



HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

A SUMMER OF HOPE AT CAMP OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Camarillo, CA
volunteer Hannah
Packham, gives a
needed 'big sister's'
embrace - no
language barrier here!



Gig Harbor, WA
volunteer Randy Stearns,
a big teddy bear of a
safe 'father figure' to the
fatherless children from the Placement Center at Orlat.



Romanian volunteer, Dani, an example
of Christian love and compassion, a 'big
brother' figure and example of
appropriate behavior to children who
have not always had safe adults in their
young lives.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE FRUIT!

Ghita and Maria grew up in the Placement Center system. While in the system, they benefited from many of Heart of Hope's programs - they received dental and optometry care from our volunteer teams, they received Christmas and Easter gifts from our generous home team and volunteer teams, and from the age of 8 they began spending a week of summer vacation at Camp of the Good Shepherd.

"Ghita has the most amazing voice and I can remember him singing at camp and even sometimes when I would ask him to sing for our Christmas teams. I remember when he joined a city basketball league and the director of his Placement Center called me to see if I could buy him a real pair of basketball shoes so he could fit in with the others. Nike to the rescue! Maria always had an infectious smile and sense of humor. She and Ghita became high-school sweethearts, and after they left the Placement Centers they remained friends and married in 2015. Now, at the ages of 24 and 22, they volunteered at Camp of the Good Shepherd for the first time. As I drove them back to Sibiu after camp they shared their thoughts with me and told me that last Christmas they saved money from their own factory salaries to provide Christmas gifts to some children because they remember how they loved the Christmas gifts our teams would bring. They continue to attend a local church and make good choices for their life. What a blessing to see this 'fruit!' - Debbie

"Ghita and I remember all the amazing times we had at camp and we know how important the volunteers were for us at camp. We wanted to come to show the children that you can't give up, that you can make it in life. It was great to be here as a child but it is so wonderful now as volunteers to give back!" - Maria



**GHITA, DEBBIE,
AND MARIA**

BENEFIT DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION PORTLAND, OR AND CAMARILLO, CA



Be sure to save the date for our upcoming Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction events! One of the highlights of our program this year is the opportunity to personally meet one of the graduates from the Home of Hope!

OUR NEW WEBSITE
WWW.HEARTOFHOPE.ORG



We have created a new online space for our donors and volunteers to find information, see the latest outreach pictures, and stay connected! A new feature includes one-time and recurring donation options - an easy way to continue supporting the children and families we serve throughout the year!

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