



NATO Charity Bazaar

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— ASBL —

FUNDING APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES 2011

NATO CHARITY BAZAAR

The NATO Charity Bazaar ASBL has been holding its yearly charity event since 1968. Though the Organization raises funds throughout the year, the Bazaar is the social event of the year within NATO's international community. Participants in the annual Bazaar are the Members of the Alliance as well as the Partner-for-Peace nations. In 2010, 34 nations were represented.

CHARITY SELECTION PROCESS

Two categories of projects are funded:

- Belgian and International Charities: (50%/50%)
- Emergency requests: These donations are for exceptional or extremely urgent cases. The requested donation should not exceed the amount of 2.000 €. The donations are made throughout the year.

Factors taken into account when selecting charities for donation:

- The request should be for a specific project.
- The charity should be a non-profit organization officially registered (ASBL or VZW if located in Belgium) for at least one year.
- If benefiting organizations receive funds or authorization for funding for a project from the proceeds of a specific Bazaar, two complete calendar years must pass from the date of that Bazaar, before the same organization may reapply to the NCB (for example, an organization that has benefited from funds raised at the 2010 Bazaar can next apply in 2013).
- Application forms must be complete. All questions and requests for explanation should be addressed. If the question is not applicable to your organization, then write "Not Applicable."
- To be considered a Belgian charity, the organization must exist in Belgium.
- We are most interested in funding projects that are:
 - Small specific projects – preferably ones that can be completed with the set amount within a year.
 - Projects that cover the widest spectrum of the community.
 - Projects which, when completed should have a long term impact and be of benefit to as many people as possible.
 - Projects benefiting NATO countries, NATO PfP countries, and countries where NATO is currently engaged for example in Afghanistan – but without excluding projects from other geographic locations.
- Staff salaries and administration costs as a general rule are not supported.
- The maximum amount donated is **10.000 euros**.

The NATO Charity Bazaar members vote on the final list of charities to be funded.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a completed electronic version of this form in **Word format only (no pdf versions)** by email to charity@natocharitybazaar.org. If you are unable to send the form electronically, you may submit a paper copy to: Charity Coordinator, NATO Charity Bazaar ASBL, c/o IMS, T 8004, NATO Headquarters, Blvd. Leopold III – 1110 Brussels. Questions should be directed by email to the Charity Coordinator (charity@natocharitybazaar.org).

All proposals are due by 1 MAY of each year. If funding is awarded, the funds will be transferred in December 2011 with a Donation Ceremony in January 2012. Receipts for goods purchased with funds are required.

- All Belgian charities will receive a personal visit from a representative of the organization.
- All correspondence should be in English and French.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Complete this form by either filling in the information electronically or printing out the form and filling it in by hand. Answer each question completely. If you are not sending this form electronically, type or print clearly in ink. We prefer material submitted electronically. However, if that is impossible, then you may submit by mail.

Legal Name of organization: Fundatia Viata Noua Pentru Copii (New Life for Children Foundation)

Mailing Address for Official Correspondence: str. George Enescu nr. 19, ap.9, Oradea,
410034, Bihor, Romania

Email address: v9pc@rdslink.ro Web address:

ASBL No.: Not Applicable **Exact Date established as an ASBL:** Not Applicable

Name and title of Organization Contact Person: Alina Cioara- social worker

Contact Person Email Address alinacioara@gmail.com Contact Person Telephone
Number: 001-40-746-866014

Languages Contact Person Can Speak: English French Flemish

Name of NATO CHARITY BAZAAR ASBL Member Contact: Not Applicable

Email Address: Not Applicable Telephone Number: Not Applicable

Geographic Location of the Project (provide city, state and country): Gepis, Bihor,
Romania

Focus of Project:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women | <input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain below |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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PROJECT BUDGET

Total Project Cost € 9732

Will the Project be completed within a 12-month time frame?

If YES, Project time frame: January / 2012 to March / 2012

Amount Requested: € 9732

Are you approaching other funding sources for this project? **NO**

If YES, for how much of the project budget? € Not applicable.

If we can only fund part of the project, specify the smallest amount required to make this project viable: €8000

BANKING

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Is the name of the Proposed Project different than the name of the Organization? __YES

If YES, what is the name of the Project? Equipping Gepis Community Center

State Your Organization's Mission (2 sentences or less. Provide text **in English and French**. Application is considered incomplete if the information is not provided in both languages):

ENGLISH VERSION

Our organization aims to provide equal access to education and healthcare for disadvantaged children in order to create opportunities for a better future.

