



FIVE YEAR REPORT



2015-2010 A LOOK BACK

At Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity, our mission is to provide developmental and spiritual services to orphaned and disabled children of Romania's most underserved communities.

Since 2010, our team grew stronger, our dedicated volunteers have donated thousands of hours to our great causes, and have successfully impacted the lives of each of our beneficiaries by bringing more aid, more relief and endless miles of smiles to more people than ever before.

Most notably we reached over 100 volunteers advocating and supporting our life-changing projects, by touching the lives of those most in need in Romania. Now our team has transformed into a truly global operation, working together with one heart, mind and spirit.

Our Supporters

Our fundraising team did lots of amazing things throughout the past 5 years for our orphans and children with disabilities.

Donors gave generously all year and our amazing volunteers helped organize many fun charitable events including mailing out hundreds of thank you cards.



THANK YOU! MULTUMESC!



OUR WORK

Let's look at some of our most memorable recipients whose lives have been touched forever and at those who have touched our lives forever in return.

The Children of Glodeanu

Starvation, illness, and extreme poverty have touched the daily of over 50 children and their families living in the small village of Glodeanu, Romania. Though our extended network of working with the local church community, we had come to meet Father Marian Tudor. A kind soul and shepherd who has taken under his wings the children of the sick and unemployed parents who did not have the means to provide for the basic needs of their children, sometimes enduring multiple days passing without the hope of a meal.

Through God's grace and help, Father Marian Tudor took on the mission to make a difference and bring some light in their vulnerable lives. Driven by compassion, he put his heart into restoring an old village hall and turning it into a day care center where children can eat one hot meal per day, receive daily help with school work, and have a place to play and socialize with others.





The Children of Marcus Orphanage

Mother Serafima family has grown with each year that passes by. She is strict, caring, kind and careful about each of her children, the orphaned girls who she has taken on as her own, offering them a home, an education, and most importantly faith and hope for their future.

Over the past five years, thousands of dollars raised has contributed towards the livelihoods of raising the children and in offering them opportunities such as attending summer camp that has brightened their spirits and enriched their lives and created long-lasting friendships. Hope continues to sparkle in Abbess Serafima's eyes, warmly welcoming the pilgrims, and inviting them to share a meal with the family that she hosts at Marcus Monastery.

Spreading joy, restoring strength and sharing smiles with the children of Giurgiu

For the Children of Giurgiu, where over 50 kind and loving children who suffer from severe physical and cognitive disabilities, we have raised over \$10,000 to purchase a physical rehabilitation equipment.

The physical therapy machine being used on a daily basis has improved the lives of the children significantly and their parents have renewed their hope and faith in their children's future.

Our support has brought back the precious smiles on their parent's faces and in the lives of their children, who now look forward to strengthening their body, mind and spirit.



Rasca Settlement

"The Joy of the Impoverished"



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More than \$90,000 has been raised in a global spirit to help our beloved friend Father Andrei in carrying out his mission and creating the "Joy of the impoverished" settlement that today has touched the lives of thousands of needy.

If there's one thing Fr. Andrei always does with all his faith, hope and love in his daily missionary work is to remind those who have forgotten that "Jesus Christ loves you" and has not forgotten you!

His soulful smile resonates across miles and oceans, in person and through the photos he posts on his blog, as he shares with everyone through his joy and prayers, through God's peace for the thousands of needy souls he helps bring out of suffering.

When asked what brings him most joy and satisfaction in continuing his noble charitable cause, he says...





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Because at the end of a long day he reassures us that it's "the love for our neighbor" that empowers you to give more and more, that constitutes the purpose of our existence here on earth.



For Fr. Andrei, being charitable and offering charity to the most needy is something that comes naturally to him, having done it all his life, as he learned by doing, from his own parents and grandparents. Throughout his life he has touched the lives of thousands of people, many of whom he still keeps in touch with and with God's blessings, plans to keep on helping many more struggling souls for decades to come.



A new home for the children at the "Social Settlement of Saint Onuphrius"

One of our newest collaborations taken on in 2015 is with Farther Visarion at the Social Settlement of Saint Onuphrius, at the Floresti Monastery in Romania. In the spring of 2015 had raised over \$10,000 to help the organization purchase a van for their facility.

We have supported the construction of the settlement with 48,200\$ during the year of 2015.

Five family-style houses for the protection of children facing hardship have been constructed on a land donated by the Protection of the Holy Virgin Monastery in the immediate vicinity of the Floresti Monastery. This Social Settlement offers a harmonious family climate, proper care, education and emotional support for children who are temporarily or permanently separated from their parents and optimum conditions for their physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual development.



OUR FINANCIALS

From 2010 to 2015 we have raised and sent over to Romania an estimated \$320,200 that helped thousands of needy children with financial and in-kind donations.

Each project has been carefully screened and the beneficiaries needs assessed and identified so every dollar invested has provided the highest level of impact for each of our successfully hand-picked local projects and individual beneficiaries that have demonstrated the highest need of financial and in-kind donations.

Our 100% promise means that every dollar donated by the public goes to the field. In the past five years, our money went to nutrition, housing, education, medical care developmental and physical therapy projects in across 10 major projects serving thousands of individual beneficiaries.

We kept Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity running efficiently with 100% of our profits going to our projects. And all the while our volunteer's board members supported us along the way.



To make a donation or to learn more about our work, visit our newly redesigned website at spcharity.org.





*In loving
memory of*
Giordiana
2000 – 2015

Giordiana had become an example of life and faith for us all. Having passed away earlier this year after years of struggling with the life threatening illness, Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).

Her parents sold many of their belongings to collect money in order to purchase the much needed ointments that helped to relieve the pain that their daughter was suffering from all her life. When they were no longer able to borrow money or sell their belongings they reached out to our charity for help.

Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity has raised over \$10,000 to provide the medical treatment for her debilitating disease.

We all feel blessed to have known and be inspired by this brave and beautiful human being over the past few years.

*May her memory be
eternal and may God
rest her soul in peace!*

THANKS

TO EVERY SINGLE ONE
OF YOU WHO HAVE
MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE.



On behalf of all of us we thank each and every one of you and we appreciate your support this year at our 5 year anniversary event and we look forward to your continued support, in partnership and collaboration in the next five years.

Special thanks to The General Consulate of Romania who endorses our work; to Kulis Foundation and our private donors who have chosen to remain humble in their recognition in spite of many generous donations throughout the years.



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