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Big Build Romania VIP Handbook





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Welcome note from Adrian Ciorna President, HFH Romania

Dear Big Build Volunteer,

10 years ago, in August, I had the privilege to organize the 1999 Eclipse Blitz Build, a 10 day build of 10 homes, in partnership with the working poor of the Beius community. Some 385 volunteers gathered, with a dedicated group from Northern Ireland, It was an “invasion” in the small community, with the first bus line ever as local public transportation, moving the volunteers around.

At that time, Habitat for Humanity here made it in the national news due to the uniqueness of the building event. Habitat Romania had a strong jump start which has helped us to attract local volunteers and corporate support ever since. As a particularity, we had on our site a good bunch of youngsters, aging 18 and a little over and they were trained to acquire some useful skills, to help them find jobs. They had all been raised in the local state orphanage of 750 children.

Also as a particularity, groups of volunteers from Northern Ireland continued to come our way and several hundreds made a difference across the country. They became known as hard working, committed and well bonding with the partner families and the broader community.

It is now with great pleasure and honour that I welcome each and every one of you to Romania and to my community of Beius at the Big Build celebration of 10 years of partnership between our nations and organizations! When I think of this and of the other milestone – 15 years of existence of the amazing ministry of HFH Northern Ireland – I cannot stop myself saying what a grand and still humble way of celebrating these 2 landmarks! And a record for Romania: from the 40 nations that have sent volunteers to us, the Big Build team is the largest ever national group to attend any build in the history of our organization!

I look forward to meeting you in person, shake hands, share joy during the October event and trust that your kind heart and the goodness of God will allow you to have a transforming experience and will generate participation in many Big Builds to come.

Sincerely,

Adrian Ciorna

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Adrian Ciorna'.

Founder and President, Habitat for Humanity Romania





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Introduction and Background

The Housing Need in Romania

The country has come a long way in its transition from a centrally planned economy to a market economy, with unemployment and poverty showing signs of declining. However, systemic corruption and government red tape has done much to stymie an environment that will create well-paid and stable jobs through private sector-led growth. The financial crisis has affected tens of thousands of Romanians, forcing them to move back to the countryside or to stay crammed into tiny apartments together with other families.

Immediately after the revolution, government issued houses and apartments were sold at drastically subsidized prices. However, many apartment buildings weren't built well. Often the subsidized price meant that families could afford homes that they cannot afford to maintain. Living conditions for the rural poor are especially bad, leading to a higher incidence of communicable disease, including tuberculosis and water-borne diseases. Access to potable water and sewerage is scarce in rural areas and in many urban slums. These conditions are particularly grave for Roma households.

About 150,000 Romanian families are currently living in poverty conditions, without adequate heating, no running water, overcrowded conditions, no bathroom or simply their house is falling down around them.

Since average families cannot afford to buy new homes, many families live in their parents' houses, making overcrowding a primary issue of poor living conditions. The average price per square meter for renting a home in Bucharest is higher than the average for Berlin.

The average salary in Romania is about US \$900 per month, or €675, however the average salary outside of the largest cities is roughly 2/3 of that in the cities. A housing boom has caused prices to skyrocket for new homes, with single room apartments costing as much as €80,000. At this rate, a single person would have to pay his/her entire salary for 8 years to pay for a home. However, access to credit is limited and excessive down payment restrictions keep all but the wealthy from having access to credit.





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Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian housing ministry. HFH seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need.

Habitat for Humanity is committed to the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people in over 90 countries. Northern Ireland and Romania are just 2 of these countries that Habitat works in.

Through volunteer labour and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no-profit, financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Habitat is not a giveaway programme – it is a 'hand up' not a hand out. In addition to repaying their loan homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labour – sweat equity – into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

'Big Build'- 10 Homes for 10 Years

This October 5th to 9th, up to 250 volunteers from Northern Ireland will descend upon Beius, Romania to build 10 homes for 10 families living in poverty housing. For the past decade, Habitat for Humanity Romania and Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland have been teaming up to give the poor of Romania access to decent and affordable housing. Since 1999, thousands of volunteers from Northern Ireland have helped dozens of Romanian parents and their children to radically change their lives. **Over the past 10 years, HFHNI have sent 26 teams and 392 volunteers on Global Village teams to Romania.** Teams have worked all over Romania, helping families in need in HFH Romania's Beius, Cluj, Comanesti and Craiova affiliates.

