

Bringing Help and Hope to Older Adults in Need

Elder Orphan Care

Serving in Romania and North Carolina

\$21,500 provides a H♥ME for 12!



Let's Make This House a HOME of LOVE!

"We have run out of places for people...we are caring for over 350 now..." -Viorel Pasca

Will you help complete the renovation of the house pictured above which will be HOME for 12 elderly in Romania? Your gift of any size will be gratefully received or you may choose to invest \$2500 to purchase windows & doors or \$5000 to complete a room for 4 people to call home! We hope to raise the needed funds by February 14th since this will be a HOME of LOVE!

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PRAY

Lord, do you want me to help make this house a home? How?

2

GIVE

Feeling led to give? Give online or by check by Feb. 14 if possible.

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CELEBRATE

We'll be sure to let you know when the goal of \$21,500 is raised!



We love this logo that 18-year-old Bella Shanks designed for us! It drew lots of attention when we launched it at the Int'l Conf. on Missions!



We extend our sympathy to Janna Syester, EOC Board Chair, whose father, Dr. Charles Syester, died recently. We are grateful to Janna and her mother, Patricia, for choosing Elder Orphan Care as recipient of his memorial donations, and we appreciate all who have given in his honor!

Praise God & Thank You!

- * Our first annual “**Stocking Stroll**” was a fun and successful event, raising over \$3000. BIG thanks to Scott Wauters, Tammy Blackburn, and all who helped in any way!
- * Volunteers across the U.S. made 900 beautiful **Christmas Stockings of Joy** which hundreds of donors sponsored financially. Our Winter Team in Romania shopped for, filled, and delivered 500 stockings. Our local volunteers gave 400 overflowing stockings to grateful recipients. Additional gifts in Romania included handmade hats, scarves, lap robes, fidget blankets, footies as well as books, calendars, and sewing kits. Dozens of hardworking **caregivers** and all our **ministry partners** received special gift bags as well as a small financial Christmas bonus.
- * **Old and new partnerships = more older adults helped!** We are grateful for each individual, church, and organization who share their resources and skills with us! And we are excited to welcome these businesses and the wonderful people who work there: Cannon Health, Allen Tate Realtors, Trey Siner Insurance, and Concord Wells Fargo!



- * Our “**Thanks + Giving**” Project with Allen Tate Realtors was a blessing to 43 local older adults. This generous group purchased fruit bags and colorful welcome mats then delivered them! They also raised \$780 to help with specific needs in several homes.

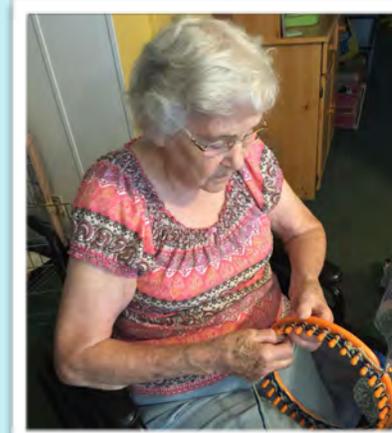
**DO NOT CAST ME AWAY WHEN I AM OLD;
DO NOT FORSAKE ME WHEN MY
STRENGTH IS GONE. PSALMS 71:9**

Want to invest in Elder Orphan Care? To give securely **online**: visit www.elderorphancare.com, click on GIVE & follow the instructions, including designating your gift in the drop-down menu. To give **by check** send donations to EOC at 349-L Copperfield Blvd., Suite 211, Concord, NC 28025.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: BETTYE BARNES

Last fall we received two boxes from Bettye Barnes in Mississippi. There were 51 handmade winter hats in one box and 49 in the other! Our Winter Romania Team took those 100 hats and many others made by our wonderful volunteers when we delivered 500 Christmas Stockings of Joy overflowing with gifts. Each person got to choose the hat and scarf they wanted. Their gratitude was overwhelming!

Bettye’s daughter, Nelda Barnes-Gay, let us know that her Mom, who is 89, has already begun working on hats for this year! We thank God for Bettye and for everyone who use their skills and resources to bless Elder Orphan Care!



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2018 Winter Team with Viorel Pasca

Updates from Romania

Your generosity is making an eternal difference!



"We determined that survival is more important than comfort and for brief time we have in some cases resorted to put two people in one bed until we can create more places."

A message from our ministry partner Viorel Pasca:

I thank God for the ways He has taken care of us, offered us His protection, and helped us move forward.

In January of 2018 we were caring for 266 elderly and frail. As I write this in December 2018 we have 350. Good news: we have baptized 70 people like Klara (pictured) this year!

Many of those we care for have dramatic stories. Simeon is 77 years old, without family, no income, and no home. He's sick, can't see well, and because he had nowhere to live someone offered him a place in a stable. In his desire to warm up he tried to make a fire, but the stable caught fire and Simeon was taken to a hospital and then brought to us. That offers us the honor and privilege of helping him when the risk of freezing to death is imminent.

Many sick come to us because they have been abandoned by their own children which is truly disturbing. Brought from under bridges, from the forest, from the cemetery, or from other totally



unfit places, thanks to you who support us, they can now benefit from living in a decent place and receive care that they have so much needed. But because so many are coming we had to, for the first time, say that we have no room. But then we determined survival is more important than comfort, and for a brief time we have in some cases resorted to put two people in one bed until we can create more places.

Thank you to all who have been with us this year; without your help we could not have done much. I hope that the new year brings you much joy. May you be blessed and in your turn be a blessing.



From our ministry partners Mircea and Dana Badea:

Peace to you and may God bless you:

Thank you very much for all the help and support that you give us. At this time we have 85 elders with sicknesses, cancer, and many people with dementia. These people have little life left so we must make sure they know about God's love as we care for their physical needs!

We ask from God and he listens. We know that whatever we do is so small compared to the big things our God does!

From our ministry partners at Sunflower Design:

Thank you for letting us be a part of your wonderful ministry. We appreciate how you give us funds that allow our workers to make bedding and pajamas for the elderly.

Your financial donation helps Sunflower Design provide jobs to young people, and then what they sew becomes a blessing to the older people you serve! We are so happy for this opportunity!



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