

## ***Broken Heart Ministries / Fundatia Broken Heart***

This publicly supported non-profit organization (501c3) NGO was founded in America in 2002 by Luke J. McDannel, Esq. and Dr. Renee McDannel. The Romanian foundation, Fundatia Broken Heart (NGO) was established in 2005. We are dedicated to serving the children in Romania. This foundation has been established to provide assistance to children who are marginalized within society e.g. abandoned and abused homeless, orphans, children with special needs, Roma (gypsy), or those who come from extreme poverty. Our conviction is to reach out to these children so that they can realize their God given potentials. Through creative partnerships and collaborations we provide resources, support and loving care to Romania's children. We provide consultation services consisting of staff and program development to NGOs whose purposes are to serve children.

**Mission Statement** Our mission is to achieve human and social rehabilitation by establishing hope in the hearts of the children through the knowledge that Jesus Christ is their Savior, and by demonstrating the tangible evidence of HIS presence in the world through the expression of kindness and love.

### **Projects**

**Transitional Living Center** is a residential living center for youths exiting orphanages, the streets, and from extreme poverty. TLC trainees are expected to be discharged into the community with an increased awareness of personal responsibility and spiritual self efficacy in the areas of community living: self maintenance, communication and employment. Youths are encouraged to establish & pursue educational and career objectives. Program cycles are 12 to 24 months in duration.

**Training & Development** is a public and academic education program designed to promote infrastructure development within the community to serve children with special needs and their families. Ongoing continuing education lecture series are provided to professional and laymen who care for children with disabilities.

**Capacity Building Project** is a strategic outreach to NGO's and local government authorities to partner to develop services and legislation to support the development of community services to meet the needs of children.

**Academic Scholarship Program** provides those who have demonstrated academic aptitudes toward higher education with the financial support they need to attend higher education institutions in country and abroad. This includes Bible College and Trade schools.

**Foster Parent** is a project which recruits and equips foster parents with a particular emphasis on serving the at risk population of foster kids, and those with special needs.

**Life Style Re-design** is a project that uses the therapeutic practice of occupational therapy to address the cognitive & psychosocial development of orphan children who have been on the streets, and those at risk children who have been removed from homes secondary to neglect, poverty or abuse.

**Village Outreach** is a project to search for places of need and to provide substantive assistance through humanitarian aid, and charitable deeds. For example, building a playground in a Roma Village, financing construction projects to prevent homelessness, Summer camps, temporary housing, distribution of blankets, clothing, food, medicine, and financing dental care are all type of projects the foundation has helped to develop and sponsor.

**Quilters Guild** is a project to provide quilts for children in Romania, and to raise funds to support other outreach projects.