For more information about the message of Big Build, please refer to your Daily Briefing included later in your VIP Manual.





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Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland (HFHNI)

Starting before the ceasefires, our work locally has been focussed on reconciliation and regeneration in communities impacted by deprivation and the legacy of conflict. Since 1994 Habitat has brought together almost 15,000 volunteers from across Northern Ireland committed to a shared future for Northern Ireland – to building houses, building community and building hope. Habitat has completed 85 homes across 9 communities in North and West Belfast, Downpatrick and Omagh, New projects are being developed in areas impacted by deprivation and the legacy of conflict.

HFHNI is a key partner in Habitat's global mission raising funds to support international projects and sending volunteer teams to work alongside families in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. It is committed to a number of international partnership projects in Ethiopia, where we have supported the building of 150 homes over 3 years, and also in India, Guatemala, Cote d'Ivoire, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda and Madagascar.

Our Strategic priority is to support projects which focus on the alleviation of poverty through housing. There are 3 key themes Peacebuilding, Urbanisation and Orphans and Vulnerable children.

Global Village

In the **10 years** since Habitat's International volunteer programme began **3,000** volunteers have travelled to build homes in partnership with families in need raising over **£1.7 million** in donations alone and building more than **850 homes**.

1 in 600 people from Northern Ireland have travelled as part of the Global Village programme. The programme is designed to help all GV volunteers understand better the challenges faced by the communities they will visit and the part they will play in tackling global poverty and inequality.

As a Serve and Learn programme the goal is to see volunteers use their experience of working alongside families in need to advocate for change in the world and to impact the community here at home through leadership development and active citizenship.

Local Programme

Despite huge political progress Northern Ireland remains a deeply divided society. **92.5% of social housing** is segregated along religious lines and only **1 in 20** of school children are in integrated education. HFHNI's commitment to bringing people, from an increasingly diverse Northern Ireland, together through practical volunteering, skills and leadership development remains an essential part of delivering on the opportunity to build lasting peace.





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Local volunteering brings together a diverse range of volunteers from across Northern Ireland. In addition to a range of opportunities for local business, the public sector and the church there are also on-site volunteering days for individuals which challenge those who take part to play an active part in regenerating the local community.

The HFHNI Schools & Youth Good Relations and Citizenship programme challenges and motivates young people to demonstrate the role they can play in regenerating communities and is now an integral part of Habitat's volunteer strategy, in many ways defining our local work.





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HFH in Romania

Habitat for Humanity Romania (HFHR)

In 1996, a group of committed people from Beius, Romania came together to start a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Romania. Over the years, seven affiliates have been started throughout Romania, and several other short term projects have been undertaken to serve the needs of specific communities throughout Romania. For the last three years, HFH Romania has been tackling the housing crisis caused by annual floods, helping hundreds of families to restore their lives in dignity and prosperity. In 1999, Habitat for Humanity Romania held the Eclipse Build, building 9 homes in 10 days and coinciding with a full solar eclipse. Last year, HFH Romania held the EuroHabitat Build 2007, where we built 27 homes in just 5 days with the help of 650 volunteers. All told, over 1,200 families have partnered with HFH Romania to receive decent, sanitary and affordable housing.

HFHR has begun to branch out from providing decent housing for just traditional family units. Last year in Timisoara HFHR partnered with the "Pentru Voi" Foundation, 8 corporate partners and hundreds of local volunteers to build a full-time care centre for 5 persons with mental disabilities. HFHR is also targeting specific groups of underserved or marginalized groups, combining the benefits of a decent home with social assistance programs coming from both other NGO's and institutions. Together with the City Hall of Oradea, the HFH Beius affiliate built 20 homes for a Roma community, changing their lives by coupling the homes with social assistance they receive from the local authorities. Many HFH affiliates in Romania aim to better serve youth at risk, including orphans and young adults, by teaching them construction skills through apprentice programs, as well as helping them build a decent home to live in.

HFH Beius

Habitat for Humanity Beius was the first affiliate in Romania formed in 1996. The housing need surrounding HFH Beius is extensive, and has been brought on by a lack of re-investment and impoverished families living on the margins of society. Beius is a rural area, and is surrounded by villages without running water, no in-door bathrooms, and homes made from a mixture of mud, straw and horse manure. Often the homes are 50+ years old, but due to the economic circumstances the families are unable to renovate their own homes. In addition, there are dozens of Roma communities that live in semi-shanty towns on the outskirts of Beius.

