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GIVE THEM THE WILL TO LIVE

This is the first time I have had the opportunity, as Chief Executive, to share with you the good news in the summer edition of Vision. Overleaf in the Financial Review of our operations last year, you will see clearly how your donations have been spent in the support and care of children in our projects.

When I was Chairman of the Trustees, I worked hard with Romanian colleagues to see an ever increasing Romanian financial contribution to our mission of care. We have done relatively well in a climate where, for over sixty years, charitable giving was unknown. So, for the first time, we share details of the financial support our work receives from Romanian local and national authorities, companies and individuals.

We have continued to prudently manage operational costs here in the United Kingdom and again expand our projects, improve medical care, nursing and therapy, and increase the numbers of children in our care. We now have over 4000 children in various programmes and through our educational and training initiatives, change the lives and opportunities of thousands more.

Each project is an example of best practice and we have recently been invited to share our expertise and to develop mission of care in Moldova, Armenia, Syria and the Ukraine. As much as we would like to help as many children in distress as possible, finance must determine both our options and priorities.

The long summer months always bring the acute challenge of donation income that falls away. However, our continuing commitment to the children means that daily costs remain the same. To deliver our commitment to cure, sometimes; to help, often; to comfort, always, we desperately need the help of every one of our supporters and donors. The hard reality is that every day of the year, we need over £1000 to meet our existing commitments and were we to look to new projects and the care of even more children, the funding challenge would be greater.

We welcome and give thanks for each and every donation, for they make it possible to give a child the will to live. It is with that in mind that Liz Cliff has asked that Vision focuses on child sponsorship and the desperate need of children who are terminally, acutely or incurably ill or those whose lives can be radically changed through intensive therapy in our child development centres. Sadly, for many children this is beyond their parent's ability to deliver. By becoming a child sponsor, and for as little as £3 per week, you can give a child the opportunity and the will to live. You can change that child's tomorrow.

I hope and pray that you will do.

Sincerely yours

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