

# FUNDING NEEDED IN ROMANIA



Women 's Conference

2012

Romania

# FUNDS NEEDED FOR WOMEN IN ROMANIA

For decades, children born with physical & mental disabilities were viewed as subhuman and forced into institutions. The parents had NO choice. When the dictator was deposed the world saw the barbaric conditions under which these children lived. Now the trend is shifting. Women are allowed to keep their children but they are in need of educational, mental and spiritual support.

Star of Hope Romania Foundation is an active change agent. Visiting occupational therapists, physical therapists, specialist teachers and others provide a transfer of knowledge to the Romanian health professionals and authorities which in many areas change their way of working. They actively work to affect the public opinion and attitudes of health professionals and political leaders toward these children with special needs.

Star of Hope Romania recognizes and addresses the needs of the mothers of these children. They sponsor a Christian Women's Conference to encourage mothers of special needs children in their faith while providing knowledge and skills on caring for their child.

They are making preparations for the 3rd annual conference. It is a difficult thing for these women to attend such a conference. They need the time of fellowship and learning but they also feel the money is better spent purchasing food for their children. But, just as in this country, they, too, need a time to retreat to a time of fellowship for spiritual and physical renewal. It is a very poor and harsh country. They need our help and support.

"My name is Stefaniu and I have a boy with Down Syndrome and a heart malformation. I have been invited to the conference in 2011. I can say that these were first steps for me, the first conference I attended and I consider that the work and the effort of the organizers are very helpful to mothers that go through these life experiences and try to overcome critical situations. Personally, I consider myself lucky to benefit from the guidance and the moral support from Star of Hope Romania. These conferences make one know, understand and accept this type of life, of which I personally am still afraid, but I keep hoping. The conference was titled 'Victorious Women' and I hope that we can succeed to defeat the fear of the unknown. I thank everybody."



## FUNDING NEEDED

Facility	\$3,700
Food	\$3,700
Materials	\$600
Other	\$400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,400</b>



## PROJECT GOAL

Send 100 women to the 2 day  
Christian Women's Conference  
September 2012

## FOR

Critical help to learn how  
to care for their physically  
challenged child

The opportunity to meet  
and fellowship with other  
Christman woman in the  
same situation

Spiritual Renewal  
Mental & Physical Rest

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