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Asociația Ana și Copiii

<https://anasicopiii.ro/>

Every child deserves a chance to grow, learn, and dream — yet many face barriers that keep them from reaching their potential. *Ana și Copiii* works to remove those barriers by preventing school dropout among children from disadvantaged families and providing them with safety, education, and hope.

Since its founding in 2007, the organization has created the first Social and Educational Support Center dedicated to children in vulnerable communities. This model of care has since been replicated in several counties across Romania and has been recognized by the World Bank as an example of good practice.

In October 2021, *Ana și Copiii* opened a new center in Bucharest's District 3 — now the largest Day Center in Romania. More than 200 children receive daily educational and social support there, along with nutritious meals and emotional guidance.

Through this expansion, the association continues to strengthen its mission: to give every child the opportunity to learn, to grow with dignity, and to believe in a better future.



Ajungem Mari – Asociația Lindenfeld

<https://www.ajungemmari.ro/>

The Lindenfeld Association runs *Ajungem MARI*, the largest long-term social and educational program in Romania dedicated to supporting institutionalized and disadvantaged children and youth. The program helps them grow into responsible, independent, and fulfilled adults.

Each year, more than 3,500 children benefit from educational, emotional, and moral support provided by a dedicated network of over 1,300 volunteers across Bucharest and 28 counties.

Through continuous projects and the involvement of both volunteers and professionals, *Ajungem MARI* aims to reduce the effects of trauma caused by abandonment, family separation, and institutionalization.

The association develops programs that build children's self-confidence, help them discover their passions and talents, and prepare them for independent life and meaningful careers.

This Christmas, share the joy that lasts — be the light in the heart of an institutionalized child and bring them the gift of hope for a brighter future.



Asociația Carusel

<https://carusel.org/>

For more than 13 years, *Carousel Association* has been supporting people in situations of extreme vulnerability — those experiencing homelessness, poverty, illness, or social exclusion. Through its outreach program and two community centers, *Carousel* provides essential services that help people survive and regain dignity: food, clothing, warm tea, access to showers and laundry, medical care, and social assistance.

During the cold season, their work becomes even more urgent. Every night, *Carousel's* outreach team goes out on the streets of Bucharest to find and assist people at risk of hypothermia, offering them hot soup, thick socks, warm clothes, and words of compassion — often the only kindness these individuals receive.

The organization also intervenes promptly in emergencies. Following the recent explosion in the Rahova neighborhood, *Carousel* was among the first to respond, providing victims and displaced residents with food, clothes, medical supplies, and emotional support. Their team continues to assist those affected, showing that solidarity can bring warmth even in the darkest moments.

Today, *Carousel* needs support more than ever to replenish its stocks of essential supplies. Every contribution helps ensure that people living on the streets can face the winter with dignity and hope — because no one should be left behind in the cold.



Asociația Dăruiește Aripă

<https://www.daruiestearipi.ro>

Dăruiește Aripă is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving medical and social care for children with cancer and other serious illnesses. Its mission is to build a better healthcare system for children and to support families during their most difficult journeys.

One of the association's flagship initiatives is the National Register of Childhood Cancers, the only database that centralizes information about pediatric cancer cases in Romania. For its impact and contribution to improving healthcare transparency and treatment outcomes, the project was honored by the European Parliament with the European Citizen Prize in 2020.

Another pioneering project is the Home Treatment Program for Children with Cancer, which brings medical care directly to children's homes. Multidisciplinary teams of doctors, nurses, and association staff perform essential medical procedures safely at home, under the supervision of the child's attending physician.

This innovative approach, currently active in Bucharest and nine counties across Muntenia and Dobrogea, helps children receive care in a familiar environment, reduces hospital stays, and offers families hope, comfort, and dignity during treatment.



Asociația Ferentari

<https://asociațiaferentari.ro>

The *Ferentari Association* supports vulnerable children, teenagers, and young people through education, theatre, and art. At *Ferentari Studios*, they take part in free workshops in theatre, dance, music, and photography, guided by over 20 volunteers who help them build confidence, creativity, and critical thinking.

In 2025, over 40 children joined the association's programs, and 25 of them form the permanent PlayHood theatre group. Their latest play, *Alice in Ferentari*, was performed in several cultural spaces in Bucharest and along the seaside, proving that talent and courage can flourish anywhere.

Despite their success, the team faces daily challenges — working in a damaged space affected by floods and construction issues, while still managing to feed the children and keep artistic activities alive.

Looking ahead, the association's dream for 2026–2027 is to build a new community center in Ferentari: a space with a rehearsal room, performance hall, dining area, and kitchen where women from the neighborhood can cook for the children. It's an ambitious but deeply needed project — a real “science fiction” dream that could finally give these kids a place they truly deserve.



