dropout.
- ✓ Over 400 children improved their school results after having attended the activities carried out in our community centres.
- ✓ We set up a new Community Centre together with Banca Transilvania as part of a project called Cluj Has a Soul. The youth from Cluj will be supported to start leading a life on their own, independent of social services.
- ✓ We signed a partnership agreement with the Social Protection Service of Cluj-Napoca Local Council as part of an EU-funded project addressing children and families on a low income from Cluj-Napoca.
- ✓ We started an under two year old child abandonment prevention project together with our strong partner UNICEF.
- ✓ We ended the pilot phase of a program which aims at training teenagers from Transylvania Motorway-crossed communities to become young entrepreneurs. Thanks to the project / *Want to Be an Entrepreneur!*, supported by Transylvania Motorway Project, 11 children from Cluj learned how to start up and run a business.
- ✓ We helped the community from Domănești buy an excavator to generate incomes which will be used for projects targeting children and for turning the village into a prosperous and better organised community.
- ✓ Thousands of children took part in our special events organised for June 1<sup>st</sup>, The Universal Children's Day or for holidays.



## 10 Years of FRCCF

In the last **10 years**, we have helped needy children and offered support to their families and communities.

We started to work for Transylvanian children right after 1989 Revolution with the help of our British partners. Still, the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family (FRCCF) was registered as such only in November 1997 by the British charity The Christian Children's Funds of Great Britain, which merged with The European Children's Trust to become EveryChild in 2002.

Our work had a positive impact on the lives of over **20,000 people** from Transylvanian families and communities.

We made a difference to the lives of **6,947 children**. We stood by them and made sure their rights were observed, that they received proper life guidance and that they never felt lonely.

We managed to stay close to children from **poverty-stricken towns** thanks to our community centres, which help them cope with their family burdens and school problems. We supported **rural communities** to create a perfect environment for their children to grow and study in. We stood by children from **childcare institutions and special schools** and contributed to their independent life training. We helped communities struggling with **migration** issues keep their children and youth away from migration dangers, such as child trafficking.

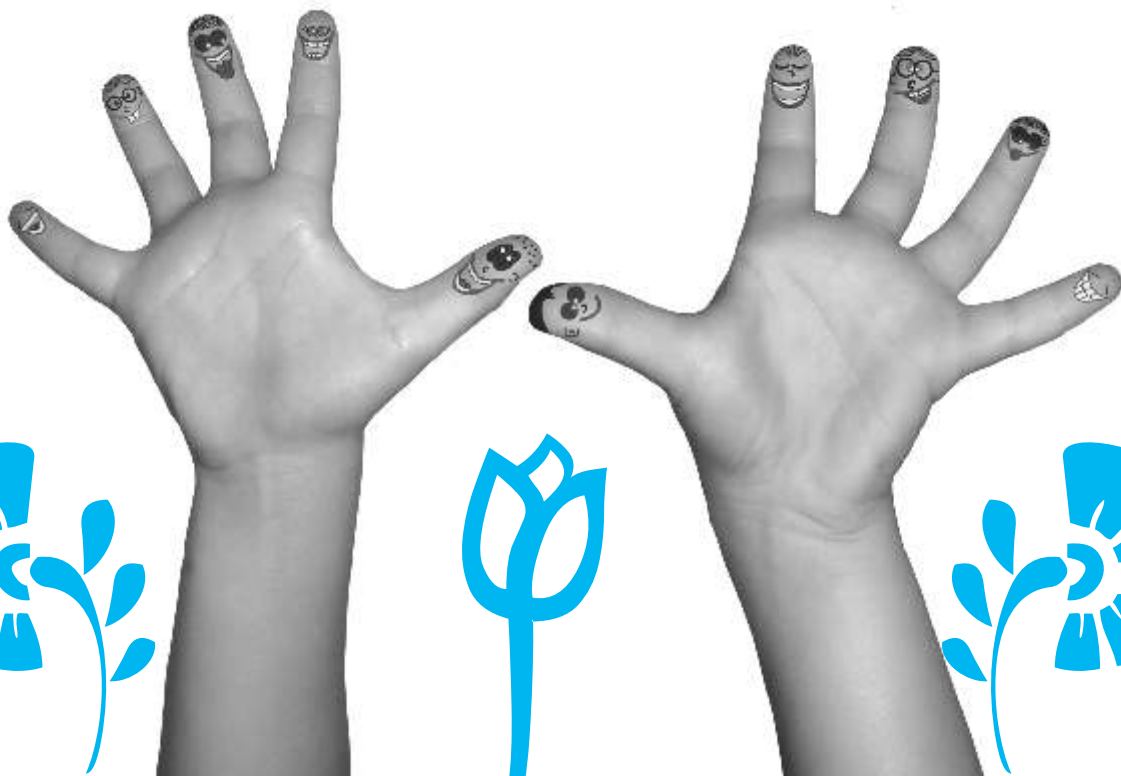
We were the first non-governmental organization from Transylvania which was granted **public utility status**.

We set up **7 community centres, 2 group homes**, we worked in **27 childcare institutions** and **4 rural community development programmes**, and at the peak of our work we successfully implemented **44 projects** at a time. We managed **4 EU-funded Phare projects** and we were partners in **3 other projects** financed by the same body. Moreover, we teamed up with UNICEF in **4 projects**.

We started off with 14 people and we now have a staff of **92 employees** who are a part of a much bigger team that includes volunteers, partners, associates and donors, as well as all those who believe in us and support our cause.

In these past ten years, we invested around **6 million EUR** in the future of all FRCCF-assisted children. This investment and the output of our projects were made possible by British donors, EveryChild UK, the European Union, other non-governmental organizations and institutions, the communities where we work, Romanian companies and donors and by our own efforts.

We have constantly reached our goals and have showed great **efficiency, responsibility, transparency, stability** and, most of all, **respect** to the supported children, families and communities.







## Foreword

In 2007, FRCCF celebrated ten years since its registration. Many realities have changed in the meantime, but, thanks to its committed staff, constant UK partner, reliable Board and faithful supporters, FRCCF continued to perform as a strong, reliable Romanian NGO, active in the field of children's rights protection in the North Western part of Romania.

2007 was also the first year of the Romanian membership to the European Union, a year that brought changes to the way local authorities and NGOs act.

Even though loudly announced, the structural funds destined to Romania and supposed to replace the missing funds of the NGOs (due to the departure of the main civil society funders towards more in need destinations) did not arrive.

FRCCF still waits for the service contracting system to be put in place and continues its fundraising efforts mainly through proposal writing and donations from local communities (both individuals and companies).

In the meantime, the most significant 2007 achievements were the PHARE programme implemented in Cluj-Napoca with the mayor's office as main applicant and the partnership signed with Banca Transilvania, more precisely with its "Clujul are Suflet" [Cluj Has a Soul] Foundation, to set up a day-care centre helping teenagers find and keep jobs.

It has become very clear that, in the future, social services will be the responsibility of local authorities and, therefore, the strategy of FRCCF remains that of maintaining very good relationships with mayor's offices from rural and urban areas, not only with companies and individuals in those communities.

When celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2017, we will all see how this strategy will have reached the desired impact on the lives of children in our area. And then, as now, we will thank the supporters, the staff, the partners and donors for making all these achievements possible.

## People who get FRCCF help

The Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family assists approximately **14,000** people from the North West of Romania. In all the families and communities that we work with, the children are our main concern. Taking an interest in every aspect of the children's lives and wanting to constantly improve the way we work with them and their families, each year we run **sociological studies** that provide us extremely useful information about the social and financial situation of our beneficiaries and their opinion about our services.

At the end of 2007, we collected data about approximately **1,150** disadvantaged families from Cluj, Bihor and Satu Mare counties. These families have a total of around **5,700** members, and more than half of them (**2,741**) are underage. 45% of the families stated that they were Romanian ethnics, 20% - Hungarian ethnics, 22% - Roma ethnics, and the remainder of 13% are of mixed ethnicity.

### A sad family portrait

Each family is made of 5 members in average, and more than a third of these families are single-parent ones. They live in small houses and each room accommodates around 3.5 people. Children's and parents' **health** is poor. Almost a quarter of the children (498) suffer from a disease, while approximately 630 parents say that they have at least one condition that is constantly disturbing them.

The families' **level of education** and **income**, which are strongly interrelated, make their life even harder. The mothers finished 8.6 school

years in average and earn an average income of 260 RON (70 EUR) per month. Moreover, almost 90% of them earn less than 500 RON (135 EUR) per month. The fathers finished 9.2 school years and earn in average 420 RON (113 EUR) per month, but the wages of two thirds of them don't even reach 500 RON (135 EUR). 452 parents declared they had no income.

Unfortunately, some of the children carry on the educational problems of their family. They have great learning difficulties, and their results don't match their potential. During the 2006-2007 school year, almost 10% of the school children had to retake at least one exam or didn't pass the grade at all, just to mention the tough cases. According to the studies we made in the last years, the children's poor school results are due to:

- Lack of proper learning conditions at home;
- Family environment;
- Lack of school supplies, clothes, food, school transportation.

### Facing hardship

The problems of the families run even deeper. About a third of them live in dwellings that have no running water and/or gas. Moreover, 42% of the families don't have a kitchen and 28% don't have a bathroom, while over 10% of the households are not connected to electricity.