As Romania entered into the European Union in January 2007, the economic boom was felt by the wealthy, while the gap in prosperity between the rich and poor accelerated. Tens of thousands of people in the HFH Beius affiliate's area alone are in need of assistance.

Partner Families Profiles/ Selection Criteria

The families are selected without regard to race, religion, sex, or any other criterion besides those mentioned below. From here the Family Selection Committee visit each potential partner family to judge them based on their level of need, and their ability to participate in the Habitat program both physically and financially.





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There are three criteria to qualify for a Habitat home:

- The family must have a need. Some common housing needs in Romania are: overcrowding, roofs caving in, no electricity or water, or their current living space has no sewage system.
- The family must have an income that would allow them to pay back the monthly no-interest loan (ranging anywhere from of \$16 to \$75).
- Their willingness to partner with Habitat by contributing 600 hours of work (sweat equity) in building their own house and houses of their neighbors.

Construction Techniques

HFH Beius is dedicated to providing varied sustainable solutions to a wide variety of housing needs, all aimed at helping as many families in need as possible.

Some families live in such inhumane, crowded, dilapidated conditions that the only solution is to provide them with a new start by building a new home. For all new home construction, HFH Beius uses wood framed homes, covered in drywall, insulated with plastered polystyrene sheets and fibreglass insulation. Some homes are single family dwellings, while others are duplexes.

Other families live in homes lacking one of the basic components of decent housing, such as heat in winter, a roof without holes, running water, insulated walls, windows, or enough space. For these families, a renovation, a repair or simply adding a new room can dramatically change their lives. Rehabilitation has allowed HFH Beius to serve more families more efficiently, and has introduced more families into the Habitat family community.

Partnerships with HFH Beius

Habitat for Humanity Beius partners with other organizations in Beius and the surrounding area to work together in helping families in need alleviate poverty.

HFH Beius partners with Bunul Samaritean (Good Samaritan) to offer workplaces for youth who grew up in orphanages. Good Samaritan find sponsors to cover their salaries. Over the years, 50 young people have learnt construction skills on the Habitat worksite. A few of them have also become Habitat homeowner partners. In 2007, Habitat partnered with Administrația Social Comunitară Oradea (Social Community Administration of Oradea) to change the living conditions of 700 roma who live in miserable conditions in 3 blocks or apartments in Oradea. To date 20 new homes have been built near to the blocks of apartments and it is hoped that the partnership with ASCO will continue through the renovating of these blocks of apartments.

Future Plans

As well as the Big Build, from July 2009 to June 2010, HFH Beius plans to assist 80 families. This includes 20 new homes and 60 rehabilitations. HFHNI are delighted to that we can be part of helping HFH Romania achieve these goals as they help build simple, decent and affordable housing for families in need.





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Big Build Homeowner

Name – Andraş Mate

Age – 25

Occupation – Laboratory Assistant



Andraş was born in Marghita (a town 100 km from Beius) and was abandoned at the hospital with his twin brother, Sandor. They lived in the orphanage in Beius until they were 20. Andras graduated from both high school and vocational school with food industry and mechanics specialization. After school, he was hired in a local company as a laboratory assistant.

When Andras and Sandor were 16, a social worker helped them find their parents but they didn't want to know both boys. Sandor settled in the town of Arad (200 km from Beius) where he got married. Andras hopes that now that he will have his own home, he will be able to have his own family like his brother does.

'This is one thing I was looking for to have for a long, long time. I am so glad that there is somebody who is helping us be part of the society. I thank God for giving me this new chance in life.'

Name – Doru Tovic

Age – 43

Occupation – Male Nurse



Doru was born in Arad (a town 200 km from Beius) and at the age of 3 was abandoned by his parents. He grew up in the Orphanage in Beius where he stayed until he graduated from the vocational school as a carpenter. Doru worked for 12 years on a building site in south-west Romania, but after an accident he had to leave for another job which didn't require physical effort. He returned to Beius where he is now working as a male nurse. Doru has had to move from one rented accommodation to the next and even lived in a small room located in the cemetery. He applied for housing at the town hall more than 10 years, but still has had no response. Doru currently lives at the Orphanage.

'I didn't have the courage to have a family, because I didn't want to move them from one place to another. You can handle this by yourself, but with a family, no. I have been trying for a long time to get my own house. If I have my own home, I will feel secure and know that I have a place to go home to every day. I thank the volunteers that will come to help me and the other orphans receive a home.'

