

Organizations doing work with HIV/AIDS-infected children

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ORGANIZATION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	CONTACT PERSON	TEL	E-mail / Internet site	Needs that might Matched
ARAS (Romanian Association Against AIDS) Romania-based	Broad experience with HIV / AIDS children and adults since early ‘90’s	Dr. Maria Georgescu	40-1-252 41 41 (Romania)	Aras@secu.kappa.ro Aras@kappa.ro Aras@home.ro	medicines (retroviral, and general, especially antibiotics); technical assistance for counseling for HIV / AIDS children and their families; HIV test kits; funds for hospice for terminal children and adults; national testing program for pregnant women; clothes (lowest priority)*
Baylor University/Texas Children's Hospital US-based tax exempt organization	Developed a Romanian-American Children’s HIV/AIDS Center in Constanta – day clinic and research center for about 900 HIV-infected children; sponsored annual conferences on pediatric HIV/AIDS, National Congress on AIDS in Romania	Dr. Mark W. Kline (USA) Dr. Rodica Matusa, Constanta (Romania)	832-824-1038 (tel) 832-825-1281 (fax) USA 40-41-660-857	Mkline@texaschildrenshospital.org Http://www.bayloraids.org	Cash Donations
Bethany Christian Services US-based tax exempt organization	Adoption agency, also offering protection for a limited number of children with AIDS placed in foster care (in Constanta)	Jane Wimmer Diana Cristea	40-1-210 90 23 (Romania)	bethany@dnt.ro	Medicines, clothes, food*

Fundatia Principesa Margareta a Romaniei (Margareta Princess of Romania Foundation) Romania-based	Provides donations and offers nutritional supplements for children with AIDS in the hospital; provides art therapy for long-term inpatient children	Ovidiu Oancea, Director	40-1 -223 08 75 40-1-223 09 34 (Romania)	ovidiu.oancea@principesa.ro	Cash donations
Health Aid Romania UK-based	Family-type placement with groups of 4–8 abandoned children (34 children total); working program with families with infected children (counseling and material support); only in Bucharest	Adriana Isvan	40-1-210 54 30 (Romania)	har@pcnet.ro	Cash donations
HOLT Romania US-based tax exempt organization	Supports families with HIV children; operates a foster program for HIV children abandoned in hospitals; operates in Bucharest, Iasi, Constanta, Mures; they work with about 350 active cases per month all over the country	Ramona Gotteszman	40-1-323 38 03 327 25 12 (Romania)	holt@dnt.ro	clothes, shoes, school requisites; food and vitamins are also welcome*

<p>Inima de Copil (Heart of the Child) Romania-based (Galati)</p> <p>Word Made Flesh US-based tax exempt organization</p>	<p>Small Romanian organization based in Galati, 4 years experience, established 2 HIV positive street children shelters (with 10 HIV positive children); assists foster families for HIV children (7 children); runs a program to prevent abandonment 1</p> <p>US tax exempt affiliate of Inima de Copil</p>	<p>Ana Burtea Daniela Ariton</p>	<p>40-36-312 199 (Romania)</p>	<p>Inima@stillco.ro</p> <p>PO Box 70, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390 0070 www.wordmadeflesh.com</p>	<p>Medicines (retroviral, vitamins, antibiotics, immunostimulators, hepatic protectors), funds for food, clothes*</p>
<p>IAPAC International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care US-based tax exempt organization</p>	<p>Established a Pediatric Outpatient Care Clinic and AIDS Education / Research Center in Constanta, Romania in cooperation with Baylor University</p>	<p>Dr. Jose Zuniga</p>	<p>312-795-4930 (tel); 312-795-4938 (fax) (USA)</p>	<p>iapac@iapac.org www.iapac.org</p>	<p>Cash donations</p>
<p>Nobody's Children (Copiii nimanui) Romania-based</p> <p>Aiding Romanian Children US-based tax exempt organization</p>	<p>Provides medicines and medical supplies to help HIV-infected children and home help care to HIV children; established since 1998, experience in Romania since 1993;</p> <p>US tax exempt affiliate of Nobody's Children</p>	<p>Mary Veal</p> <p>Tom Petro</p>	<p>40-1-323 41 10 / extension 166 (Romania)</p> <p>610-251-0674 (USA)</p>	<p>copiii_nimanui@mail.flamingo.ro</p>	<p>basic medicines such as injecting Calcium, antibiotics (Cefalospor, Rocethon, Sortom, Cypro), antifungal, Retroviral</p>
<p>Romanian Angel Appeal Romanian-based</p>	<p>Provide counseling, social and psychological assistance for HIV/AIDS children within the infectious diseases hospitals in 7 day centers from Romania (Bucharest, Constanta, Craiova, Brasov, Bacau, Galati, Petrosani); mobile unit; they serve about 2000 HIV/AIDS children on a regular basis, but have registered 4480 HIV children since 1992</p>	<p>Dr. Silvia Asandi Executive Director</p>	<p>40-1-323 68 68 (Romania)</p>	<p>Office@raa.ro</p>	<p>Medicines, clothing, and medical, social, psychological and educational programs</p>
<p>Romanian Children Appeal**</p>		<p>AndreaBlagoslov Carmen Constantinescu</p>	<p>(Romania)</p>	<p>Blagoslov_graciela@hotmail.com Carmikc@hotmail.com</p>	

SERA Romania Romania-based	Provides individual support (medicines) for HIV / AIDS children in Bacau and Constanta (about 100)	Dr. Cristian Tabacaru	40-1-659 56 77 40-1 210 04 50 40-1-659 68 22 (Romania)	seraro@kappa.ro	retroviral drugs or cash contributions
Uniunea Nationala a Organizatiilor Persoanelor Afectate de HIV / SIDA - UNOPA (National Union of Organization for People Affected by HIV / AIDS) Romania-based	Consists of 18 association, plans to incorporate 2 more organization; it is moving from Giurgiu to Bucharest	Petrica Agape, president	40-1-210 90 89 (Tel/Fax) (Romania)	Unopa_ro@hotmail.com	Cash donations for treatment, reagents
World Vision USA US-based tax exempt organization	USAID child welfare program that serves institutionalized children with HIV–AIDS	Dr. Laurentiu Zolotusca	40-1-222 91 01 (Romania)	Laurentiu_zolotusca@wvi.org	Cash Donations

* **Important practical issues:** A major problem is the difficulty of transportation (that sometimes is too expensive for the value of donation and has to be supported from other sources than donation) and the sanitary certificate (disinfecting, fumigation, etc) required by the Romanian customs. Medicines brought in Romania must be registered by the National Medicine Agency, which can delay distribution significantly. If the medicines are bought in Romania, transportation and custom taxes are eliminated.

** The telephone numbers do not appear not current any more, or they are not available. Efforts are being made to locate them.