A quarter of the families say that their biggest problem is paying the bills. They also feel that lack of food, medication, and clothes are other problems that often make their life unbearable.





Almost a third of the children's parents or carers who answered to our questionnaires think that their children lack mostly clothes and footwear. They also mentioned the need of food, better living conditions or school supplies. Tense family atmosphere and lack of love sometimes strongly felt by children were other issues brought to our attention.

These problems arise ever so often and they get even more serious when one of the parents or both of them work abroad. In 10% of the families, at least one parent is away and in approximately 5% of them both the mother and the father work in Western Europe. Almost half of these cases were identified in Satu Mare County. The money earned by those who work abroad is rarely sent home and the entire family is affected by the parents' absence. Still, the children suffer the most: besides missing their parents, they often develop serious behavioural problems and have poor school results.

#### **We believe they can have a better life**

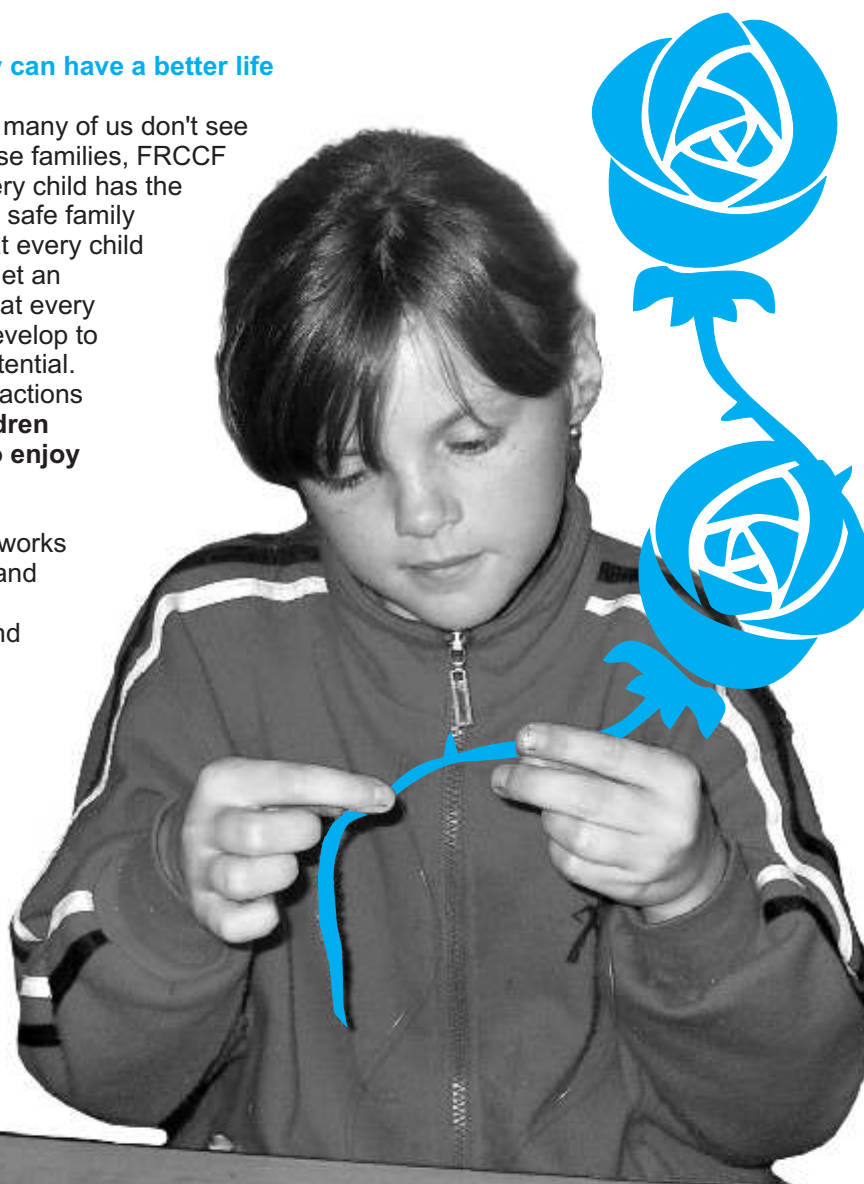
Although maybe many of us don't see any hope for these families, FRCCF believes that every child has the right to grow in a safe family environment, that every child has the right to get an education and that every child needs to develop to his/her fullest potential. Each one of our actions gives these **children** more chances **to enjoy their rights**.

The Foundation works with every child and every family independently and we adapt our services to their needs. In 2007, the most requested

services were **social care** and the child-oriented **community centre** services, as well as one-off payments.

Most of the people that are assisted by the Foundation think that the greatest change that FRCCF brought to their life is having someone to help them during tough times that they couldn't get out of by themselves. Last but not least, they are very pleased that their children have improved their school grades since they started to attend the FRCCF community centres.

**All these things that people tell us about themselves *make it our obligation* to continue our work!**



## Profile of FRCCF Beneficiaries from Cluj-Napoca

**459 families, 2,288 people, and 1,061 children were interviewed**

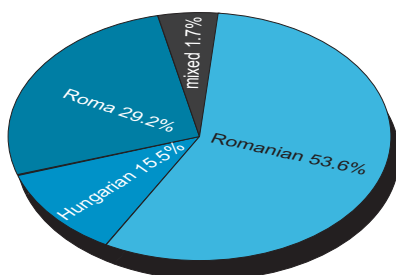
30% of the families (136) are single-parent families

⇒ In 11.6% of the families, at least one parent works abroad

⇒ 4.9 members/family

⇒ 3.4 people/room

### Beneficiaries' Ethnicity



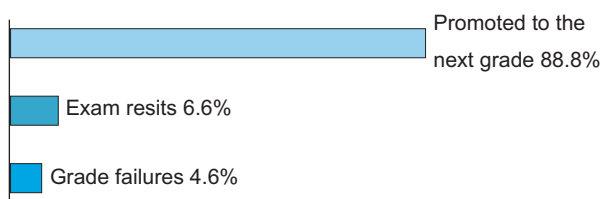
### Health

People suffering from at least one illness	Number of cases
Children	218
Mothers	174
Fathers	108

### Education

849 school children

#### Children's 2006-2007 School Year Results



### Income

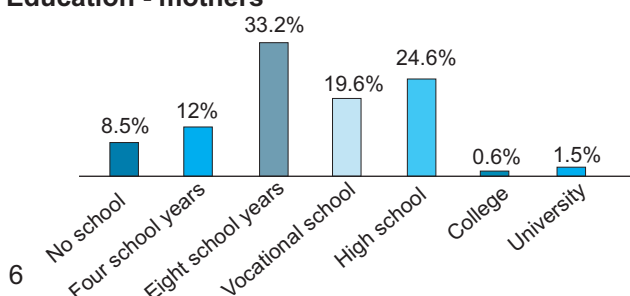
Mothers' average income: 70 EUR/month

86% of the mothers earn less than 135 EUR/month

Fathers' average income: 113 EUR/month

61% of the fathers earn less than 135 EUR/month

#### Education - mothers



### Mothers' income source: % of total

Salary 45.4, No income 35.2, Pension 8.5, Welfare allowance 3.8, Child benefit 2.6, Occasional income 2.4, Other income 2.1

### Fathers' income source: % of total

Salary 60.7, No income 17.3, Occasional income 13.4, Pension 5.8, Welfare allowance 1.6, Child benefit 0.6, Other income 0.6

### The biggest problems facing families and their children (as mentioned by the interviewees)

#### Problems: %

Bills payment 23, Lack of food 11.6, Lack of clothes or footwear 11.1, Lack of medicines or money for different medical tests 8.6

#### Children's greatest needs: %

Clothes, footwear 37.7, Better living conditions 14.9, Money for school (school supplies, transportation, tuition) 10.9, Family love 8.8, Food 8.6

### Goods and Utilities

#### Goods: % of families WITHOUT these goods

TV 9.4, Radio 65, Washing machine 40.9, Refrigerator 18.2, Telephone 23.9, Computer 71.1, Car 93.7, Central heating 87.3

#### Utilities: % of families WITHOUT these utilities

Electricity 14.5, Gas 30.2, Running water 32.6, Bathroom 42.7, Kitchen 24.4

### FRCCF Services

#### Services most accessed in 2006-2007: %

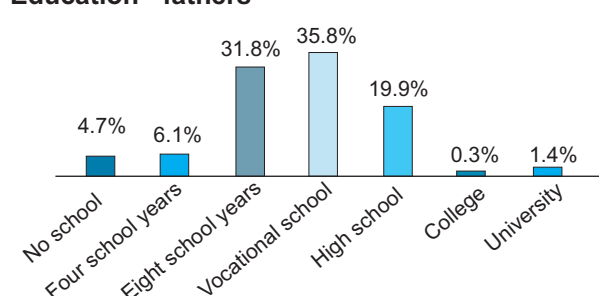
Social care 85.8, One-off payment for household utility bills 35, Community centre services 30.6, One-off payment for clothes 19.5, Medical counselling 19, Psychological counselling 12.5

#### How has your life changed ever since you started working with FRCCF?

##### Most frequent answers: %

I had someone to turn to in case of need. 41.8, I got help when I had problems. 23.5, My children have better grades. 20.6, My children are more obedient/more polite. 11.6, I was given useful everyday life information. 10.2

