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It's a serious business wearing a hat!

School for the Deaf No. 2

This summer we hope to complete the upgrades to the corridor areas of the secondary part of the school, re-decorating and providing a set of special display Snapframes for the CSEF-designed educational posters. This has meant that we had to design and translate a further 100 posters so that the displays could be regularly changed over a four-year period. In total, 450 educational posters have been designed covering a wide range of themes. At any one time the children will have some 50 topics to browse.

A sum of **£1,300** is needed to print this year's posters.

Left: Four-year old boy in the School's Kindergarten.

Transylvanian Autism Association

Last year we reported that the Transylvanian Autism Association in Cluj-Napoca has had many accommodation-related problems because of short-term leases and several changes of location. We are pleased to say that a UK Christian charity has offered the Association accommodation in a new property under construction by the charity in the city. The location of the property and the available rooms appear to be most appropriate for the current needs of the Association.

During June we visited the property with the senior managers of the Association to ascertain what role the CSEF could usefully play in the future development of their work. As soon as we have details of the official contractual arrangements between the Transylvanian Autism Association and the UK Christian charity we will decide how best we might continue to support the Association.

Fundraising

In these difficult and uncertain times the CSEF, like most other UK charities, finds it increasingly difficult to raise the necessary funds to continue its projects for Romanian special needs children.

Are you or your friends able to organise fundraising events for specific CSEF projects? These could include auctions, draws and raffles, concerts, coffee mornings, boot sales and bring-and-buy sales. Such events can raise significant sums of money.

Sick Children

As you can imagine, the very young children in the kindergarten at School No. 2 are frequently poorly, especially during the winter months. This results in any infections being spread rapidly amongst all the children. Consequently, the staff have asked us whether we can create a child-friendly sick bay in the kindergarten residence with some degree of isolation to help reduce the spread of infections.

After discussions with the Romanian builder a simple plan has evolved where a small part of the children's sleeping area would have transparent barriers and doors. Sick children would not feel cut off from the other children, but would be stopped from coughing and spluttering over their friends! We stressed to our Romanian colleagues that this would not in any way be a full-blown hospital isolation ward! But it should reduce the problems of having to cope with 15-20 sick children at one time.

The cost of the enclosure is estimated to be **£5,000**.

The window area designed for the sickbay.



Can you help us continue our work?

We need your continued support to help the Romanian children. Please make any cheques payable to CSEF and send to:
Dr. David R. White, CSEF, 24 Cherry Walk, HAYES, Bromley, Kent, BR2 7LT.