Name – Ghyongyi Horvat

Age – 34

Occupation – Construction Worker



Ghyongyi was abandoned in Oradea when she was 2 years old and stayed at the orphanage in Beius until she was 18. She attended gardening classes at vocational school in another town for 3 years but after school she came back to Beius where for almost 2 years she ended up living on the streets. Ghyongyi slept at the railway station and knitted macramé to earn a living.

Ghyongyi got help to find a job and started to work in a gas station as a cleaner. This gave her the confidence to look for a job herself in construction - the job she liked the most.

Since then she has been a keen volunteer with Habitat and has worked alongside many volunteers from Romania and from across the world.

'Now that I will have a home, I hope that God will help me have my own family. This is something I have longed for. My greatest joy on a habitat site is working side by side with volunteers. I am now looking forward to working alongside volunteers on my own home. I am sending them all my gratitude because I know the importance of what they are doing!'

Name – Ioan Ponta



Ioan grew up in the Orphanage in Beius. After school, he worked for a year as a mechanic before he had to join the army in Marghita for a year. After the army, he went to live with one of his brothers. Ioan started to work in construction and there he met Diana, the mother of his two daughters. To earn more money for the children, Diana travelled to Germany and Ioan stayed home at his in-laws to look after the girls. Diana came home for a couple of days, then back to Germany until she eventually decided to move permanently to Germany. Ioan made the hard decision to leave his children and he travelled back to Beius. A friend from the orphanage let him live with him rent free until he got a job.

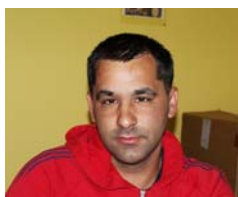
Ioan has been working in the same job for 3 years now. He visits his daughters but he has missed seeing them grow up.

'After I have my house. I will be able to bring my daughters to live with me'

Name – Vasile Dana

Age – 27

Occupation – Computer Operator



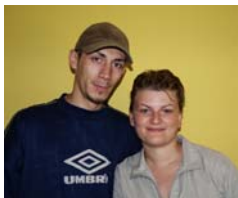
Vasile never knew his parents and grew up in the Orphanage in Beius. He graduated from vocational school as a brick-layer/painter. After finishing school, a family from a neighbouring village came to the principal of the school and asked him to recommend a boy to help them with their household. The principal recommended Vasile, so he lived 8 years with the family and worked at taking care of the cattle, harvesting, cutting grass and anything else that needed done. The family provided him with shelter and food, but no money. Vasile realized he also needed money, so he moved back to Beius where he got a job and found a place to stay.

'It was very hard for me after I finished school, at 18 years old, as I had no place to go. I didn't know where to go. I can't believe that I will have my own home. I will be able to have a family knowing that I have a place to raise my children.'



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Names – Iosif and Claudia Toma
Age – 28 & 22
Occupation – Carpenter & manicurist



When Claudia was 5, her parents divorced and she along with her brothers and sisters was left to the care of her grandparents. But they couldn't take care of them so they were given to the Orphanage in Beius. After leaving the orphanage she rented in Beius with a family. Claudia graduated high school with catering specialization and got a job in a confectionery shop. This is where Claudia met Iosif. Claudia says "It was December and Iosif came to the place where I was working. He came one day and then next day ... soon we were in love."

Iosif stayed with his mother, 4 brothers and 1 sister in a two-room apartment in Beius.. All the boys used to stay in one room and his mother and his sister in another room.

Iosif and Claudia currently live in rented accommodation. Last year they suffered the loss of a baby. This was due to Claudia's working conditions in a shoe factory where there were gases from the glue used for the shoes. 'Our greatest joy since we got married was the day we found out we will be the beneficiaries of a Habitat house. We started our life from nothing and have slowly managed to buy what we needed. We will never forget where we started from, says Claudia.'

Name – Irina Farkas
Age – 28
Occupation – Invalidity benefit



Irina was born in Oradea where she was abandoned by her parents. She was transferred to the orphanage in Beius . She attended vocational school and at the age of 16 was hired at a garment factory in Beius. But Irina had no home and slept wherever she could – on a bench or in abandoned buildings. After sleeping on the sports court one evening, she woke up in hospital with both arms broken. Due to her living conditions, her injuries were slow to heal and led to further complications. She has had several surgeries but has no feeling in her arm from the elbow down. This has led to her being on invalidity benefits. She is currently living with a friend while she awaits further surgery and is delighted that she is soon going to have her own home.

