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Greetings from the president of Transition's Gate . . . A Sizzling Summer 2008



It has indeed been a warm summer and full of opportunities for serving those who need our help. One of the unique things that summer offers is multiple opportunities to travel and visit other places of interest and explore adventurously. This summer, the Sec/Treas of Transition's Gate, Cathy Hutchins, had her first travel experience to Romania, serving on a medical team in the southeast region of Romania. This is the region where we continue to prepare to assist with the women's counseling center under the leadership of Compassion & Care Association. Cathy experienced first hand the

multitudes of women who will benefit from the social services, counseling, legal and family support, all activities which are planned as part of the daily functions at the women's counseling center. *Nancy Mortlock*



Tulips & Tea Spring Fundraiser

May 31st was a sunny spring day and Gonzaga University was the setting for tulip décor and tea. This beautiful morning was the setting for two very interesting speakers and over one hundred attendees together to hear how domestic violence and crimes against women are abundantly present in Spokane and surrounding counties but also around the world. Spokane County District Judge, Patti Walker, gave a graphic presentation of her involvement from the bench at the Spokane County Courthouse, in cases of domestic violence and the way in which these behaviors are affecting our neighborhoods and families. Judge Walker is responsible for hearing many of these local cases, finding avenues of correction and rehabilitation for those involved. It was obvious to the

many who attended that Judge Walker is passionate about helping women and others who find themselves caught in the destructive actions of violence in the home. Paula Oprea, president of Compassion & Care, Ialomita County, Romania, was the second speaker at the tea. Her colorful presentation detailed the troubling statistics and current situation for women in Romania, and specifically in her own community.

Music at the event was presented by *Door of Hope*, a wonderful group of women with the heart to serve through music and song. Due to the generous contributions of the donors at the Tulips & Tea event, and many others who could not attend, we are thousands of dollars closer to reaching our goal and our ability to assist with the purchase of the building for the women's counseling center in Romania.



Updates on Our 2008 Project for Women and Children



Women Helping Women

One of the most gratifying things about working with women is those whom one encounters along the way. In March, Nancy had an opportunity to visit *Femina 2000 Asociatia*, a women's center in the north region of Romania. Here, through collaboration and shared expertise, city wide women's health care conferences were offered to the entire community. The press was very interested to listen, record, and then broadcast the content of the conference. Many of the reporters

were curious about an American who would "come all the way to Romania" to teach these classes about women's health care. A one hour talk show for television was recorded, unexpectedly, at the end of the conference. This opportunity allowed Nancy to verbalize her personal and corporate interest and passion to help women globally. The conference concluded with a lecture on nutrition and aerobic exercise. All of the women who attended the conference had an opportunity to participate in aerobic exercise. The benefits of exercise and good nutrition were accentuated and practiced during the conference.



Reaching Our Goal

While the Olympics in Beijing captured world wide attention, soon a global look is forgotten. Transition's Gate continues to look in it's own community and abroad for ways to help women and children. It is our short term goal to be able to complete our fund raising efforts and distribute the necessary funds for the women's center in Romania by year's end. Currently, we are 80% to goal. We thank you for ALL your tax deductible donations, particularly between now and the end of the year. As always, each donor will receive an accurate accounting of individual tax deductible giving at year's end.

Our Website for Transition's Gate

View and keep updated on our website, www.transitionsgate.org. Here you will find new postings, news of upcoming events, contact information and regular updates on our project with Compassion & Care.

Donations can now be made through the PayPal tab on our website.



How you can support the work of Transition's Gate

___ Use my enclosed monthly tax-deductible gift in the amount of ___ to help with the construction of the women's counseling center in Romania.

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Send your gift to:

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Your gift of \$100, \$250, \$500 or more will allow us to respond to the immediate needs of the women and children subjected to domestic violence, abuse, poverty and other misfortune in southeastern Romania. Thank you for your continued, generous support.

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