#### Education - fathers



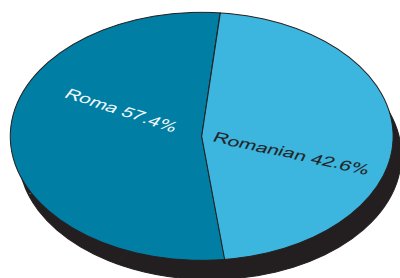


## Profile of FRCCF Beneficiaries from Cîmpia Turzii

**129 families, 632 people, and 300 children were interviewed**

- ⇒ 30% of the families (39) are single-parent families
- ⇒ In 15.5% of the families, at least one parent works abroad
- ⇒ 4.9 members/family
- ⇒ 3.5 people/room

### Beneficiaries' Ethnicity



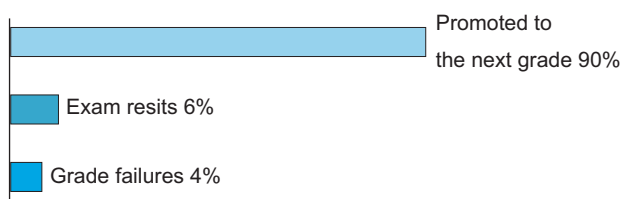
### Health

People suffering from at least one illness	Number of cases
Children	88
Mothers	35
Fathers	26

### Education

188 school children

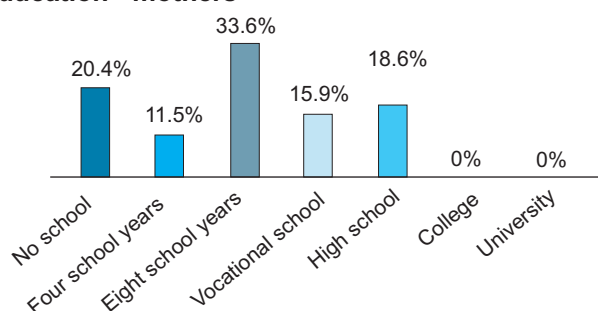
#### Children's 2006-2007 School Year Results



### Income

Mothers' average income: 67 EUR/month  
 93% of the mothers earn less than 135 EUR/month  
 Fathers' average income: 116 EUR/month  
 61% of the fathers earn less than 135 EUR/month

#### Education - mothers



### Mothers' income source: % of total

No income 38.9, Salary 37.2, Welfare allowance 9.7, Pension 6.2, Occasional income 2.7, Child benefit 1.7, More types of income 1.8, Other income 1.8

### Fathers' income source: % of total

Salary 62.8, No income 18.6, Occasional income 8.1, Pension 5.8, More types of income 3.5, Welfare allowance 1.2

### The biggest problems facing families and their children (as mentioned by the interviewees)

#### Problems: %

Bills payment 32, Lack of food 12.7, Lack of medicines or money for different medical tests 11.6

#### Children's greatest needs: %

Clothes, footwear 41.1, Computer 16.6, Food 15.4

#### Goods and Utilities

##### Goods: % of families WITHOUT these goods

TV 23.4, Radio 81.3, Washing machine 50.0, Refrigerator 42.2, Telephone 34.4, Computer 82.8, Car 93.8, Central heating 87.5

##### Utilities: % of families WITHOUT these utilities

Electricity 18.8, Gas 28.3, Running water 39.1, Bathroom 49.2, Kitchen 31.3

### FRCCF Services

#### Services most accessed in 2006-2007: %

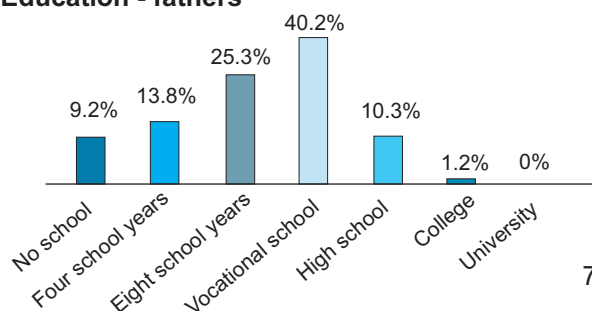
Social care 100, One-off payment for clothes 57, One-off payment for school supplies 45.3, Community centre services 36.4, Humanitarian packages received for holidays 32, One-off payment for household utility bills 20.3, Camps, trips 17.1, One-off payment for food 14.1

### How has your life changed ever since you started working with FRCCF?

#### Most frequent answers: %

I had someone to turn to in case of need. 39.6  
 I was given useful everyday life information. 15.5  
 My children have better grades. 8.5

#### Education - fathers

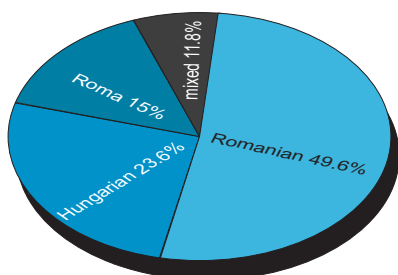


## Profile of FRCCF Beneficiaries from Oradea

**359 families, 1,745 people, and 911 children were interviewed**

- ⇒ 38% of the families (137) are single-parent families
- ⇒ In 10.6% of the families, at least one parent works abroad
- ⇒ 4.8 members/family
- ⇒ 3.3 people/room

### Beneficiaries' Ethnicity



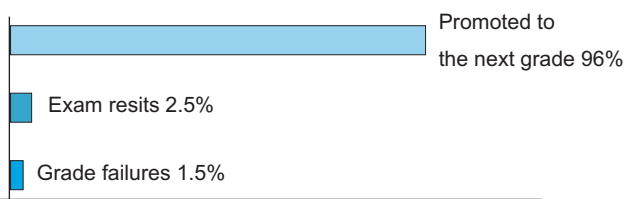
### Health

People suffering from at least one illness	Number of cases
Children	130
Mothers	121
Fathers	79

### Education

704 school children

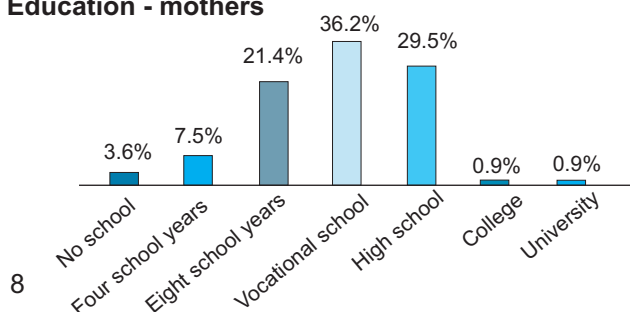
#### Children's 2006-2007 School Year Results



### Income

Mothers' average income: 73 EUR/month  
 85% of the mothers earn less than 135 EUR/month  
 Fathers' average income: 112 EUR/month  
 67% of the fathers earn less than 135 EUR/month

#### Education - mothers



### Mothers' income source: % of total

Salary 41.8, No income 28.4, Pension 14.6, Welfare allowance 7.9, Child benefit 2.6, Occasional income 2, More types of income 1.5, Other income 1.2

### Fathers' income source: % of total

Salary 50.5, Occasional income 17.7, Pension 14.9, No income 13.1, Welfare allowance 1.9, Child benefit 1.4, Other income 0.5

### The biggest problems facing families and their children (as mentioned by the interviewees)

#### Problems: %

Bills payment 22.5, Lack of housing 21.6, Lack of food 14.1, Lack of medicines or money for different medical tests 9.6

#### Children's greatest needs: %

Better living conditions 38.1, Clothes, footwear 21.9, Food 11.7, Computer 13

### Goods and Utilities

#### Goods: % of families WITHOUT these goods

TV 14.8, Radio 77.4, Washing machine 37.9, Refrigerator 22.6, Telephone 24.5, Computer 66.3, Car 95.8, Central heating 99.4

#### Utilities: % of families WITHOUT these utilities

Electricity 5.3, Gas 18.4, Running water 22.6, Bathroom 42.6, Kitchen 15.3

### FRCCF Services

#### Services most accessed in 2006-2007: %

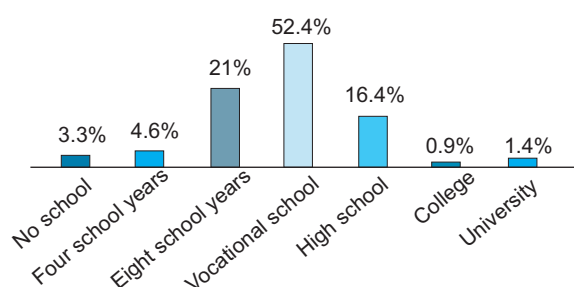
Social care 100, One-off payment for clothes 38.8, One-off payment for household utility bills 31.8, Medical counselling 28.4, Community centre services 26.2, One-off payment for food 23, One-off payment for school supplies 12.2

### How has your life changed ever since you started working with FRCCF?

#### Most frequent answers: %

I had someone to turn to in case of need. 54.9  
 I got help when I had problems. 24  
 My children have better grades. 12.3  
 I was given useful everyday life information. 11.7