'I am so excited to receive the wonderful news that I will finally have my own house. I really appreciate the fact that Habitat became aware that I am in great need of a house and that they will give me the chance to improve my life.'

Name – Kalman & Dorina Balasz



Dorina and her brother were abandoned as children and grew up in the orphanage in Beius. She graduated from vocational school in Oradea in shoe manufacturing. After losing her job and not being able to afford her rent she moved back to Beius and initially ended up living on the streets. Dorina found a job and then she met Kalman. Not long they were married. They have a daughter called Andrada. Kalman's life wasn't easy either. He has 4 brothers, and they used to live in an apartment in a block of flats. The apartment was damaged by fire leaving them nowhere to live. Presently Kalman, Dorina and Andrada live with Kalman's parents.

'We hope our life will be much better, with a Habitat home and that our daughter will live in safety and not have to experience homelessness like us. I want to thank all who made possible for us to benefit of a home, to the volunteers that will help us build it. I hope that the good Lord God will give them lots of health and happiness in return!'

Name – Teodor, Marcela & Andrei Sandra



Teodor was raised by his Aunt when his parents passed away. He has 2 older sisters who got married and moved away. Teodor's first wife passed away in 2004.

In 2006, Teodor met and married Marcela. Shortly after, their son Andrei was born. They are currently living in a two room apartment along with Marcela's mother and her brother, his wife and three children. The Sandra's family live in a small room, and the mother and brother's family in the other room. The apartment has no running water or bathroom inside the house – just a toilet in the garden.

'This house will be the foundation of my life. I am so glad that I will have my own home where I hope I can provide my son with good, healthy living conditions. This house will definitely give my family something I couldn't do so far and something I didn't have either.'



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Big Build Event Schedule

Sunday, October 4, 2009 – VIP Reception and Dinner with Volunteers

We invite you to join Habitat for Humanity and our other VIP guests for a brief reception in the Principesa Margarita restaurant. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm and will last until 7:00 pm, when all the VIP's and HFH staff will dine with the 180 volunteers coming from Northern Ireland in the same restaurant.

Monday, October 5, 2009 – Volunteers, VIPs to Celebrate UN World Habitat Day

UN has declared the first Monday in October as UN World Habitat Day, a day of action to address housing issues. We will celebrate it in Beius in practice through the support to disadvantaged people, a round table debate and a press conference!

- 07:00 Breakfast and Devotion
- 08:00 Orientation and on site work
- 10:00 Round Table and Press Conference: **Need, Action and Celebration (please see additional briefing sheet**
--Launch of the global UN Report on Housing by HE Jan Sorensen, UN Ambassador to Romania
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Building activities
- 13:00 Lunch – on the site
- 14:00 Building activities - achieve up to roofing structure
- 17:00 Closing of working day – transportation to accommodation place
- 18:00 VIP reception
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Free time

Note: A small tour, illustrative of need and achieved projects is included daily for special guests

Confirmed personalities:

- Mr. Robin Barnett, Ambassador of the United Kingdom in Bucharest
- Mr. Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania 1996-2000
- Mr. Ian Paisley Jr., Northern Ireland Assembly, politician
- Mr. Gerry Clancy, Executive Director of Habitat Ireland
- Mr. Tom Kirk, Board Member of Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland
- Mr. Paddy McIntyre, Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Mr. Clare McCarty, Chief Executive Officer of Clanmil Housing
- Rev. Harold Good, former President of the Methodist Church of Ireland





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- Mr. Ian Kirkpatrick, Board Member of Trinity Housing Association in Northern Ireland
- Mr. John Dunlop, Former Presbyterian Minister and HFHNI supporter
- Mr. Seamus McKeague, Managing Director of Creagh Concrete
- Mr. Mark Finlay, Chief Executive Officer of Barnabas Ventures
- Dr. Angus Black, Chairman of Habitat for Humanity NI
- Mr. Paddy McIntyre, President of Housing Authority of Northern Ireland
- Mrs. Monica Tatoi, CEO Oriflame
- Mr. Jan Sorensen, Resident Ambassador of UN in Bucharest;
- Mr. Adrian Domocos, Mayor of Beius

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 – Habitat and Public Authorities

Mayors of cities where we have projects, a strategic interest, or those who have an interest in Habitat, are invited to observe the working methodology and extraordinary dynamics of a blitz build within Big Build

- 07:00 Breakfast and Devotion
- 08:00 Orienteering and on site work
- 10:00 Round Table and Press Conference with ***invited Public Authorities participating to the event***
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Building activities
- 13:00 Lunch – on the site
- 14:00 Building activities – insulation work, dry wall installed, exterior walls finishing advanced
- 17:00 Closing of working day – transportation to accommodation place
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Free time

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Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – Great Sports Figures in Habitat

We are trying to get moral and material support, as well as endorsement and volunteer participation on site and actions addressing the issue of lack of decent homes.

