

## **THE U.S. PRESENCE IN ROMANIA**

### Fact Sheet: U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations Presence in Romania

**OVER 60 U.S.-BASED NGOs** have contributed approximately \$203 million to support their projects in Romania. Organizations include:

**The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, IREX-Biblionet program: \$27 million**

Begun in 2009, this five-year project will eventually provide desktop and laptop computers and \$15 million of software to 1,600 libraries and training to more than 3,000 librarians. As of May, 2011, 3,987 computers will be donated to 921 libraries in 37 counties.

**Habitat for Humanity: \$13 million since 1996**

1,769 families have been helped, 933 houses have been repaired and 440 new houses have been built. After massive flooding in Moldova and other areas, 671 houses were rebuilt. In addition, a school was built in Botosani county and two resource centers were opened (Margineni Bacau and Dorohoi) to provide families with construction materials and technical assistance for home repairs. Locations: Baia Mare, Donești, Oradea, Nojorid, Remeți, Pietroasa, Vașcău, Cluj-Napoca, Turda, Bistrița, Măgurești, Moinești, Ghiroda, Tecuci, Buchin, Pitești, Chiojdedanca, Albești-Paleologu, Craiova, Dobrești, Oncești, Cochirleni, Medgidia and other communities.

**Romanian American Foundation: \$150 million endowment**

Established in 2010 as a gift from America to the Romanian people

**Junior Achievement: \$326,000 since 2008**

As of 2010, 31 volunteers of Junior Achievement, sponsored by the Romanian-American Foundation, have conducted projects focused on learning how to plan and operate businesses. Program have taken place in: Borșa, Rădăuți, Fălticeni, Hădești, Săveni, Ionășeni, Aleșd, Turda, Căianu Mic, Toplița, Gălăuțăș, Târgu Frumos, Iași, Almaș, Deva, Geoagiu-Băi, Mediaș, Râșnov, Târgu Secuiesc, Târlungeni, Târgu Jiu, Motru, Corcova, Pietari Bunești, Tătărani, Mănești, Târgoviște, Corabia, Voluntari, and Fetești.

**German Marshall Fund/Balkan Trust for Democracy: \$1.45 million since 2003**

Contributions have gone to 61 in-country and regional projects to develop civil society.

**German Marshall Fund/Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation: \$1.13 million**

Regional grants have gone to 31 Romanian organizations since 2008 to develop civil society.

**Charles Stewart Mott Foundation: \$120,000** (civil society programs)

**International Orthodox Church Charities: \$4.46 million** (humanitarian, civil society)

**Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation): \$2.64 million** (building civil society, education)

**United Way: \$2.5 million since 2004** for community service projects