

# Protection of the Theotokos Family Center

A Ministry of OCMC & the Orthodox Christian Archdiocese in Cluj, Romania

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## 2009 Nativity Clothing Drive

### Who is the clothing drive for?

This clothing drive is for the babies that are in the PTFC. With the quickly approaching Feast Day of the Nativity of Christ, we at the PTFC need your assistance. It is very expensive here in Romania to buy baby clothes and products. The mothers in our program do not have the money to buy presents for their children. Due to our financial situation at this time we are unable to purchase the items that we would like to give to them.

*With teamwork we can meet this need and show love to our brothers and sisters who are especially needy at this time.*

### Who We Are

The Protection of the Theotokos Family Center (PTFC) was established as a joint project with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) in America and the Orthodox Archdiocese of Cluj here in Romania. To those with the hopeless mindset of poverty, on the verge of abandoning or aborting their babies, PTFC is a mighty wave of hope as we care for their babies medically, physically, spiritually and developmentally during the day. This program makes it possible for the mothers to work or attend school and not to abandon their children. The single mothers are trained in how to care for and enjoy their children. They are encouraged to seek new lives to avoid abandonment.

### Needed Items :

For children from 3 months to 4 years old:

- Toys – new and gently used are accepted
- Baby Clothes – new and gently used are accepted, *especially winter clothes*
- Baby shoes – new and gently used are accepted
- Baby products – ***new only***



- Baby bottles, children's vitamins, infant drops – fever reducer/pain reliever, infant nasal moisturizer, diaper rash ointment, Gel-Fast Teething Pain Relief, baby oil, baby powder
- **No** Diapers are needed at this time
- Scrubs for caregivers – all sizes, new and gently used are accepted

Please don't ship anything heavy like shampoo or hard cover books or toys with batteries. Stuffed animals are light and very welcome. Both summer and winter items are needed but we tend to concentrate on winter items as the winters are brutal, and children's winter clothing is expensive and very hard to find.

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***Thank you for your participation in reaching out with love, care, and support to help mothers prevent the abandonment of their babies!***

## Shipping Instructions

### Step A:

- Approve project with your parish council and parish priest.
- An individual must be assigned as the coordinator of the project.

### Step B:

- With your parish's collection for the drive, we suggest the following shipping companies:

#### *West Coast Shipping Company Address:*

"Far Away Land" shippers  
Camelia Hangea  
967 Hampton Rd.  
Hayward, CA 94541  
cami\_andi@yahoo.com  
Tel: 773-465-8695

*\*It is necessary for you to email or call Camelia Hangea to initiate contact with her, and she will advise you on what you need for shipping the packages to the PTFC through her.*

#### *East Coast Shipping Company Address:*

AMERO PARCEL SERVICE  
1195 Scenic Highway #C4  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045  
Tel: 770-736-5073  
Contact person: Mike  
Email: michael.precup@gmail.com  
His cell number is 678-779-4967

*\*It is necessary for you to call Mike to initiate contact with him, and he will advise you on what you need for shipping the packages to the PTFC through him.*

**\*\*\* Attention to the coordinators\*\*\*** There are two shipping costs:

- 1) Postage to the shipper
- 2) Shipment cost to Romania

\*Please encourage cash donations to cover the cost of the freight.

### Step C:

- Recommended deadline date for on-site collection is Sunday, October 4, 2009.
- The **deadline** to send your boxes to the shipper is on Friday, October 9, 2009.
- Contact shipper to let them know how many packages are coming to them for the PTFC.
- Contact Christina Semon, OCMC Missionary to Romania, at c.semon@ocmc.org to let her know the status of the shipment.
- **Label one side of each package with the following:**

Centrul de Zi "Acoperamantul Maicii Domnului"  
Ancuta Frantz  
Str Ovidiu nr. 27  
3400 Cluj-Napoca, Romania



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## Freight costs:

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Shipping rates to Romania:

Prices: \$1.40/lb. if the package is under 100 lbs.

\$1.50/lb. if the package is over 100 lbs.

- Minimum lbs. per address are 50 lbs. (can be one or more packages) – in the case of less than 50 lbs., you will still be invoiced for 50 lbs.
- Warranty is \$5/package and insured for \$200 – can be insured for a different value.
  
- After Camelia receives the packages she can email or send you the total and you can send her the check.

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Shipping rates to Romania:

Prices \$1.05/lb.

- Please contact Mike (see above) at AMERO PARCEL SERVICE for more details about shipping rates to Romania.