#### Education - fathers



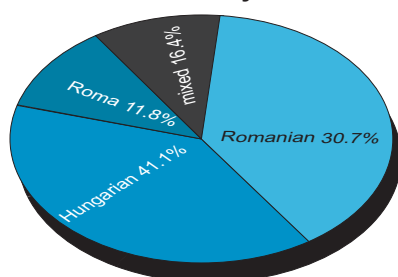


## Profile of FRCCF Beneficiaries from Satu Mare

**186 families, 917 people, and 469 children were interviewed**

- ⇒ 30% of the families (55) are single-parent families
- ⇒ In 9.7% of the families, at least one parent works abroad
- ⇒ 4.9 members/family
- ⇒ 3.3 people/room

### Beneficiaries' Ethnicity



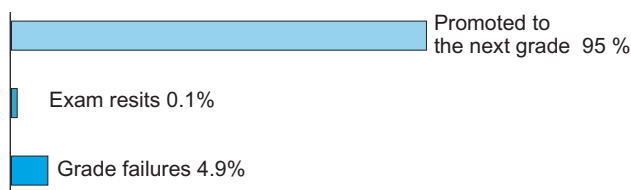
### Health

People suffering from at least one illness	Number of cases
Children	62
Mothers	51
Fathers	35

### Education

349 school children

#### Children's 2006-2007 School Year Results



### Income

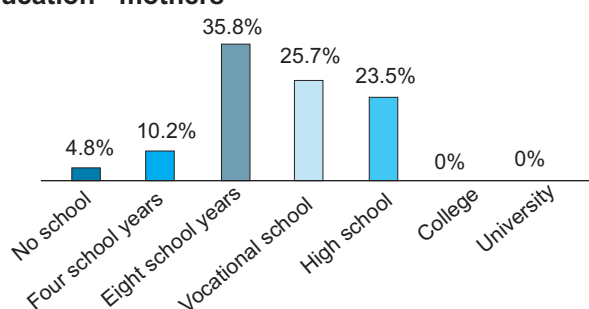
Mothers' average income: 71 EUR/month

81% of the mothers earn less than 135 EUR/month

Fathers' average income: 104 EUR/month

75% of the fathers earn less than 135 EUR/month

#### Education - mothers



### Mothers' income source: % of total

Salary 40.5, No income 29.2, Child benefit 9.5

More types of income 8.3, Pension 4.7

Welfare allowance 4.2, Occasional income 1.2

### Fathers' income source: % of total

Salary 57.1, Pension 16.8, No income 14.3

Occasional income 9.3, More types of income 2.5

### The biggest problems facing families and their children (as mentioned by the interviewees)

#### Problems: %

Bills payment 21.9, Lack of food 17.9, Lack of bathroom or kitchen 9.9, Lack of clothes or footwear 8.3

### Children's greatest needs: %

Better living conditions 12.5, Clothes, footwear 16.6, Home appliances 17.5, Computer 29.1

### Goods and Utilities

#### Goods: % of families WITHOUT these goods

TV 8.6, Radio 71.5, Washing machine 43.5

Refrigerator 26.5, Telephone 21, Computer 78

Car 95.2, Central heating 88.2

#### Utilities: % of families WITHOUT these utilities

Electricity 5.4, Gas 40.9, Running water 41.9

Bathroom 39.2, Kitchen 23.1

### FRCCF Services

#### Services most accessed in 2006-2007: %

Social care 93, One-off payment for food 51.9

One-off payment for clothes 34.8

Camps, trips 27.4,

Community centre services 26.3

Psychological counselling 19.9

One-off payment for household utility bills 9.9

### How has your life changed ever since you started working with FRCCF?

#### Most frequent answers: %

I had someone to turn to in case of need. 84.9

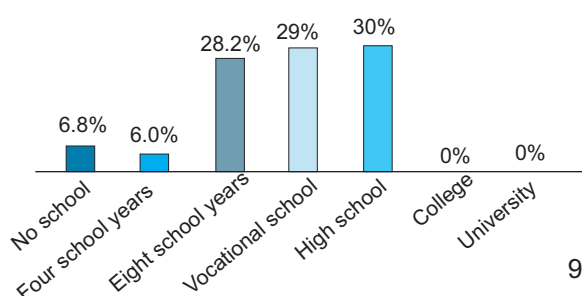
I got help when I had problems. 62.9

My children have better grades. 12.9

I was given useful everyday life information. 11.8

My children are more obedient/more polite. 10.2

#### Education - fathers





## FRCCF Community Centres

### We prevent child abandonment and school dropout

The community centres from Cluj-Napoca, Cîmpia Turzii, Oradea and Satu Mare help children from low income families cope with school and everyday problems. They get homework support, help from a psychologist and a medical doctor whenever they need it and they receive a snack daily. Moreover, they take part in various recreational and socialising activities.

### Children see community centres as their second home and school. There, they get love, protection and proper life guidance

The centres also provide real support to the children's families as social workers, psychologists, medical doctors and legal advisers help them overcome crisis situations that often come up in their life.

FRCCF helps each family turn into a child development-friendly environment. We want children to get as many chances as possible to build a great future.

### Cluj-Napoca Community Centres

FRCCF currently runs two community centres in Cluj-Napoca and will open a third one at the beginning of 2008.

### The results we are most proud of

- ✓ The social workers helped around 850 children and parents overcome crisis situations in 2007.
- ✓ 111 of 122 children who received homework or learning support from a special education teacher now have better school grades and know how to learn.
- ✓ 32 of 47 students who attended Romanian and Mathematics tutoring improved their grades in these subject matters.
- ✓ A quarter of 287 children and 68 adults who benefited from psychological counselling successfully tackled their emotional and behavioural problems.
- ✓ Almost a quarter of a total of 51 adults who received career guidance found a job.
- ✓ 12 children behave nicer at home, at school and at the community centre and they relate better to others after having participated in the mentoring programme.
- ✓ 11 teenagers started up their first business.

In 2007, the two community centres, supported by the European Union and Cluj-Napoca Local Council through a Phare programme, as well as

by the Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities, delivered the following services to children and parents:

- social work;
- homework support;
- special education teaching;
- tutoring in Mathematics and Romanian;
- psychological counselling and personal development groups;
- health education classes;
- school and career guidance;
- job mediation;
- medical counselling;
- legal advice;
- mediation of contacts with public institutions;
- financial aid in case of crisis.

### We work hard to make them stay on the right track

Over 60% of the children who attend these two community centres have serious school problems, very poor marks, resits and some of them even face the risk of grade failure. In 2007, we helped about 120 children get ready for their resits or avoid failing the grade. Two thirds of them promoted to the next grade. In addition, we worked with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to find the right school and trade for them. We also supported 386 children to tackle their behavioural problems, improve the relationship with their family or overcome other hard times that make them less active at school or at the community centre and distract them from studying and from childhood joys.

The children were also involved in many socialising activities: trips, sporting competitions, trivia quizzes, going to the park or picnics, Christmas or March 8<sup>th</sup> shows, visits to museums, watching movies, arts /reading/ other clubs.





### **We show them that education can make their wildest dream come true**

*At the end of the first 8<sup>th</sup> grade semester, Vlad had resits at 6 subject matters. He comes from a family of 4 children (3 of them have already started school), with a soft mother and a father who is seldom home because of his work. Worried about their children's school results and about their incapacity to help them due to lack of money, the parents sent all three of them to one of the FRCCF community centres from Cluj. Disappointed by his past failures, Vlad was not at all interested in school, focusing on his only passion: sports. Throughout the second semester, he received homework support every day, the centre's special education teacher was constantly there for him and he took tutoring in Mathematics and Romanian. Vlad passed all his resits as well as the grade, and he is now a student at "Edmond Nicolau" School of Arts and Trades while continuing to practice his favourite sport, wrestling.*

### **We step in whenever something negative affects the children's family environment**

Over 500 families were granted financial aid to pay their bills or the rent or to buy food, as well as donations of clothes, footwear, medicines or school supplies. Moreover, approximately 90 of them received the help of the legal adviser to solve problems related to divorce, eviction, alimony, various documents or acts of violence.

### **We introduce them to people that can become their role models**

Because many of the children attending the centres don't have anyone in the family to help them or give them the right piece of advice, FRCCF and iQuest Technologies continued the mentoring programme initiated in 2006. Twelve children have 12 volunteers close to them, who have become their role models. They spend a great deal of time together, going out to the movies, to the restaurant, to pastry shops or to the theatre. The children get to do new things and they start to look up to these volunteers and copy their behaviour.

### **We give them tools to get out of poverty**

For six months, 11 teenagers learned what they have to do to find a job and even how to start up a small business. The project *I Want to Be an Entrepreneur!* was made possible thanks to Transylvania Motorway Project, Danis Foundation and Psihoselect. At the end of the project, the teenagers worked on their first business with an income of 2,000 EUR: they made Christmas cards that they sold to 20 companies from Cluj.

*Diana, 15 years old: "It sometimes gave me the chance to know myself better. What I liked best was the fact that we put into practice everything we had learned and, to be honest, I'd like to live this experience at least once again".*

### **Together for Children Day-care Centres**

FRCCF and the Social Protection Service of Cluj-Napoca Local Council are partners in a project supported by the European Union through 2004-2006 Phare programme: Economic and Social Cohesion / Social Services Component. The 18-month project started in January 2007.