FRENCH VERSION

Notre organisation vise à fournir l'accès aux services de santé et l'éducation, aussi les enfants défavorisés et créer des opportunités pour un meilleur avenir pour eux .

Summarize the proposed project (4 sentences or less. Provide this text **in English and French**. Application is considered incomplete if the information is not provided in both languages).

ENGLISH VERSION

Our organization has developed social and educational programs for the roma community in the village of Gepis for 5 year now fighting to prevent school drop out for children graduating middle school, by supporting their education at a high-school level. Seeing the need for an earlier and more integrated intervention we started the building of Gepis Community Center, a place were we'll provide starting with March 2012: educational support for children in an after-school program, adult literacy programs, life skills and social skills programs that would prepare our students for social integration, vocational training in jewelry making for mothers, jobs in a small-business type jewelry enterprise, and better access to healthcare.

FRENCH VERSION

Notre organisation a développé depuis cinq années, des programmes d'éducation sociale pour la communauté villageoise Romm (gitane) Gepis, la lutte contre l'école prématurément des étudiants qui ont obtenu la huitième année, en soutenant leur éducation au niveau secondaire. Consciente de la nécessité d'intervention précoce et plus intégrée ont commencé plus tôt la construction du Centre Communautaire dans le village Gepis, un endroit où nous fournissons, à partir de Mars 2012, un soutien éducatif pour le programme after-school, après l'école, pour les enfants, des programmes d'alphabétisation pour les adultes, des programmes de développement et de la vie, des compétences sociales, que nos élèves à se préparent à l'intégration sociale, professionnels de la formation professionnelle, et assurer l'accès aux services de santé.

Attach 2 digital photographs of your organization and its work. If your organization is deemed eligible for funding, these pictures will appear on our web site.

FUNDING PROPOSAL NARRATIVE & ATTACHMENTS

On a separate sheet, please provide the following information. We prefer material submitted electronically. However, if that is impossible, then you may submit by mail. If submitting material by mail, then copies of requested material should be attached.

I. Organization Information

1. Brief Summary of Organization's history and mission.

“ Fundatia Viata Noua Pentru Copii,” (New Life for Children Foundation), was founded in 1998 as a Romanian non-profit organization with the goal to address the needs of children and families in distress through several projects that were focusing at the beginning to protect abandoned babies in a private orphanage, in the city of Oradea, operated by our organization and also at the local Children's Hospital. In 2003 our children were placed in foster care families- until they could be adopted- in order to better stimulate their physical and emotional development. So the orphanage was closed and we developed our vision focusing not only on INTERVENTION but also on PREVENTION. This is how in 2004 another project was born: *Agape Home Maternal Shelter*, in a facility that our organization owns, at 5Km from the city of Oradea. We assisted pregnant women in high risk of abandoning their babies here and provided accommodation for the duration of the pregnancy plus one year after the baby was born. The women were teach sewing, gardening and cooking, and were also assisted in finding employment and a place to live with their children after leaving the program.

Discovering in our work that most of the abandoned babies were coming from ethnic roma families and learning more about the background of this ethnic group and the things that make the child abandonment rate so high among them, we decided to expend our vision. Starting with the year of 2006 our organization has developed two more projects (GOOD BENNINGS and EDUCATION INSPIRATION), both of them addressing what we believe to be the root of the problems this group is facing: EDUCATION...or better said the lack of education.

2. Description of current programs, activities, and strengths/accomplishments (highlighting the past year), including what makes your organization unique.

Our organization has 4 current socio programs:

1. EDUCATION INSPIRATION- the goal of this program is to provide assistance and support to roma students that wish to continue with their education at a high-school level after graduating the middle school in their villages. In Romania, children living in rural areas are attending primary school and middle school close to their homes, many times in the same village, but for high-school their only option are the city schools. The children from impoverished families, living in isolated communities, are facing enormous difficulties in attending high-school. **Education Inspiration** comes to assist some of those children, the main focus of our activity being isolated roma communities located in 3 villages, all of them at a distance of 30-40 Km from the city of Oradea: Lazareni, Gepis and Fonau. The program has started in 2006 with only one girl, the only one in her entire community that ever went to high-school. In June 2010 this girl graduated high-school and started college with a major in teaching. Meanwhile she also got a job as an assistant teacher at the school in her village, working with young roma children. Until now 28 children were assisted by our organization through this program, 17 of them being from the village of Gepis. The services we provide through this program include: mediation services, counseling, financial

