## save the Orphans **Newsletter Fall 2021**





In 2021, Save the Orphans expanded the number of orphans and Moldovan children who received our presentations on the importance of education, building self-esteem and the dangers of human trafficking.

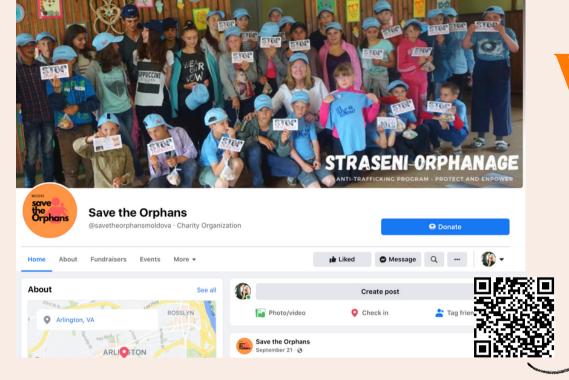
Expanding Our Reach 🛒

These vital messages were delivered through our sponsorship and participation in seven youth camps in the poorest regions of Moldova. We also increased the number of impoverished families, foster and transitional homes that received food staples, clothing, backpacks, shoes and school supplies.



Summer Camp 2021







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We are excited that the Save the Orphans Facebook page is now an established non-profit charity Facebook page. This allows us to share our latest updates with you. It also enables you to participate in live events, make donations, and become more involved in our efforts to help orphans. We encourage you to share this message with others who would like to support our mission to save the orphans.

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### Summer Camps





With orphanages in Moldova closed for the summer months, summer camps have traditionally played an essential role in the lives of Moldovan orphans. Despite the shift towards foster and transitional homes, many orphans have no permanent home, and summer camps continue to fill the need for recreation, learning experiences, and nutritious meals. During 2021, Save The Orphans sponsored summer camps in Chiperceni, Chisinau, Cricova, and Soldanesti where antitrafficking awareness and the value of education were stressed to hundreds of orphans and impoverished children.

#### Voice of Truth

Father Vitalie Bilibov and Ion Gadarenco held camps in Chiperceni and Chisinau for 140 orphans and poor children.



grew up in the Straseni Orphange, and was a student-volunteer during our 2019 orphanage visits. He is an active member or our volunteer network







Diana Todica, Save the Orphans' Local Director, assisted by Pavel Pogor, held a summer camp for 150 children in association with a local church in Cricova. Diana coordinates all of our Moldova activities. Pavel was a student-volunteer during our 2019 orphanage visits, and has become a member of our volunteer network.

#### Father Vasilie's Programs for Orphans in Soldanesti









Save the Orphans has partnered with father Vasile Surdu's programs for orphans and poor children since 2012. In addition to his summer camps in Soldanesti, father Vasilie provides a transitional home for boys, and after school programs which supply nutritious meals and resources for children to work on school assignments. At Christmas, he delivers food bags and Christmas gifts to orphans and destitute families in the region.



Save the Orphans volunteers have distributed over 40 food bags to families in Roscana, Soldanesti, Straseni, Ghiduleni and Cricova so far this year. Through your generosity, our 2021 food bag distribution will be double those of 2020. Food bags include staples such as flour, sugar, rice, oil, cereals, canned meats and fish, and household necessities.

> Sylvia has 9 « children



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SILVIA'S FAMILY

#### Elenas Family of 13 children, including 4 orphans

Elena heads a household with 13 children in the village of Cricova. Her sister passed away from cancer last year, leaving Elena to care for her four orphan children in addition to her own nine children. Through your generous donations, Save the Orphans provides large food bags to Elena's family monthly. We also provide school supplies, backpacks, new clothing, and shoes for the entire family. In past years Elena's children have been treated as inferiors in school because of their worn clothing and shoes. This year each child was thrilled with their new backpack, school supplies, and clothing, bolstering their self-esteem and confidence.











#### The Oak House Women's Transitional Home

Save the Orphans partners with the Oak House, a transitional home, that provides a safe and structured environment for over 20 college-bound orphans.

These women must adhere to strict academic standards. In addition to their educational pursuits, they perform community outreach.



In December, these women will visit orphans and group homes to distribute new winter clothing and Christmas gifts. The Oak House women sing songs, perform skits, and play games with the children to spread the holiday spirit.

"Christmas Caravan"













Save the Orphans appreciates your support and contributions. Building a connection with these orphans and empowering them to break the cycle of neglect and exploitation while opening doors for education, STO's ongoing commitment, is all made possible by you.

Thank you!

Our current focus is on 2021-22 Winter programs. With your help we can reach out to more orphans and destitute families. If you have donated to STO previously, you have our sincere gratitude. Your continued support will allow us to further our anti-trafficking awareness and educational programs.

The Save the Orphans staff and network of associates in Moldova are all volunteers with 100% of your donations going directly to our mission. We ask that you please consider us in planning your future charitable contributions. Thank you in advance for your support, participation, and most importantly your generosity.

With appreciation,

SAVE THE ORPHANS TEAM



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