The overall project goal is to provide specialised social care to socially and economically challenged families from the town of Cluj-Napoca. It also aims at strengthening the partnership between public institutions and NGO's by providing social services to shared beneficiaries.

The project targets a number of 300 families living in poverty and having lots of children. In the first year, 200 families benefited from the services of the two community centres included in the project. Moreover, every month, approximately 100 children attended the activities of the centres.

In addition, together with other 10 NGO's and institutions, FRCCF and the Social Protection Service set up a joint database with all social service providers from Cluj and their beneficiaries.



## Cluj Has a Soul

The third FRCCF community centre, "Cluj Has a Soul", a project started and supported by Banca Transilvania, is already done and will open at the beginning of 2008. This centre wants to help 14 to 20-year-olds from underprivileged families or from placement centres find a job or continue their education. We want to help them build a future away from poverty and welfare services.

"Cluj Has a Soul" Community Centre is the initiative of Banca Transilvania, based on the needs identified by Cluj authorities, and it could be started thanks to the volunteers who collected supporting signatures from the people of Cluj and to the FRCCF child welfare practitioners.

In 2007, FRCCF and Banca Transilvania found a building for the centre, they identified potential beneficiaries and needed services and they hired the day-care centre staff that will work with the youth.

### Their health comes first

In September, 40 children suffering from severe respiratory illnesses benefited from saltmine therapy, with the financial support of OZONE Foundation. The children feel much better because the saltmine air makes wonders in curing breathing disorders, especially asthmatic bronchitis. Breathing this salty air when exercising strengthens children's immune system and makes them less dependent on medication or hospital care. Since 2000, an average of 38 children had this treatment every year, and most of them need to do this therapy yearly.

## Cîmpia Turzii Community Centre

### The results we are most proud of

- ✓ The social workers helped 210 families go through the worst times of their year.
- ✓ Out of 100 children who got homework support: 40 have better grades, and 12 promoted the grade after having passed their resits.
- ✓ 21 of 30 children who benefited from psychological counselling have fewer problems with attention, school motivation, communication, self-esteem, relating to others or aggressive behaviour.

The year 2007 was full of activities at Cîmpia Turzii Community Centre. The children:

- got homework support;
- benefited from psychological counselling;
- learned how to work on the computer;

- took part in various arts clubs;
- learned more about hygiene and health;
- organised and participated in different sporting competitions and trivia contests.

### We teach them how to dream and smile

The children attending Cîmpia Turzii Community Centre are renowned within the Foundation for their artistic skills. In 2007, 90 of them attended the arts club, the drama club, dance lessons and the choir. Moreover, the boys took part in the FRCCF Football Cup organised for Cîmpia Turzii school children, whereas the girls competed in the FRCCF Handball Cup. The little ones didn't miss a holiday: March 8<sup>th</sup>, Children's Day, Santa Nicholas, Christmas, and other important dates; they took part in festivities, small parties or outdoor events.

### We give them the help they stopped hoping for

Most Cîmpia Turzii families which are assisted by FRCCF live in unimaginable conditions. Each day of their life is a crisis situation and they constantly lack food, running water, heat, clothes and even a roof over their head. Still, 210 families could always count on the FRCCF social workers and their support. Clothes, food, school supplies and medication were donated and money was granted to pay the bills.

### The Community Centre gives them a childhood they can't find at home

*Emil is 10 years old, and his brother, Adrian, is 11. A year ago, the two children were coming back from school, sad because of their poor grades: their report cards were full of "satisfactory" and "unsatisfactory" ratings. Family problems were too much of a weight on their shoulders: their mother is schizophrenic and often violent, while the father overwhelmed by work and endless problems started drinking. Moreover, the house they were living in was close to tumbling down on them. After they started to attend the Community Centre from Cîmpia Turzii, the two brothers improved their grades, and finished the school year with "good" results. This was possible thanks to the FRCCF teachers and volunteers, as well as to the psychologist who managed to free the children, at least emotionally, from family burdens and make them enjoy their childhood more. In addition, the family was enrolled in a program run with the help of extremely generous people from Great Britain and had their house refurbished.*

We were able to help families like Emil and Adrian's thanks to a special sponsor, Tokio Marine, which supported our Cîmpia Turzii project.



## Oradea Community Centre

### The results we are most proud of

- ✓ 48 of 65 students in the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade who received homework support improved their Mathematics and Romanian knowledge.
- ✓ 30 of 63 children who benefited from special education teaching made enormous progress as far as reading and writing skills, as well as verbal expression skills go.
- ✓ 29 of 40 children helped by the psychologist behave better at home and at school and they are more motivated to study.
- ✓ All 23 teenagers that participated in the personal development group, held together with People for Community Foundation (Coca-Cola HBC Romania), developed their creativity and learned how to behave in society.

In 2007, at Oradea Community Centre, the children:

- received homework support;
- attended Romanian, Mathematics and Geography tutoring;
- attended English and Computer Science classes;
- benefited from psychological counselling;
- were helped by a speech therapist or a special education teacher;
- benefited from school and career guidance;
- took part in health education classes;
- partook in arts clubs and various sporting activities;
- went on trips;
- received medical help whenever needed.

### We help them discover and make a future on their own

All year long, 285 children partook in all the activities of the centre. 34 of those who benefited from tutoring in Mathematics, Romanian and Geography improved their grades. Moreover, twenty-two 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were helped identify their skills and preferences and find the most suitable school or trade. All 2007 secondary education graduates continue their studies.

June 1<sup>st</sup> was a special day in Oradea. The children attending the FRCCF Community Centre along with other children from Oradea enjoyed the activities organised by the Foundation at LOTUS shopping centre: they made drawings and strung beads, they had crazy hairdos done, they had their face painted, they competed in different competitions and even watched a fashion show run just for them. The children enjoyed some special moments during winter holidays as well, such as festivities and presents from very generous people. Around 100 children took part in all the socialising activities held at the centre.

## We make families stronger to be able to support their children

432 families were helped cope with crisis situations throughout the year, receiving financial aid for food, bills, rent or clothes and footwear for children. The social workers also intervened in tense family crises and organised monthly parent meetings at the community centre to help them understand their children better and engage them more in their education.

### Together with UNICEF to prevent child abandonment

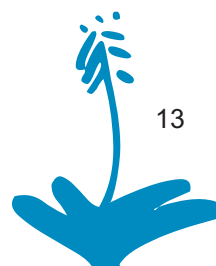
In August 2007, FRCCF and UNICEF started an under two year old child abandonment prevention project.


Roşiori, Diosig, Săcuieni and Oradea were identified as having extremely high child abandonment rates. Therefore, this project aims at identifying in due time any risk situation that the mothers or pregnant women from these towns could face and at helping them go through the hard times that could make them abandon their children. In the first project months, over 100 mothers were selected as potential project beneficiaries.

Working with local authorities and other NGO's, we hope to remove all the dysfunctions of the healthcare system which indirectly make it easier for mothers to abandon their children. Up to now, 10 partnership agreements have been signed with hospitals, local councils, the local social work department and police, bringing decision-makers together to put an end to a child abandonment favourable environment.

### Together for Community through Art

FRCCF and People for Community Foundation of Coca-Cola HBC Romania set off a special program for 23 teenagers attending the Community Centre from Oradea: participating in various cultural and artistic activities, the children learned new things about artistic expression, about themselves and how to behave in society. They took part in painting and crafts workshops, they watched movies, and they went to symphonic concerts, dance lessons or to the theatre. The results of the project were incredible: the children were involved in a series of outdoor activities that they had never experienced before, and their age-specific energy was channelled on creativity stimulating and emotions freeing work.





In the first three months of the year, some of the centre activities were sponsored by Sheffield Group.

### **We support them whenever needed**

*I.P., mother: "I am the mother of Victor and Maria who come to the centre every day. I am very pleased with the work of FRCCF, because they help people like me, families with many problems. My children do tutoring here and it shows because their grades are better and better. Victor likes sports and all the competitions they hold here, whereas Maria loves to draw, especially on glass. I'd be the happiest mother if the Foundation continued to help me and my children because I don't know how I'd manage on my own".*

### **Satu Mare Community Centre**

#### **The results we are most proud of**

- ✓ 341 children and adults overcame crisis situations with the help of FRCCF social workers.
- ✓ 28 of 48 children who received homework support at the community centre have much better grades.
- ✓ 60 of 92 children who attended tutoring in Mathematics and Romanian improved their knowledge and grades at these subject matters.

#### **We show children that they can be the best in everything they do**

In 2007, at Satu Mare Community Centre, the children:

- received homework support;
- attended Romanian and Mathematics tutoring;
- were involved in socialising activities;
- benefited from school and career guidance;
- learned new things about hygiene and health;
- received psychological counselling;
- received a snack daily.

More than half of the children who attended the community centre improved their school grades. Those 45 children who were counselled by the psychologist behave nicer, they communicate better with their friends and grown-ups around them, they understand that rules need to be obeyed and have a less aggressive behaviour and language.

150 children took part in different socialising activities every day. They signed up for arts clubs or they went on trips during school holidays. They celebrated June 1<sup>st</sup> and Universal Children's Day with joy and games. They were also happy to perform shows for Santa Nicholas and Santa Claus who rewarded them.