help in covering the direct and indirect cost of education, educational support, supervising of school activity, medical care and socialization activities. For the boys in the program, along with the services we just mentioned, we also provide accommodation in a boarding school type center close to their school. This boarding school is functioning in the facility our organization owns in the village of Santandrei (located at 5 km from the city of Oradea), facility that was used until 2007 as a maternal shelter. Here our boys are prepared not only to succeed in school but also in life, learning to manage a household, to be responsible and to properly behave in the society. The boys are living at the boarding school in the school days and are going back home for the weekends and holidays.

After 5 years of activity the results of our program are:

- 26 students assisted;
- 3 students graduating high-school;
- 3 students graduating trade-school;
- 1 student in college;
- 2 students employed;
- 12 students attending school(5 students in the 9th grade, 2 students in the 10th grade, 1 student in the 11th grade and 1 students in the 12th grade);
- 8 students abandoned school before completing their education;

Our organization is the 1st one in our area with a boarding school for roma boys. Living in communities where the possibilities of getting a job are almost zero and where the only options for a student graduating the 8th grade is to get married, have children and apply for social welfare, it's hard and even dangerous to allow yourself to dream things could be different. This is the reason why we believe it is so important to take those children from the community and show them and teach them another way of living. Our goal is that by the time they will graduate high-school they'll leave our program having not only a diploma but also some basic life skills and a different mentality that would allow them to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

2. **GOOD BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL and AFTER-SCHOOL:** this program is focusing on providing educational support to roma children in the village of Santandrei. A small community of around 150 romas is living in this village and the educational problems they are facing are severe. 90% of the children drop out from school before graduating primary school and even the ones that continue and graduate middle school don't even now how to read and write. These children have never attended preschool, can hardly understand Romanian language and are starting the school life lacking all the basic skills that would help them succeed. These problems along with the prejudice the children are facing in school and the parent's attitude towards education are obstacles hard to overcome.

Our organization started "Good Beginnings" in 2007 providing educational and social support to the children that were preparing to start the school life, and their families. After our first generation of children graduated the preschool program and started the 1st grade we have continued to assist them through an after-school program that is helping them keep up with everything they are learning in school. 25 children have been in our program since we started. Since beginning this project in the fall of 2007, we have seen tremendous improvements. With the educational support our children got they were able to start the school life at the same level with a Romanian child. Unfortunately the school environment and parent's attitude have not improved enough although our organization has started to build bridges between the roma community and the school. There is still a lot of work to do changing mentalities and eliminating prejudice on both sides. 60% of the children enrolled to school after graduating Good Beginnings are successfully integrated in school today and are part of our after-school program.

3. ARMS OF MERCY- the Arms of Mercy project cares for up to 20 abandoned babies per day in the Maternity Hospital of Oradea, Romania. Our organization has 3 employees working in shifts, assisting the Hospital staff to care for the children that are abandoned by their mothers soon after they are born. They nurture, bath, maintain the hygiene, stimulate and facilitate movement for abandoned babies to prevent developmental issues. We also provide the diapers, toiletries, and items needed to care for those babies at the hospital.
4. BY HIS STRIPES- By His Stripes is a medical project that provides diagnosis for children suspected of having cardiac problems. Our organization is collaborating with a Pediatric Cardiologist to screen any child suspected of a cardiologic problem by providing EKG and ECHO machines in our office. Our doctor is able to give extremely accurate diagnoses and then works very hard to find the needed intervention on a case by case assessment. Accessing specialized medical care for children with difficult medical problems it's hard for impoverished families coming from isolated communities. So as part of the same program our organization comes to support children and families in need, in order to benefit from the best health-care services in the country and also abroad. Along the years we helped children with severe burns, hydrocephalous, ophthalmological problems and heart diseases through "By His Stripes" program.

II. Purpose of Funding Request

1. Please explain your need for support and also the impact this support will have.

After 5 years working in the village of Gepis and seeing the great needs of the roma community here **New Life for Children Foundation** decided to open a Community Center for the children and adults of this village. Our main goal is to assist this community in the process of its development by encouraging education and literacy and providing access to health-care and vocational training in the same time.