Asociația M.A.M.E.

<https://asociatiamame.ro/>

The *M.A.M.E. Association* has been supporting children in Romania diagnosed with cancer and other serious illnesses for more than 16 years, along with their parents, offering them the guidance and care they need to face the challenges of the disease with hope and strength.

Its flagship project, *Centrul Steluțelor* (The Little Stars Center), established in 2014, is among the few psycho-socio-medical recovery centers in the country. Since its opening, over 1,000 children from vulnerable backgrounds and their mothers have received free therapies and recovery services recommended by doctors.

The center provides a wide range of interventions — from physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy, to psychological and nutritional counseling, art and play therapy, multisensory and virtual reality (VR) sessions, and non-formal education activities.

Through all these efforts, the *M.A.M.E. Association* helps rebuild lives and offers children the chance to heal, regain confidence, and rediscover the joy of childhood.



Asociația Niciodată Singur

<https://niciodatasingur.ro>

In a Romania where too many elderly people live in isolation and without support, *Niciodată Singur – Friends of the Elderly* works to restore dignity, hope, and joy to the lives of seniors. The association's mission is to combat loneliness and social exclusion through emotional, social, and practical assistance.

More than 900 elderly people benefit from its programs — 300 living alone and another 600 in nursing homes across Bucharest, Pitești, Ploiești, Brăila, Iași, Constanța, Cluj-Napoca, Brașov, and Târgoviște. Each senior is paired with a dedicated volunteer who visits, listens, and offers companionship and support.

Throughout the year, the association organizes outings to theaters and museums, festive meals at Easter and Christmas, and special events such as Senior Day or short trips that bring joy and a sense of belonging.

In 2022, the *Socialization Center for Seniors* was opened in Bucharest — a welcoming space where people over 65 can take part in daily cultural, educational, recreational, and creative activities free of charge. Together, they prove that aging can be lived with dignity, connection, and meaning — never alone.



Asociația Pe Stop
<https://pestop.org/>

The *Pe Stop Association* fights menstrual poverty and the stigma surrounding menstruation by offering direct support to vulnerable people across Romania. Its mission is to restore dignity and bodily autonomy through access to menstrual products, education about the body and consent, and advocacy for inclusive public policies.

Founded in 2018 with just a few hygiene packages distributed at Bucharest's North Train Station, *Pe Stop* has grown into a national organization with programs in 25 counties, a strong team, and over 90 volunteers.

Every month, the association supports around 2,500 people who lack access to menstrual products, reliable information, and decent hygiene conditions. More than 700 vulnerable girls and women receive monthly hygiene kits, while over 900 people have learned about their bodies and health through educational sessions.

Pe Stop also works with NGOs, experts, and members of Parliament to develop policies ensuring access to basic hygiene products for everyone. Its vision is simple yet vital: a Romania where menstruation is no longer a source of shame, but a natural part of life treated with dignity and respect.



Asociația Prematurilor

<https://asociatiaprematurilor.ro/>

Asociația Prematurilor develops programs dedicated to premature babies, their parents, and the medical staff working in neonatology. The organization brings together professionals from various fields, parents, and media representatives to improve the quality of neonatal care and public health services in Romania.

Its projects focus on equipping maternity hospitals through charitable donation programs, providing continuous professional training for medical staff, and organizing workshops and webinars for families with premature babies.

The association also works on premature birth prevention initiatives, offering information and resources for expecting parents to reduce risks and promote healthy pregnancies.

In addition, *Asociația Prematurilor* provides financial assistance to families facing difficult social or medical situations, ensuring that every premature baby has a real chance at life — and that no parent feels alone in this journey.



Asociația Touched Romania

<https://touchedromania.org/>

For more than 20 years, *Touched Romania* has been working to improve the lives of mothers and children in vulnerable situations — victims of domestic violence, poverty, and social exclusion. The association offers emotional, material, and educational support, helping them regain stability, confidence, and independence.

Its mission is to provide holistic social services tailored to each family's needs, through seven social programs that promote protection, recovery, and social reintegration. These programs include Casa Agar Maternity Center, the Counseling and Social Reintegration Center, the Teen Club, the Touched Collection social enterprise, the Volunteers for Destinies hospital program, the Little Souls foster care program, the Transition Apartment, and the Dar din Dar community program.

At Casa Agar, single mothers find an alternative to child abandonment and the chance to build a better future together with their children. Through Little Souls, children receive support to be reintegrated into caring families, while Volunteers for Destinies offers comfort and care to abandoned and seriously ill children in Bucharest hospitals.

Through all these efforts, *Touched Romania* continues to give hope where it's most needed — helping families heal, rebuild their lives, and stay together.