### **We bring stability and trust to families**

Throughout the year, 250 families received financial support from the Foundation to pay the rent, the bills, for food or clothes. FRCCF social workers also gave them all the information and support they needed to step out of critical moments like those lived by Violeta and Edith and to address everyday problems. Moreover, the parents could also turn to the psychologist of the centre any time.

In the first three months of the year, some of the centre activities were sponsored by Sheffield Group.

### **Working for a happy ending**

*Edith (11) and her sister Violeta (4) lived on the streets with their mother for a couple of months, sleeping at acquaintances', in staircases or hospital halls. After a divorce and a failed relationship, the mother had to move on the streets as she couldn't afford to pay the rent anymore. In those few hopeless months, the little girls were very close to being separated from their mother and getting in the care of local authorities, while Edith even dropped out of school.*

*FRCCF stepped in to support them and the social worker of the Foundation contacted the Local Council for social housing. Fortunately, the little girls and the mother have a roof over their head now. Edith was re-enrolled in school and she comes to the FRCCF Community Centre every day to catch up with school knowledge, whereas Violeta goes to kindergarten. FRCCF continues to work with this family, helping the mother to find a job.*

## Prevention of Child Trafficking and Migration Risks

### “Licuricii” [Fireflies] Community Centre from Gherța Mică

#### The results we are most proud of

- ✓ 3 repatriated children were re-enrolled in school and were helped catch up with the school knowledge they missed during the past 10 years spent away from home.
- ✓ 32 neglected children with parents working abroad became more self-confident after having attended the community centre activities.
- ✓ One third of the children who attended the community centre improved their school grades.

FRCCF started to work in Oaș in 2004 to prevent child trafficking and migration risks in this area which is seriously affected by adult and child migration.

In 2007, we focused on the community of Gherța Mică where 300 children have at least one migrant parent. A year ago, we opened the first community centre here addressing mainly children separated from their parents, who work abroad, and repatriated children. However, we also stay close to the other needy children of the community who are neglected by their family or have different problems at home or at school.

Almost 100 children took part in the community centre activities:

- Learning support;
- Psychological counselling;
- Personal development groups;
- Sporting games and trivia quizzes;
- Arts club;
- Shows for March 8<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and winter holidays.

#### We give them the attention and the love they don't have

According to the children, their biggest accomplishment at the centre is the magazine they started. *The Big Break* already has 5 issues which were distributed to parents, teachers and other significant members of the community. The children also remember the great summer days when they took part in play work activities and in the carnival of the continents, organised with the French association Hors la Rue and Stea Association from Satu Mare.

#### We cannot fill the void left by their parents, but we can be with them day by day

*Alina has been coming to the Community Centre ever since it opened. Very distant and shy, the 8-*

*year-old girl didn't have the courage to play with the other children at first. Alina lives only with her mother and sister as her father works in Italy. The little girl was strongly affected by her father's leaving and she has little self-confidence because of her hearing problems. Her father was the one who would encourage her and tell her not to worry because her hearing aid didn't make her any different than the other kids. With the help of the FRCCF Community Centre coordinator, who encouraged Alina day by day, the little girl started to play with those who in the meantime have become her friends. Since the autumn of 2007, she has been coming to the centre every day where she gets homework support and help to learn lip reading.*





## Rural Community Development Projects

### Măguri Răcățău

We started to work in Măguri-Răcățău, the biggest mountain commune from the County of Cluj and from the whole country, in 2004 in order to help the children of this community stay in school.

The first year, we renovated the boarding school of the commune to accommodate children who live very far away from school and whose way back home takes hours.

#### The results we are most proud of

- ✓ 36 children managed to continue their education thanks to the boarding school which was renovated by FRCCF.
- ✓ 14 children have better grades in Mathematics.
- ✓ 14 children have better grades in Romanian Language and Literature.

In 2007, we made sure that those 36 children accommodated by the boarding school got all the food they needed in order to live well here throughout the year. In addition, they benefited from daily homework support and took part in groups where they learned more about personal hygiene, health and how to get involved in the development of their community.

*Ionel, 14 years old: "I would like to go to high school in Cluj next year. I don't know what I would have done had it not been for the boarding school; it would have been real hard to walk 4-5 kilometres to school and back every day. Most certainly, I wouldn't have had any time left for homework or anyone to help me".*

### Domănești

Our first project in Domănești was to develop a water supply network and then connect the schools and the kindergarten to it. From the very beginning, our goal was to help local children study in better conditions, and to assist the villagers in getting funds for community development.

#### The results we are most proud of

- ✓ The purchase of an excavator that the community uses to make money which will benefit the children.
- ✓ A greater autonomy gained by Crasna Domănești Community Association with the help of FRCCF.
- ✓ A new partnership between Domănești community and Opalyi community from Hungary based on which the inhabitants of the two villages learn from each other how to render their community more organised and prosperous.

Last year, the children and some of the community members took part in a series of activities supported by FRCCF:

- Arts and drama clubs;
- Dance and folk music clubs;
- Trips;
- Computer science lessons;
- Shows and outdoor events on the most important days of the year.

In 2007, FRCCF invested in Domănești community and covered the funds needed to buy an excavator. The machine is used for cleaning rain water collection ditches, digging ditches and house foundations or loading and unloading various cargos. The excavator benefits mainly the villagers from Domănești, but also the inhabitants living in nearby communities. The Crasna Domănești Community Association will use the excavation works-generated incomes to solve the problems of the people from Domănești, putting children's best interest first. Actually, the children have already taken part in some activities, competitions and shows, which could be organised thanks to excavator rental funds.

## Childcare Institution-based Program

The childcare institution-based program aims at ensuring that abandoned or disabled children grow in an appropriate environment and are prepared to lead an independent life after leaving childcare institutions.

In line with the new strategic goals, FRCCF has decided to close down its last projects from childcare institutions.

### “Prietenia” Community Centre from Popești

#### The results we are most proud of

- ✓ 96 children from the Special School have gained more self-confidence and trust in the others after having attended the self-autonomy and social independence activities.
- ✓ 67 of sixty-eight 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who received guidance to choose the right school or trade, continue their studies, most of them in high schools from Popești, Marghita and Oradea.
- ✓ 48 children from the dance club and 49 from the music club won prizes at local contests.

“Prietenia” [Friendship] Community Centre from Popești is a special place because it brings together placement centre children and children of local families and shows them that they can enjoy their childhood together.

In 2007, over 250 children from the placement centre and from the local community learned lots of new things *together* thanks to the FRCCF Centre activities:

- tutoring in Mathematics, Romanian and Geography;
- English lessons;
- School and career guidance;
- Sports and environment protection activities;
- Self-autonomy and social independence groups;
- Dance, painting, handiwork, music, Bistrita Valley traditions and customs workshops;
- Health education;
- Birthday parties;
- Shows and outdoor events on the most important days of the year;
- Trips.

#### We are teaching them to lead an independent life

All the activities carried out at “Prietenia” Community Centre are meant to support the placement centre children, forgotten by their family and often marginalised in our society. We help them make new friends, be accepted by the members of the community, gain more self-confidence, stay in school and be ready to live on their own when they have to leave the institution.

*Gabriel, 10 years old, Placement Centre: “I like coming to Prietenia Centre because I meet many children, my friends, and we make lots of things together. Last year, I liked the carnival best and I even won a prize for my mask that I had made with the help of my teacher at the arts club. I like spending as much time as possible at the Centre. I won't leave until they close and I help them do the cleaning so that I can be the last that leaves”.*

*Marta Molnar, volunteer: “I teach Romanian Language and Literature at Popești Vocational School and I have been volunteering at Prietenia Centre since its very beginning. I chose to come here as a volunteer so that I could help children with learning difficulties and those who are studying hard for the exams ahead of them. Their exam scores reflect their progress, which makes me so happy and shows me that my work is not in vain”.*

### Cluj-Napoca School for Visually Impaired Children

2007 was the last year when FRCCF supported those over 200 children attending the School for Visually Impaired Children. The project was closed down in the summer in line with the policy of the Foundation to leave childcare institutions and invest more time and funds in communities.

Like every year, the Foundation wanted to be close to these children and find ways to fill their spare time - as they can't play regular children's games like others - and help them make new friends among their peers.

In the last six months of the project, 120 children took part in:

- Music and drama clubs;
- Chess club;
- Glass painting club;
- Audio book listening;
- Torball;
- Computer science lessons.

Moreover, FRCCF co-financed the purchase of a video projector and two computers which will be used in class to render lessons more interesting.



## Special Events for Our Communities

### JOOnior Park - All Children Out To Play!

On the International Children's Day, FRCCF celebrated all the children from Cluj with the fifth edition of a very special event - **JOOnior Park - A New Kind of Fun.**

2,000 children and parents had fun in Central Park for a whole day. Just like in the previous years, the children had dozens of games and contests, music, drama, dance, karaoke, raffle to choose from as well as hundreds of prizes to win. JOOnior Park 2007 was supported by UNIMET CUG, as official sponsor. Other generous sponsors like BRD Group Société Générale, Logo Design, Peak Toys, Maros Bike and Rondocarton made this event possible.

### Children's Christmas

During season holidays, the Town Hall of Cluj-Napoca and the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family organised the third edition of "Children's Christmas", which was offered by Orange this year.

