# ANNUAL **REPORT 2022**

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"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed."

Psalm 82:3







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To rescue, restore, and equip orphans and at-risk children by supporting godly, family-style homes in Romania

# our vision

# James 1:27 Orphans & at-risk children who thrive!

Dear Friends of Springtime House,

This past year, as the Covid crisis waned, Co-Founders Rick and Sandy Scott, traveled to Romania making the rounds to reconnect with long time friends and to assess any changed situations of the ministry. Rick also extended his

trip into Ukraine, joining others on a mission to take humanitarian relief to war-torn areas.

House Parents, Dani and Adina Craciun, were involved in many areas, and we are blessed to have them working with Heidi. I received updates and pictures often, but this past February (2023), when we arrived at Casa Primavara and Heidi ran to greet us and hug us and I saw the spirit of happiness in her eyes, I knew it was all worth it.

Casa Primavara, Heidi's forever home, underwent dramatic renovations. Donations were received from Romanians providing the flooring, cabinets, and appliances for the kitchen remodel. The third floor took shape with 3-4 micro-bedroom along with space for a kitchenette and two completed bathrooms. The last big step is the purchase and installation of an external staircase allowing direct access for the 3-4 young women who will be provided with safe housing and the support of a godly environment.

STH also embarked on a collaboration with CHS, Charity Humanitarian Support. Dani Craciun heads up this charitable organization and provided food to many, including some of the care homes we support. CHS will employ Heidi in 2023, providing a safe supportive environment where she can earn an income and contribute to her community. Seeking a life of dignity for Heidi with as much independence as possible, Dani and Adina will provide oversight and life education to guide her in this new phase.

I was both saddened and happy at the news of Ghorghe Opris's passing. I felt a unique respect for that man. A military man, he looked stern, his actions and words were decisive, and he loved the Lord and the Roma. He was like no other. In his absence, Pastor Raul, an educated Roma man, has moved into ministry full time and stepped into Ghorghe's shoes to serve the Roma villages.

The USA and RO boards both expanded, increasing the depth and breadth of the governing bodies' experience, talent, skill and ability to face the challenges of 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely yours,



Lawrence Selensky, President



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# the STH team

#### FINANCIAL TEAM (USA & RO)

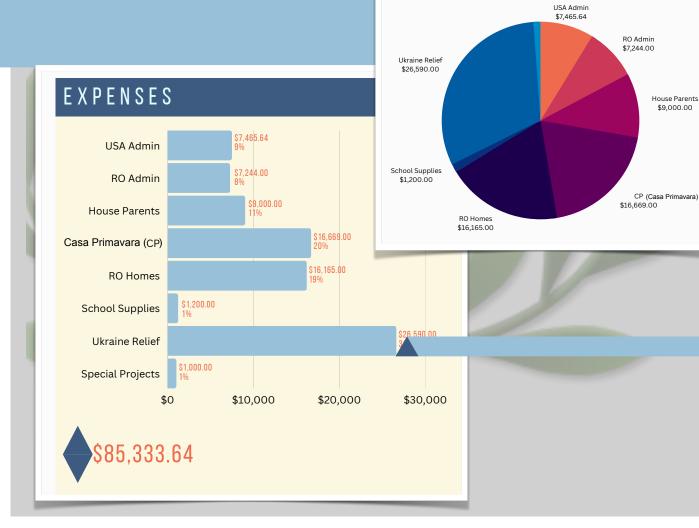
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"Pure religion before God the Father is to care for orphans and widows in their distress..."

Ukraine

**James 1:27** 





# education support

## School Supply Drive In 2022, Springtime House was

tremendously blessed regarding our school supply drive. Not only were donations received from US donors for supplies, but Romanian donors rose to provide the backpacks needed. School supplies are required to attend class and can make the difference between a 10-year old working in the fields... or receiving an education! Springtime House promotes an Annual School Supply Drive for at-risk children to stay in school each August.

## High School/Trade School Support \$1,000 scholarships are

awarded to qualifying students annually. In Romania mandatory education ends at 8th grade, making secondary education a luxury that most Roma children cannot afford or cannot pursue. With the disruption of school shutdowns and severe lock down restrictions due to Covid, support of 7 students at the beginning of 2020 dropped to 3 (including 1 college student).







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fall mission trip

In 2022 Springtime House deviated from its traditional summer mission trip. With travel still hampered by post pandemic restrictions and the war in Ukraine, cofounders Rick and Sandy Scott embarked on a solo journey. During their time in Romania, they encouraged STH's new houseparents (Dani & Adina Cracuin), visited with Heidi & the Rus family, and renewed relationships with STH supported Care Homes.

