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“Love came down at Christmas: Love shall be our token, Love is yours and Love be mine, Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign”

With the word of this much loved Christmas Carol, Christina Rossetti, recalled God’s greatest gift to mankind, the gift of the Christ Child and those other gifts given in turn by the Shepherd’s and the Magi; a lamb, Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

With your support, St. Nicholas came a little early this year, to hundreds of Romania’s disabled children, when the door of our first Child Development Centre was opened in Bucharest in April. Children, who now walk and talk and manage to live a better life with your help and assistance, you gave them and their families the greatest of gifts - Hope. This centre has been so successful we now look to open St Nicholas CDC in Pitesti early next year. There are other projects in the pipeline that will change, beyond recognition, the lives of hundreds of children, touched by HIV/AIDS, or living with disability or simply abandoned as beyond help. Casa Cristi- the long-term care unit for disabled children with HIV, St Christopher’s in the City - the therapy, social care and holiday project for children with severe disabilities and St George’s Children’s palliative care nurses project for children in the terminal stage of cancer. There is still a great deal to do in the Balkans which we can only achieve with your help, we hope and pray that we can count on your continued support in the year ahead.

As a token of your “love to God and all men”, this season of goodwill I ask you to send to us the equivalent of the cost of a bottle of Christmas cheer, or that from the comfort of your own home, you choose gifts for friends and family, that mean that little bit more from “Gifts from the Heart that Change Lives” which we publish this year for the first time.

Only with your ongoing help and practical support can we continue to save and change lives and bring the promise of hope to hundreds of children in the year ahead.

This letter brings to you and yours, our Christmas card with its heartfelt seasonal good wishes and thanks from all of us at Children in Distress.

Best wishes,

Alisdair Barron MBE - Chairman of Trustees

To cure, sometimes; To help, often; To comfort, always.

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