Every day, for three weeks, children from Cluj schools and from various organisations sang carols and said poems to Santa Claus, who didn't miss the event and rewarded the little ones with gifts from Carrefour. Unirii Square was all dressed up for holidays and wooden booths were assembled there to sell items made by FRCCF-assisted children as well as other holiday specific items.

The event was organised with the help of the traditional partners Logo Design and Merlin Consulting and it was sponsored by Honda and Merch Auto. The official media partner was Radio Cluj.

### FRCCF celebrated 10 years of working with children!

1,000 balloons flew over the city of Cluj carrying the message of the children from this town and of those supported by FRCCF. The Foundation celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wanted to remind everyone how important children are for any community. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, the Universal Children's Day, FRCCF invited all the children from Cluj to Unirii Square to draw or write on its anniversary balloons a message to their parents, grandparents, neighbours or to the whole world! FRCCF launched the balloons with the children's messages on the very same day.

The Foundation also organised a competition *Take Pictures of Childhood!* for all the school children from Cluj, which started on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October and ended on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. The children had to take a picture of something that, in

their opinion, illustrated childhood. This competition was organised in partnership with Cluj County School Inspectorate and Mihai Bota, a professional photographer, was one of the jury members. The best pictures of childhood were displayed at an exhibition held at the National Museum of Art from Cluj.

During these events, the Students' House from Cluj-Napoca was covered up in a giant canvas painted by the children who attend the FRCCF community centres.

### FRCCF renovated the houses of some needy families from Cluj and Cîmpia Turzii.

Five low income families from Cluj-Napoca and Cîmpia Turzii, living in damp houses with unfloored rooms - which are extremely unhealthy for children - can now enjoy decent living conditions. The Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Cluj, renovated these houses with the support of a British sponsor. The bathrooms were renovated and fitted with sanitary ware, the walls underwent thermal insulation and were plastered and painted, the ceilings were fixed and concrete floor coverings were fitted in the rooms where the furniture used to be placed straight on the ground. The costs of house repairs varied between 400 and 3,000 EURO.

The renovation program was made possible mainly thanks to Mrs. Pauline Padley from Great Britain. She started to help the families supported by the Foundation through the British charity EveryChild, FRCCF's main partner. Mrs. Padley raised 5,000 GBP in Great Britain by organising a bicycle race in a South England town. Pauline Padley came to Romania in the spring of 2007 to see her efforts and those of the donors, of FRCCF and of EveryChild put into practice.

### Dumbrava Roşie Community Centre from Cluj was painted by British volunteers.

In September 2007, a group of nine EveryChild supporters from Great Britain and France participated in a one-week event - "Expedition Romania".

The first day, the enthusiastic group visited the community centres from Cluj and Cîmpia Turzii and a Roma community. Then, for two days, with a lot of energy and drive, they painted and cleaned Dumbrava Roşie Community Centre from Cluj. The Centre looks much better now and we hope that anyone entering it can feel the heart and soul the volunteers put in. After having painted the centre, the group left for an expedition in Apuseni Mountains where they were most impressed by ... Romanian food!



## Financial Report 2007

**Responsibility, efficiency, transparency for the benefit of the children!**

Each grant, donation, sponsorship, contribution or any other type of support that FRCCF receives is used in a

responsible and efficient manner, in line with our mission and, most importantly, for the benefit of the children.

The investment we and our supporters made in 2007 in the children's, families' and communities' future reached approximately 6,000,000 EUR.

More than half of these funds came from British sponsors through EveryChild UK, FRCCF's main partner. The rest of the money came in the form of: grants, sponsorship from Romanian companies, donations from individuals, subsidies from the Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities, VAT reclaim and other income sources.

### 2007 incomes broken out by funding sources

Income source	Value in RON	%
Grants (European Union, CCFD, FONPC, Hors la Rue, UNICEF)	156,106.93	6.57%
Sponsorship from legal entities	459,806.54	19.34%
Donations from individuals	89,726.66	3.77%
Transfer of 2% income tax (in 2007)	15,751.46	0.66%
Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities	107,300	4.51%
Local authorities (Cluj-Napoca Town Hall)	171,365	7.21%
VAT reclaim	26,700	1.12%
Own incomes	107,967	4.54%
EveryChild UK	1,243,174.07	52.28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,377,897.66</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Average exchange rates in 2007:

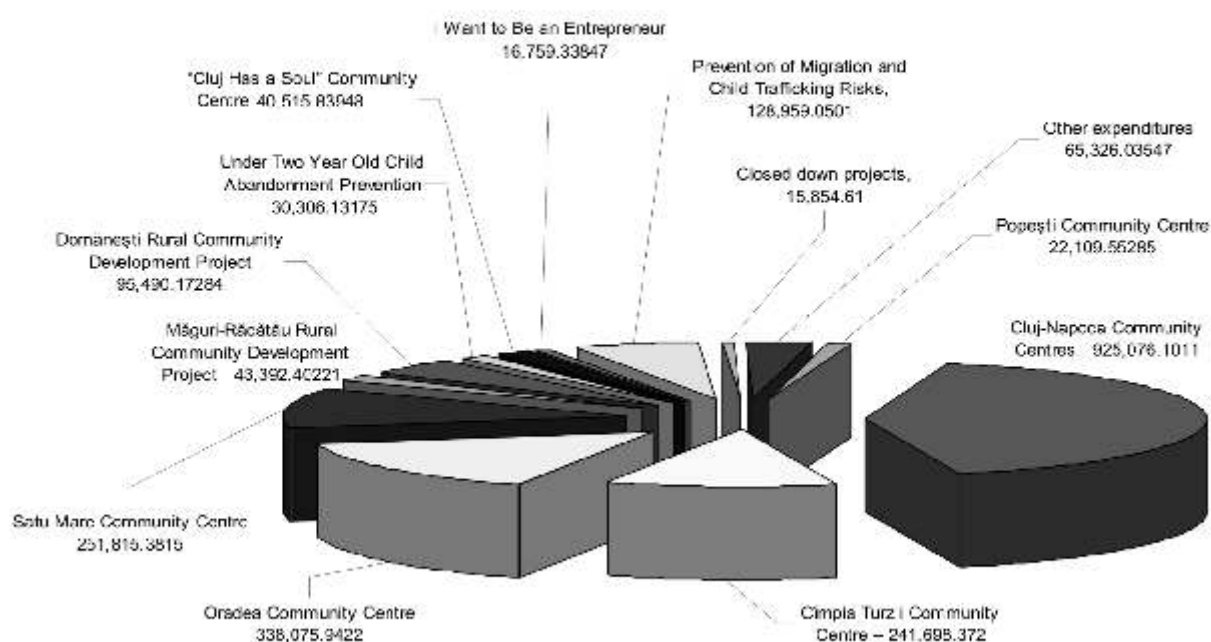
1 EUR - 3.3373 RON

1 GBP - 4.8676 RON

1 USD - 2.4383 RON

\*\*The excess funds (180,000 RON approximately) represent money that was transferred by donors at the end of 2007 for project stages to be implemented in 2008, as well as resources that we use to make sure that when the funding transfers are delayed for various reasons, we can still continue to help children.

### 2007 Project Funds Chart



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON THE  
ROMANIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY'S  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2007**

**We have audited the accompanying balance sheet and profit and loss account of the ROMANIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY** at December 31, 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management and are drawn up in accordance with the *Accounting Law no. 82/1991 republished, Ordinance no 26/2000 on associations and foundations, PFMO no 1752/2005 for the approval of accounting regulations in conformity with EU directives and PFMO no 1829/2003 concerning the accounting regulations of not for profit organizations.*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these *financial statements* based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards of Auditing adopted by the Romanian Chamber of Financial Auditors. These Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor examines the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate under given circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

**In our opinion, the *financial statements* present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the ROMANIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY as of December 31, 2007, and its financial performance in accordance with the above-mentioned reporting framework.**

