

## HOW ABOUT A ROMANIAN VOLUNTEER-CATION IN 2026 AT CAMP OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?!

If you've been considering joining a camp team but haven't had the opportunity, this might be your year! One of our teams is completely full but there are still volunteer spots available for two more camp teams. We are so excited to have all the Romanian leaders identified for 6 camp teams and we know they'd love the chance to partner with you. Here are some details for your consideration!



### — TEAM 1 - "FRIENDS OF THE SHEPHERD" —

Friends of the Shepherd will serve youth from the Special Education Placement Center at Turnu Rosu and boys from the foster care system. They will depart the US on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and return on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. One week commitments are available, but typically team members serve for 2 weeks of camp.

*Hi, my name is Ashlee Heide and this summer will be my 6<sup>th</sup> summer in Romania. Last summer I returned to volunteer at camp after almost 20 years, but it felt like coming home. It was a challenging but rewarding two weeks getting to know campers from Turnu Rosu and the foster care system. I loved*

*having the opportunity to listen to their stories and share God's truth about their value and worth, simply because He has made them in His image. I am so excited to be returning this summer to see the same kids again and grow the relationships that we started last year. I would love to have more people join our team! It is such a gift to serve on an American team, alongside a Romanian team, and get to bless these kids!*

### — TEAM 2 - "HIS HANDS AND FEET" —

His Hands and Feet will serve children and youth from very impoverished villages and girls from the foster care system. They will depart the US on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and return to the States on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Greetings! My name is Megan McTavish. My first summer at Camp of the Good Shepherd was in 2012. I returned 5 times before life pushed me in a direction that required a hiatus. After several years I was finally able to return last summer and it was as amazing as I had remembered. I truly felt like going home. It's exciting to realize another summer of camp is upon us!*

*No matter how many summers I've spent at camp, each one is uniquely its own. This coming summer I'm looking forward to strengthening the relationships with both village children and the girls from the foster care system. Each week is a full array of emotions, from joy to sorrow, excitement to anger, and everything in between. The best part is that these moments provide us many opportunities to meet these children needs where they are at, to let them know they are loved and help them move on step closer to Jesus. I'm building my team and would love for YOU to consider and pray about serving as a volunteer, or as Debbie likes to say a 'home team supporter'.*



We welcome everyone to be a part of the 'home team!'  
You can support individual teams and campers by donating at: [www.heartofhope.org](http://www.heartofhope.org)  
IF you can consider being a volunteer this summer, please email me at:  
[debbie@heartofhope.org](mailto:debbie@heartofhope.org) and I can provide you with a Camp Team Fact Sheet  
and we can dialogue from there!

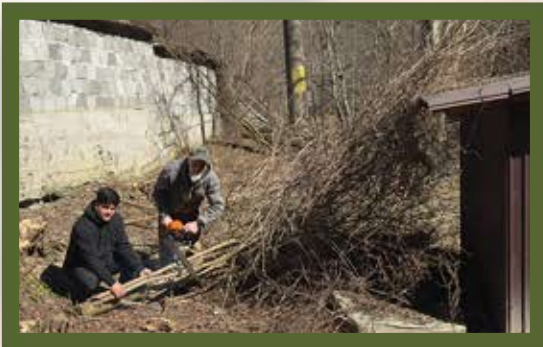
## **A GIFT FROM THE HEART EASTER PROGRAM 2026**

Please partner with us this April to provide an Easter devotional and gift of new shoes and Easter treats to children residing in residential care facilities and gifts for children in the foster care system. We will also provide needed food staples to families living in very rural, impoverished communities whose children also attend Camp of the Good Shepherd. Easter is such a special time for us to celebrate the risen Savior and the Lord's message of hope and salvation found in Him.

Your gift of \$20.00 for a child's Easter gift or \$25.00 for family food staples can be donated on our home-page at:  
[www.heartofhope.org](http://www.heartofhope.org).

## **CAMP UPGRADES**

As we dig out of winter and turn towards spring there's a lot of grounds-keeping going on! Besides repairing a leaky dining room roof, a warped door, and a few new windows, we are also replacing our worn water-proof mattress covers, fitted sheets and purchasing 48 new pillows for the cabins!



Between each week of camp we wash, dry, and switch out all the bedding at camp. With approximately 60-80 campers, staff, and volunteers each week – it is A LOT of laundry! It's been some time since we had brand new pillowcases and we are so grateful for the ladies at Mehema Community Church from Mehema, OR who have lovingly sewn and provided these new pillowcases for our 2026 season!



Our next newsletter will highlight this summer's camp volunteers – will YOUR picture be there?! Please consider a 'volunteercation' with us! As a heads up, we are needing to raise our camp scholarships this year to \$75.00 per child to provide a weeks worth of food for each camper. We pray, even now, the Lord's provision for our upcoming season.

Warmest Easter greetings to you, our beloved partners,

*Debbie* and your  
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