Additionally, Rick Scott and two other American pastors teamed



with CHS ministry to provide aid for refugees and to transport emergency relief supplies into war torn Ukraine.

# homes of hope

### Care Homes in Romania supported by Springtime House



## 2022 Update

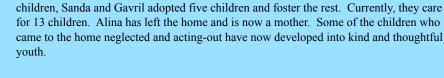
Floresti Cluj, Dani & Adina Craciun, House Parents of Casa Primavara,

Heidi continues to live at Casa Primavara after graduating from High School/Trade School. Though legally a young adult, her mental disabilities render Heidi vulnerable to poverty, sex trafficking, and abuse. STH has extended her care and residency at Casa Primavara where she assists the CHS ministry.

> Andrea, an orphaned nursing student, graduated and is now working in the medical field in Germany. Naomi, Andrea's sister, is currently being subsidized by STH while she studies to be a physiotherapist. When the third floor at CP is completed, Naomi is scheduled to reside at CP in Floresti.

Casa Emanuel, Dej, Sanda & Gavril Rus A home to orphaned







Casa Priscila, Bencecu de Jos, Springtime House is pleased to add its support to Casa Priscila; a care home near Timasora in west Romania which works to close opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect children and students from low income families.

Currently the home cares for 10 orphans. During the years, God has helped them build a house with a church hall and 4 rooms. The host family with three children, once homeless themselves, cares for the church and 5 orphans. The remaining 5 are cared for by Founders Flori & Gusti Luga.

About 40 children come to Casa Priscila where the church hall is transformed into a homework/school room. The mayor of the village supports a minibus to carry the children from school to the home where they receive a hot lunch and tutoring.

10 older children live with program director, Ioana and her family, whose home is located in the city where the children attend high school.

Casa Priscila also hosts VBS summer camps, special events focused on the children of the village.

#### Rock of Hope (ROH), Scott & Carolyn Pouncey, Cofounders with

Randy & Tammy Moss These two dedicated American couples are actively addressing eastern Europe's serious problem of human trafficking, of which Romania ranks as one of the highest sources in the world. With seven single mothers and thirty-five widows in the program, it is Springtime House's joy to support their important work of healing and transformation.



## **ROMA Outreach Ministry 2022** Update

Mociu Village Home #1 2 orphan girls (Luminita & Catalina) lived with their grandparents receiving this charity's support for nine years. Catalina was baptized in 2018 and both girls attend Smyrna Baptist Church. Near the end of 2019, their grandmother passed away. The sad news came at a critical time when the girls were preparing to begin High School/Trade School. Many at-risk girls drop out of school during this transitional season. In 2022 both girls did leave the home of their grandparents and support was discontinued.

Samboleni Village Home #1 While working one winter, Danut's toes became frostbitten and his leg had to be amputated to the knee; his wife abandoned him and their two young daughters soon after. In 2018, the one-room shack housing the 3 through brutal winters underwent a major renovation: securing leaks, providing an indoor bathroom and the addition of a bedroom for the two girls. During the summer of 2019, a barn and chicken coop were built to provide shelter for the farm animals they rely on. The oldest daughter, typical within Roma culture, dropped out of school and then ran away, returning home abandoned and with child. In 2022 both daughters moved out of the home. Springtime House is seeking support for Danut though other agencies.



Samboleni Village Home #2 Pavel lives with his wife, Meda, and their 10 children. Pavel and Meda are believers who have attended the Smyrna Baptist Church in Mociu. Currently endeavors are being made to spark a home church in Samboleni via this family. The family lived in a one-room "dump" until support was provided by a Romanian fundraiser to rebuild the home complete with running water, electricity, a modern kitchen, an indoor bathroom and a separate bedroom for the children. Pavel shares any excess harvested produce with extended family members in his village.

Samboleni Village Home #3 The Cojocnean Family (1 toddler girl, 4 young daughters, and parents) suffered exposure to the brutal Romanian winter during 2018/19 as they huddled in the oneroom, uninsulated, hole-riddled shack. (photo) In the fall of 2019, he requested emergency funds from Springtime House in Romania and arranged for basic construction of a simple, new home before winter set in. The family was blessed with a warm dry house and enjoyed use of a kitchen sink, a new wood stove and, for the first time, indoor plumbing and electricity. Support to this family was discontinued in 2022.

#### River of Life (ROL), Timisoara, Doug & Roberta Moore,

American Cofounders (35 souls) This is a registered medical facility which provides shelter for young women to birth safely, in addition to caring for orphaned children and elderly widows. This humanitarian ministry prevents abortion and trains young mothers