Mircea Dragoş  
Auditor

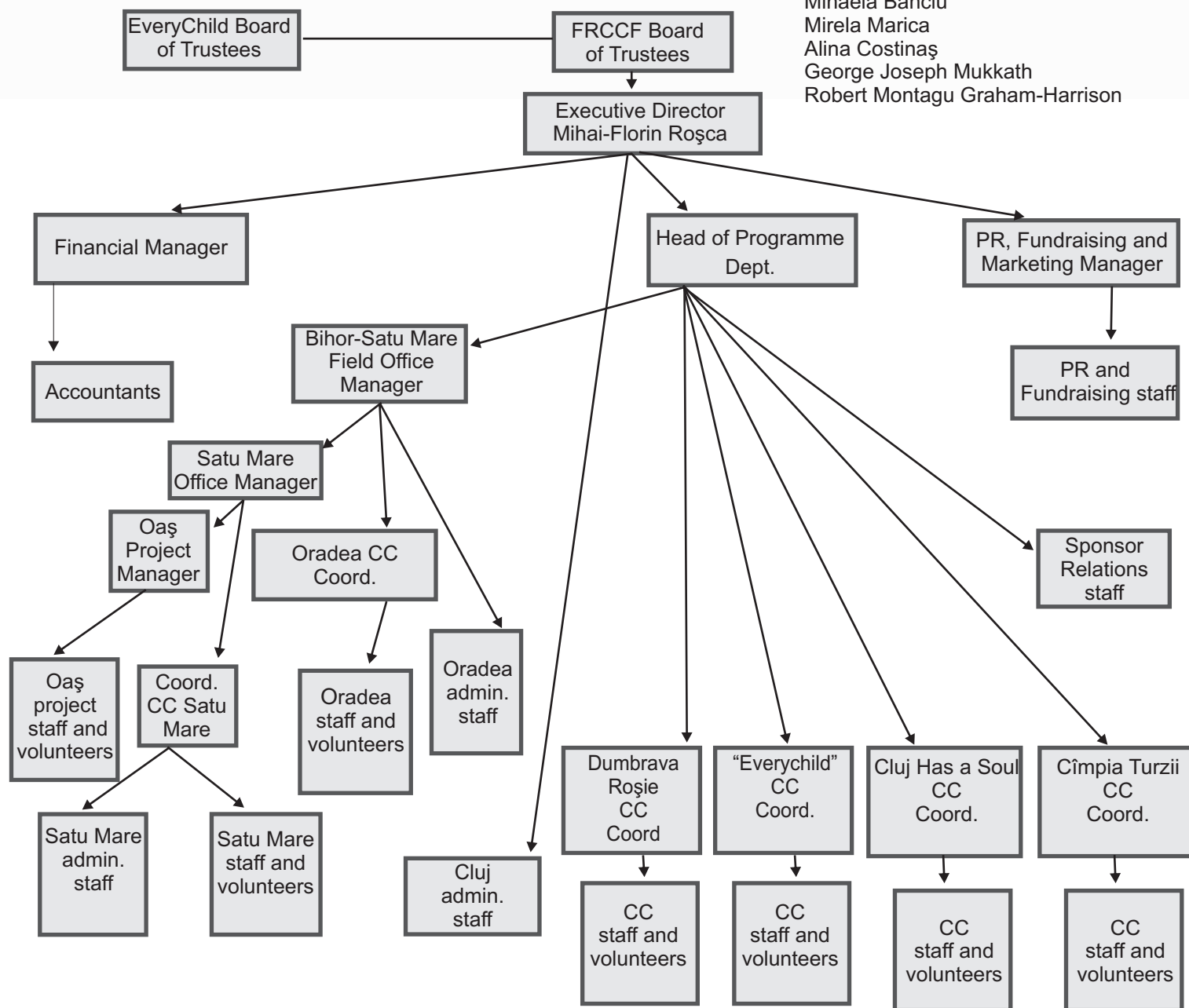


March 20, 2008  
Cluj-Napoca

## FRCCF Organisational Chart and Values

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### Legend:

CC – Community Centre  
 Coord. – Coordinator  
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All the decisions and actions of the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family are made based on the following values and principles: **responsibility, efficiency, integrity, transparency, respect and mutual help.**





## Together for Children

### Istvan Szabo, Community Relations Department, Transylvania Motorway Project

"Transylvania Motorway Project chose sustainable development as a way to commit to local communities. Sustainable development practices help us act like a catalyst for the development of local communities. Therefore, supporting the FRCCF projects came quite naturally because FRCCF is a sustainable partner that has singled itself out through its great welfare projects experience, its commitment to local communities and beneficiaries and innovative social issues approach. The project *I Want to Be an Entrepreneur!* combines all these FRCCF characteristics which guarantee the success of the Social Participation Stock Exchange investment. I hope your 2008 will be at least as good as 2007 and I wish you a lot of success".

### Georgiana Grecu, Executive Director of Ozone Foundation

"Ozone Laboratories Co. supports the programmes of the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family and likes their innovation, sustainability and the real benefits brought to neglected or economically challenged regions. Ozone Laboratories values the constant care and support that FRCCF gives to the children and families they assist, and we hope that this cooperation, started two years ago, will become stronger and will help us get even closer to the community. Ozone Laboratories and Ozone Foundation would like to thank FRCCF for being open and always available and for their sustained efforts. We hope that this solid partnership will bring long-term benefits to the community".

### Emil Boc, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca

"The social and humanitarian work of the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family from the past years has brought joy, hope and light to the hearts of many children and families from our city. I value your work and I congratulate you for your extraordinary dedication to doing so much for needy people. Let's not forget that your actions boosted up the spirit of cooperation with other Romanian and European NGO's. The high profile of the projects run together in the last years - June 1<sup>st</sup>, Children's Christmas - has "forced" us to develop a sustainable partnership benefiting the children and families from Cluj. As mayor of Cluj-Napoca, I wish you to succeed in everything you do and thus contribute to a world of balanced communities and tolerance".

### Mihaela Ordean, iQuest Technologies Manager

"iQuest started to work with FRCCF to help children with a hard life. When running projects together, we saw the FRCCF team putting in a lot of work and serious commitment to support children. In addition, they came up with constructive and pertinent ideas that we could easily embrace. On the other hand, the children's positive response made us really happy. All these convinced us that we have to continue our partnership in the future".

### Vasilică Baias, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, UNIMET CUG S.A.

"We have chosen to work with the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family because we believe in the importance of their work for the Cluj community and in the people who provide this support with great professionalism. We are glad to have organised with FRCCF the most important local event for June 1<sup>st</sup> - JOOnior Park - and that we were able to bring joy to thousands of children".

### Robert Rekkers, General Manager, Transylvania Bank

"Cluj Has a Soul wouldn't have been born without a partner to help us identify what the young people we wanted to help really needed. We thought that FRCCF would be the best organisation that could help us. The name of Banca Transilvania was implicitly connected to "Cluj Has a Soul" project because the idea came from some of our employees. Moreover, Banca Transilvania was established in Cluj and, because of that, we have to and we want to be a model of social responsibility and solidarity together with FRCCF".

### Valentina Caraba, Chairwoman of "Comoara" Crediting Cooperative Popești, Bihor

"Whenever we can, we give a positive answer to the requests of the FRCCF Centre "Prietenia" because we are convinced that they benefit the children of the commune. I attended some of the activities organised by the Centre and I was very pleased with what I saw, especially the joy you could read on the faces of the children who were the main characters of these actions".

In 2007 and not only, generous people, companies, organizations and public institutions which are truly committed to their communities joined FRCCF because they considered that *together* we could make a positive change to the lives of thousands of children who need our constant support. We would like to thank everyone for their trust, for their permanent involvement and commitment showed to the children and to our cause.

## Together for Children

### Our children's future depends on what we give them today

For many children, we are the only ones who believe and invest in them. Give them the much needed hope, and help them build the future they are dreaming of.

As an individual, you can change these children's life if you:

- direct 2% of the income tax owed to the State, by simply filling in the 230 Statement or section III.2 of 200 Statement, where you just have to write our details: the Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family, tax identification number 9898291, bank account RO32BUCU644091102511RO09;

- donate any amount directly into the FRCCF account or to one of our offices from Cluj-Napoca, Oradea and Satu Mare;

- provide constant help to a child from a low income family. A monthly donation of 60 RON will guarantee that he/she benefits from all our services;

- donate any amount of your salary and encourage your workmates to do the same and your employer to contact us in order to start a payroll giving programme;

- buy and wear *Together for Children* wristbands for only 4 RON/piece and cover a part of the food costs of a child who comes at the community centres;

- become one of our volunteers. Give some of your spare time to the children who attend our community centres and help them do their homework, and play or get involved in the FRCCF's annual events.

As a company decision-maker, this is how you can support the mission of FRCCF:

- organize with us events for children and for the community where your company works;

- you can sponsor our June 1<sup>st</sup> or Christmas events;

- direct to FRCCF 20% of your profit tax, up to 3% of your company turnover;

- donate products that you think could benefit children and their parents, such as food, medicines, clothes, footwear, school supplies, etc.;

- start a payroll giving programme in your company and make your employees aware of the usefulness of such donations;

- send your partners Easter and Christmas cards drawn by FRCCF community centre children. Thus, you can prove to your community and your partners once more that your company is reliable and takes on corporate social responsibility;

- start with us community marketing campaigns that can render consumers more responsible and build up your image.



## Thank you!

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"Alexandru Roman" School Oradea  
"Anghel Saligny" School Cluj-Napoca  
"Augustin Maior" School Cluj-Napoca  
"Avram Iancu" School Cîmpia Turzii  
"Avram Iancu" School Satu Mare  
"Babeş-Bolyai" University  
"Bălcescu-Petofi" School Satu Mare  
"Bihorul" Sports High School  
"Center" Medical Centre  
"Comoara" Crediting Cooperative, Popeşti  
"David Prodan" School Cluj-Napoca  
"Decebal" School Oradea  
"Dimitrie Cantemir" School Oradea  
"Dr. Gavril Curteanu" Clinical Hospital Oradea  
"Eugen Pora" School Cluj-Napoca  
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"Grigore Moisil" School Satu Mare  
"Horea" School Cluj-Napoca  
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"Mihai Viteazul" School Cîmpia Turzii  
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"Nicolae Titulescu" School Cluj-Napoca  
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"Pavel Dan" High School Cîmpia Turzii  
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ANPDC National Authority for Children's Rights Protection  
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ARC Community Relations Association  
ARTEMIS Women Against Violence Association  
Arts High School Oradea  
ASCO - Oradea Community Social Administration  
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Fondation d'Auteuil France  
FONPC The Federation of Childcare NGO's  
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 Mare  
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