

RCR-Fundatia Inocenti Ukraine Refugee Crisis Relief

Providing Emergency Crisis and Trauma Training to Romanian Professionals &

Serving children and parents from Ukraine in Bistrita, Bucharest and Cluj

Dear Patron of Romanian Children's Relief,

Fundatia Inocenti and Romanian Children's Relief were quick to respond to the emergency situation created by the war in Ukraine which began February 24, 2022. By early March, most refugees in Romania are women and children and elderly people, and we are using our 30+ years of experience in community-based projects for children and families to provide assistance to those in dire need right now.

Our staff in all three locations of the country (Bucharest, Bistrita and Cluj-Napoca) have been working directly with several large and small groups of children and moms from Ukraine. We are covering immediate needs (sanitary/hygienic and cleaning products, clothes, etc.), transportation, play-rooms/areas in centers. We're providing children with activities to bring a sense of normalcy to their war-torn lives. We're providing emotional support for those dealing with trauma, and making connections for those in need of medical and legal services. We're providing translation services through Russian and Ukrainian speaking volunteers in person and remotely. And we are doing all of this while somehow maintaining our existing programs serving Romanian children in need.

For this reason, **we have an immediate need to add to our staff**, several professionals (Social Work, Education and/or Psychology), so we have a stronger and more stable capacity to continue working directly with these groups of children to bring them the consistent, productive and somewhat normal schedule they desperately need in their very disrupted lives.

Our leadership teams in Romania have also requested **Emergency Crisis and Trauma Training**, to help our our staff cope with the trauma around them, and provide support for our severely traumatized new clients. This training is right now being developed by a team of U.S.-based Refugee Trauma and Mental Health specialists, directed by Dr Eugene D'Angelo at Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School.

We're creating this powerful new training curriculum as you read this, and we plan to make it available to partners and eventually to all Romanian professionals via an online conference platform. Our partners in this training are committed not just to a "one and done" training, but to ongoing collaboration with case consults, shared materials, train the trainer and mentoring as needed.

We anticipate the cost of both the Direct Service and Emergency Crisis and Trauma Training will be approximately \$80,000 in the coming 6 months. We're appealing to you as one of our patron donors, to help us support this work. We appreciate any donation you are able to make.

We thank you for all of your support in the past and at this moment of severe need. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Eileen Mchenry with any questions 508-303-6299.

If you wish to get updates on our Crisis Relief efforts, follow us on Facebook at InocentiRCR or Instagram fundatia_inocenti_rcr.

Sincerely,

Michael Carroll
President, Romanian Children's Relief
President, Fundatia Inocenti

Below is a map of the Romanian – Ukraine border crossings. Our offices are in Cluj-Napoca and Bistrita in the North, and in Bucharest in the South.

