



*Children, families, and volunteers of
"Hope for the Future" share a picnic
outing during a weekly gathering.*

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THE VERHAGE ROMANIAN FUND



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*"We have a special relationship
with the children
that cannot be broken."
--Izabela Lazar
Big Brothers/Sisters*



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*Changing the quality
of life for Romanian
children in need.*

OUR PURPOSE

*The Mission of the
VerHage Romanian Fund
is to provide charitable relief for
poor, distressed, and underprivileged
youth in Romania.*

As a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, The VerHage Romanian Fund provides financial support, leadership and oversight for specific projects within designated Romanian non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

HISTORY

The VerHage Romanian Fund started in October, 2000, to support organizations that benefit the lives of Romanian children in need.

Director Judy VerHage and Assistant Director Michelle Patterson were friends while volunteering for the Peace Corps in Romania. They were personally involved with the projects that are supported by the Fund, and wanted to provide ongoing financial assistance and guidance to these children's programs that are so close to their hearts.

The VerHage Fund strives to ensure the sustainability of these programs while promoting volunteerism and community involvement in a country where these concepts are underdeveloped.

Funding sources within Romania are non-existent at this time.

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. **Big Brothers/Sisters of Piatra-Neamt:** This program provides mentors and social activities to groups of children between the ages of 10-12 who live in a Romanian orphanage. High school students and other community volunteers donate their time with the children.
Program Cost: \$3,000 Per Year
2. **Hope For the Future:** Program for disabled children who are seriously in need of positive contact with the world outside their home. The project will provide weekly therapeutic and social activities for 10 - 15 disabled children in Hunedoara, Romania.
Program Cost: \$3,000 Per Year
3. **Purchase of Bus:** A van will be purchased for the orphanage when funding or a donated vehicle is secured.
4. **On-Site Visits:** Semi - annual visits to Romania will be made to provide guidance, work on future development of the projects, gather financial documents, and verify quality assurance of projects.
Cost: \$2,000 Per Year

It costs so little to help so much!

TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

Make check payable to:

VerHage Romanian Fund
c/o Rhonda Estes, Treasurer
1023 Nakoma Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686

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Please include with your check:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ Please send quarterly newsletters
_____ Please send receipt

Thank You!

*Your support will truly touch the lives
of many children and support
the growth of volunteerism
and community spirit in Romania.*

**Consult your tax advisor for deduction eligibility*