

Romania International Children's Foundation



Children belong in families.

Help us place 120 children in families in 5 years!

We aim to place each child with his biological family or in a foster placement within 12 months of his arrival at Acasa (right). This means that in 5 years RICF



can place up to 120 children in families.

RICF's Vision is to provide loving families for abandoned or orphaned Romanian children. Our aim is to see children reunited with their immediate or extended families. Where this is not possible, we place them with a Romanian foster family. Until a suitable family is found, or if a placement turns out to be unsuccessful, we care for the children in a home setting and provide them with food, clothing, education and all the support they need to help them reintegrate into Romanian society.

Lives Changed!

Brothers **Daniel** (7) and **Samuel** (9) came to RICF from a difficult background. They are bright, lively boys, and thrived at Acasa. They are now being cared for together in a foster placement just outside Bucharest, where they will have the opportunity to experience real family life as they grow up. When

Ionut (now 17) was brought to RICF, his mother was homeless and couldn't look after him. A special donation was used to purchase a basic house where they have now lived together for 4 years. Ionut is doing well at the village school, where he has made friends, and is in the football team. He and his mother are increasing in financial independence, as they now receive the state benefits to which they are entitled, thanks to RICF's social workers.

RICF's Projects

- **Acasa:** A home in Bucharest for 24 boys aged 7-18, in three houses of eight boys. Boys who have been abandoned or orphaned or are otherwise in danger, are looked after in a safe, caring and professional environment, and are prepared for the transition to being placed back with their own relatives where possible, or with a foster family.
- **Family reunification:** The best option for a child at Acasa, where this is possible, is to be placed back with his biological family, immediate or extended, with support from RICF where needed.
- **A Family for me:** Children who can't be looked after by their own relatives are provided with the opportunity to live in a foster family. This allows them to experience the atmosphere of a real family and become fully integrated into Romanian society. In order to do this, we recruit, train and employ Romanian 'maternal assistants' (foster mothers).
- **Independent living:** RICF provides mentoring, financial and educational support for the young people in its care, so that once they reach 18, they are ready to make the transition to independence.



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I would like to help RICF care for more abandoned and orphaned children

and give them a chance of experiencing family life

I would like to offer **financial support**. I understand every penny I give will go to RICF.

A **standing order** for a regular monthly contribution is an ideal way to make a difference to an abandoned Romanian child's life. Please set it up here and now.

I would like to set up a monthly standing order to JLR for RICF - my bank details are given overleaf

I enclose a cash donation / cheque for RICF payable to 'JLR' (RICF's UK partner).

Please tick if you are a UK taxpayer and would like to increase your donation(s) by 28% at no extra cost to yourself, through the **Gift Aid scheme**. (Please note that you must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax that exceeds the tax reclaimed by JLR on your donations. Any tax reclaimed by JLR will be forwarded to RICF. You must inform JLR if you cease to be a UK taxpayer.)



Full Name please print

Address

Post code

Phone Email

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HOW CAN I HELP?

Set up a standing order to give monthly

Volunteer opportunities at Acasa

Make a one-off donation

Toys and sports equipment



Good quality boys' clothes (ages 5 - 18)

Arrange a fundraising event

Buy one of RICF's unusual gifts for friends or family at www.ricf.net

Any other ideas? Contact us!

For more information about RICF and its work, please see www.ricf.net or email admin@ricf.net

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Instruction to your bank to set up a monthly standing order for RICF through its UK partner JLR

Please pay to the account of JLR (UK registered charity no. 1063235)

Sort Code: 20-74-09 Account no: 10114898

The sum of £ on the day of 2008

and on the same day each month thereafter, until further notice.

Signature: Date:

Your bank details

Sort Code: - -

Account no:

Name of your bank:

Address of your bank:

..... Post Code:

Please ensure you've filled in your name and address overleaf, and ticked the Gift Aid box if applicable,

then send the completed form to: Jean Havard, JLR, 12 Corder Close, St Albans, AL3 4NH

Thank you