



HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PORTLAND OR IN CALIFORNIA FOR
THE CHOOSING HOPE BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION**

Meet, in person, Cristina Bria from Romania!



Cristina, our only girl from the Republic of Moldova, is a new graduate of Home of Hope and she will be sharing her testimony of hope and blessing by being cared for at the Home of Hope Transition Home for Young Women. Cristina graduated this year from the University with her degree in pharmacology and has just this month obtained her license for being a certified pharmacist! During her 4 years at Home of Hope Cristina regularly volunteered at Camp of the Good Shepherd - both on weekends during camp season to help clean and prepare for the following week of camp and also for a week with children from the Placement Centers.

"This summer would've been so boring if we didn't go to camp and clean on Saturdays. I couldn't wait for my internship at the pharmacy to be over so I can go to camp on Saturdays and clean and relax doing something else than working at the pharmacy. Cleaning is like a therapy for me, it clears my mind every time I'm stressed, it makes me feel like I can breathe."



Cristina, serving the children from the Orlat Placement Center this past July at Camp of the Good Shepherd!

FUNDRAISING FOCUS: A NEW HOME FOR THE HOME OF HOPE!

2017 will see the end of the 15 year lease Heart of Hope has had on the current home for Home of Hope. The owners have informed us the lease will not be renewed as they have plans for the home and property. We have been blessed to have a generous lease for 15 years but now must find a new 'home' for the Home of Hope program.

With the help of the owner of the Re-Max Real Estate Franchise in Sibiu, we have located a home that will provide an even better opportunity for the young women at Home of Hope! The new home is closer to the University, just minutes to bus and train transportation, and to the city center for finding jobs. The new home's main level has street access and is already set up to house an office for foundation business and our social worker. It also has a bedroom and bathroom for the person managing our Home of Hope program, currently Ms. Silvia Vasiu. The second and third floors will each function as independent apartments for the girls - each floor having 2 bedrooms, with 2 girls per room, a shared bathroom, and its own kitchen and dining room. Each floor also has its own utilities counters, giving the girls practical experience in managing utility costs, doing their own cooking, and in effect learning apartment living while under our guidance. It is not realistic to think any of our young women will transition to single dwelling housing and all our young women in the past have transitioned to apartment living. The property of the home also provides storage, a garage, a small yard, covered area for our vehicles, and housing for 8 deserving young women.

The purchase price is approximately \$107,000.00. We currently have saved \$50,000.00 towards the purchase and have been given a generous \$20,000.00 matching grant for the fundraisers (\$10,000.00 for Portland and \$10,000.00 for California), bringing our total to \$70,000.00! With your help at the events we hope to raise the remaining \$37,000.00 to be able to purchase the home. In addition there will be remodeling costs to get the home in full working order, so all amounts over the purchase price will go towards making the home move-in ready by 2nd quarter 2017.



Back Row: Adriana and Cristina
Front Row: Anita, Anisoara, Cornelia, and sisters
Rebeca and Alina.

We have recently transitioned out a few young women and in September have taken in 5 new young women, bringing our current total to 7 young women at Home of Hope. They are all 'choosing hope' and taking the opportunity given to them at Home of Hope with a fervent and serious attitude. In the coming months I will feature each of their unique, sometimes heart-breaking, but all inspiring stories!

Hoping to see each and every one of you in Portland or California ~ come celebrate your partnership with Heart of Hope!

To register for either event, simply visit our website: www.heartofhope.org.

Yours in Partnership,

Debbie and your
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