

# THE RAINBOW CENTRE

Tradition & Technology

Working together in love



The UK  
landscape  
architect  
measures  
levels -

a local man ploughs  
with his horse

and later  
they all hoe  
- together

## Project Romania 2013

Charity Number 1042512



The children wait expectantly  
for their bread to arrive ...

Bread  
4  
Buia



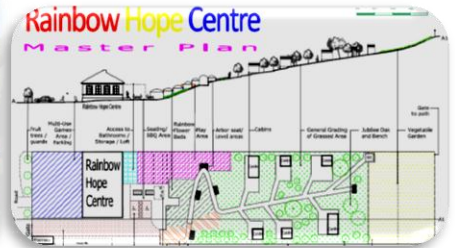
Especially Nicu...

he has  
Cerebral Palsy

One day he may be able to stay at the Rainbow Centre,  
for a Holiday Club ...

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Patron : Sir Graham Watson MEP



Opened on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005 by Sir Graham Watson, the Centre hosts Holiday & Homework Clubs, School functions, Village events, & weekly visits when the local Doctor sees her patients in the big room. Behind the main building all 3 wooden cabins have been used by UK teams, but the long term plan is to provide residential facilities for :-

- ✚ disadvantaged and disabled children to have short breaks
- ✚ schools to run educational courses & practical weekends
- ✚ all to enjoy the beauty of the countryside.

To sustain this it will also be used commercially for retreats, holidays. The area abounds in biodiversity, amazing walks, traditional and cultural activities and wonderful old Saxon fortified churches.



**Marius Roman** has been sponsored for many years. When he is 18 he will not be eligible for his special school, but he could come to the Centre each day and do small tasks.

**Alexandra, Denisa, Nicu and Marius Vlad** would love to stay in a cabin on a hill; hear the birds; watch the sheep; and just enjoy being with others.



In May, **Stuart Galpin, CMLI**, returned to Romania after 17 years. He drew up a MasterPlan of the site for an ambitious proposal; 3 new larger cabins; showers & toilets with disabled facilities; small storage/laundry rooms; adventure playground & areas where visitors can relax - whatever their age! UK groups are fund-raising for bunk beds & furnishings to finish the existing cabins, & a **new 49 year** lease is being drawn up to enable major UK fund- raising for the MasterPlan. The Centre will provide employment, parents will be able to afford bread ... and maybe Bread4Buia won't be needed in the future.

MasterPlan detail & full report also on website



**SPONSORED FAMILIES** - There are over 30 sponsored young people. **Serban** is now a vet! He did so well that his university offered him a 4 year paid Ph.D. research position in September. We're so proud of him.

**Csilla**, 14, has a lovely singing voice and is musical very bright, with top marks. School has awarded her a Project Romania annual bursary for senior school



in Sibiu in autumn. Her Mum cycles 2 miles to the train daily at **4.30am** for work, getting home at 6pm. Dad is very ill so Csilla works in the house while her brother, at 11, tends the chickens and pigs. She's learning the guitar & since returning to UK we've been

given one for her. She'll be so happy!

Other children still live in hard circumstances... Sponsorship & Bread4Buia ensure that they have food, and get to school. **Little Alexandra** with her stick is so brave and her mum is thrilled to have help with her treatment for cerebral palsy.

Visiting is a sobering experience and makes one very grateful for blessings enjoyed in UK.

**THE PHARMACY** - renovated by 'Streetspace' 2012 Once the new lease is active PolisoClinic in Sibiu will run it. The doctor is happy with this arrangement.



**MARIUS VLAD.** **SADLY** his joystick/mouse failed. For him this had been a lifeline. **Happily**, SmartBox organised a free replacement. We're so grateful for this & Marius - is **OVER THE MOON!** He emailed "Thank you

very much for this new mouse. From now on my work will be a lot easy. GOD BLESS ALL MY FRIENDS FROM ENGLAND FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR ME..."



**HEALTH SEICA.** Denisa, the 10 year old girl with Spina Bifida is a big concern. The surgeon wouldn't operate in Romania so we sent her X-rays to a UK orthopaedic surgeon specialising in spinal work. He, and colleagues from the Spina Bifida Association, confirmed that **IF** she'd had surgery when she was younger, surgery here would be possible. Now, it would be risky, and hospitalisation take over a year. We visited her in May, and she was well but very shy. We asked how we could help, given all the circumstances, and it seems they only have a plastic bowl in the kitchen to bathe her! A proper bath/shower would be very helpful, plus she's getting heavy & a hoist could help too. **BUT**, in order to help, we need permission from people who gave for her operation. If YOU gave in October 2011 and are happy for your donation to be used like this please contact the address below. Thank you.



**Fund raising**

**8 TONNE MILK BOTTLE TOPS RECYCLED**



All helping children in Romania and **SAVING LANDFILL**

Thank you everybody, *especially if you WASH & DRY the tops. It's a MAMMOTH task. Help is needed!* **EVERY PLASTIC BAG is SORTED BY HAND** (then recycled at Sainsbury's) Thank you to - **Yarlington Housing Group** for giving new storage; **David Cloud** for his van; **Church of the Good Shepherd** for use of their Hall for so long.

If **YOU** care about recycling, join the team (not for the fainthearted!)  
Ring Dawn 01460 68617

**PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

**Car Boot Sale 9 - 1 pm Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June at Donyatt**

**Next Clothing Collection in September - save all your cast-offs ...**

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