07:00 Breakfast and Devotion

08:00 Orienteering and on site work

10:00 Round Table and Press Conference with ***Youth and Sports Minister, great sport figures invited to participate to the event***

10:30 Break

10:45 Building activities

13:00 Lunch – on the site

14:00 Building activities – Exterior stucco work advanced, interior walls finishing

17:00 Closing of working day – transportation to accommodation place

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Free time

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Confirmed personalities:

- Mrs. Sorina Plăcintă, Minister of Youth and Sports
- Mr. Cristian Gațu, President of the Romanian Handball Federation
- Mr. Laszlo Borbely, Romanian Parliament Deputy, President of the Foreign Policy Commission, former tennis player
- Mrs. Doina Melinte, Secretary of State, Ministry of Youth and Sports, former Olympic Champion (Los Angeles 1984, 800m) European Champion, 1500m, indoors
- Mrs. Gabriela Szabo, Athlete, Olympic champion 5.000m (JO 2000) and triple world champion in athletics. She won 21 gold medals in athletics between 1991 and 2002
- Mrs. Ruxandra Dragomir, Tennis player, nr 15 in the world in 1997, WTA Tour
- Mr. Ilie Nastase, nr. 1 in the world in 1973 (ATP), winner of over 100 professional titles, one of the only 5 tennis players in the world with such performance





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Thursday, October 8, 2009 – Topic: Sponsors and Social Investments

Current and potential sponsors will find out about the trends in corporate social responsibility today. The Big Build site will be used as a sample of corporate social involvement.

07:00 Breakfast and Devotion

08:00 Orienteering and on site work

10:00 Round Table and Press Conference – **Sponsoring in a tough age: really impossible?** with *current and potential sponsors invited to the event*

10:30 Break

10:45 Building activities

13:00 Lunch – on the site

14:00 Building activities – flooring, baths finished, interior painting advanced, door, windows in

17:00 Closing of working day – transportation to accommodation place

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Habitation – Closing ceremony (a thanksgiving show of the beneficiary families to VIPs, volunteers, local communities and a thanksgiving ceremony – dedicated to those who will not be able to attend the dedication of the houses on Friday)

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Confirmed personalities:

- HE Ambassador John Morahan, Irish Ambassador to Romania
- Mr. Declan O’Loan- Northern Ireland Assembly, Politician
- Mr. Stefan Seremi- Deputy, Romanian Parliament
- Mr. Donald Haszczy- VicePresident, Europe & Central Asia, HFH International
- Mr. Adrian Domocos, Mayor of Beius
- Mr. Patrick Linders, Chair of Habitat Ireland Board
- Mr. Seamus McKeague, Managing Director of Creagh Concrete
- Mr. Mark Finlay, Chief Executive Officer of Barnabas Ventures





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Friday, October 9, 2009 – Topic: Churches, Charity, Housing and Social Mission

Religious leaders, NGOs, and spokespersons will express ideas of cooperation for housing

- 07:00 Breakfast and Devotion
08:00 Orienteering and on site work
10:00 Round Table and Conference with invited Public Authorities representatives
10:30 Break
10:45 Building activities – last layer painting, cleaning, landscaping
13:00 Lunch – on the site
14:30 Homes dedication: ceremony to hand in the key
16:30 Closing of working day – transportation to accommodation place
18:00 Farewell dinner - @ Principesa Restaurant
19:00 Folk dance performance
20:00 Free time

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- Mrs. Anca Harasim, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in Bucharest
- Mr. Adrian Domocos, Mayor of Beius
- Mr. Donald Haszczy, VicePresident, Europe & Central Asia, HFH International
- Mr. Patrick Linders, Chair of Habitat Ireland Board
- Mr. John Dunlop, Former Presbyterian Minister and HFHNI supporter
- Fr. Raymond McCullagh, Inspirational Cross Community Youth Leader





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Notes