We are asking **NATO Charity Bazaar** to join us in accomplishing this goal. Our organization is going to finish the building process of the Community Center but is in need of more resources in order to equip the center and be able to provide all the services needed.

The services provided through the Community Center will include:

- After-school program for children attending primary school and also middle school in the village: the children benefiting the program will improve their school results and will acquire learning skills that would prepare their high-school integration. Interacting and building a relationship with the families of these children will help the community see the value of education;
- Literacy classes for adults: a large number of adults in the roma community are illiterates. Teaching these people to read and write can profoundly impact them and their families by: giving them access to more information, offering better chances for employment, helping and encouraging their little children in the school work, enhancing their self esteem;
- Life Skills Club: all the children and youth in the community will have the opportunity to participate on weekly basics at different meetings designed to help them acquire life skills that would prepare them for social integration. Our estimation is that at least half of the children in the community will be interested and would participate in this program.
- High-school Assistance: the children already in high-school as part of our **Education Inspiration** program will find at the Community Center a place to receive educational support and in the same time will learn to support and encourage the younger children, being a role model to them. Our goal is that in time we could hire at the Center teachers and assistant teachers from the community
- Access to health-care: the Community Center will house a medical office for a family doctor. In this way the roma people won't have to go in other villages for basic health-care services;

- Vocational training: mother's eager to work for a decent income and in the same time care for their children will have the opportunity to be trained in jewelry making at the Community Center. Our organization will assist the women in finding a market to sell the products;
- Information access: the entire community will be able to access information and counseling services in various areas at the Community Center;

2. List the Proposal's Target Population. In other words, Exactly who and how many people will benefit from this project?

Gepis is an isolated village in the county of Bihor, ROMANIA with a large roma community of around 400 people (65% of the population) and in a growing process. The services provided through our community Center would reach a large number of the roma population, especially women and children:

- 30 school children will daily participate in our after-school programs;
- 50 children and youth will participate at weekly club meetings that would teach them life skills and train them for a better integration in the society;
- 10 high-school children will be supported in the 1st year to successfully face the challenges of the new school settings;
- 15 mothers will be trained in jewelry making trade;
- 10 adults will participate at the literacy classes in the 1st year;
- 100 children will have access to health-care and showers;
- the entire community will have access to information and counseling, as the Community Center will serve as a bridge for social integration;

III. Itemization of Project Budget

1. Provide an itemized budget for the project.

	Category	Item	Quantity	Individual Cost EURO	Total cost EURO
1.	Classroom furnishing	student desk	10	37,5	375
		Chair	15	25	375
		Bookcase	1	50	50
		storage cabinet	1	100	100
		teacher desk	1	75	75
		teacher chair	1	50	50
2.		Meeting room furnishing	Chairs	50	20
	desk		10	62,5	625
	storage cabinet		2	100	200
	Bookcase		2	50	100
3.	Medical office furnishing	Chair	2	20	40
		desk	1	75	75
		medical couche	1	187	187
		storage cabinet	1	100	100

4.	Office furnishing	Chairs	3	20	60
		desk	1	75	75
		storage cabinet	1	100	100
		Bookcase	1	50	50
5.	Kitchen furniture	Kitchen furniture	1	600	600
6.	Technical equipment	Laptop	1	625	625
		Flipchart	1	125	125
		white board	1	90	90
		video projector	1	425	425
		multifunction printer	1	175	175
7.	Domestic equipment	washing machine	1	300	300
		microwave oven	1	125	125
		refrigerator	1	550	550
		gas stove	1	275	275
8.	Sanitary equipment	toilet and accessories	5	125	625
		shower and accessories	4	170	680
		sink and accessories	6	100	600
9.	Other	Interior doors	10	90	900
	TOTAL BUDGET				9732

2. Please indicate your **order of importance** for funding, if there are separate parts to the project.
Not applicable.

IV. Attachments (If possible, all attachments should be in English and/or French)

1. Bank statement giving official details of the bank account, including IBAN, BIC, SWIFT codes or ABA/Routing Transit Number (USA). No donation shall be made to a personal account.
2. Organization statutes.
3. Annual financial report.
4. Two (2) digital photographs of your organization and its work. If your organization is deemed eligible for funding these pictures will appear in our annual booklet.
5. When the project is finished, you are requested to send receipts for items purchased and photographs of the completed project.