

Executive Summary
A Hospice for Bucharest



For terminally ill adults and children

The need for a Hospice in Bucharest in facts and figures

- 50,000 Romanians die of cancer every year.
- 5,000 people in Bucharest die of cancer every year.
- The majority of these suffer severe pain in their last months.
- Less than 5% of Romanians who need palliative care receive it.
- The hospice movement is established in 120 countries in every continent of the world.
- Bucharest needs 230 specialist palliative care beds for adults*. Currently there are less than ten.

*(Internationally accepted guidelines from the Observatory of End of life care state that major cities should have one specialist palliative care bed for every 10,000 people.)

Hospice Care

Hospice care (also called palliative care) is the holistic care of terminally ill patients and their families. It is a recognised medical care, treating the distressing symptoms which accompany terminal illness, especially pain. It was the breakthrough in understanding of the medical use of morphine that dramatically increased the ability of doctors to eliminate the pain associated with advanced and secondary cancers.

Hospice cares for the whole person, not just their physical symptoms. Hospice doctors and nurses, along with social workers, physiotherapists, play therapists, psychologists and chaplains are therefore trained to assess and assist with emotional, spiritual and social aspects of care.

Hospice Casa Sperantei



In-patient Hospice, Brasov

The vision of Hospice Casa Sperantei is that everyone in Romania facing incurable illness, and their families, should have free access to specialised palliative care services in advanced and terminal stages, at the appropriate time and wherever they request.

Hospice Casa Sperantei is the leading provider of hospice services in the country. It started by establishing a hospice home-care team in 1992, followed in 1997 by the opening of a residential training centre for hospice and palliative care (Princess Diana Hospice Education Centre) and in 2002 by the opening of a new in-patient hospice which was built on land donated by the Brasov authorities.

In 2004, Hospice Casa Sperantei opened the "Nicholas Edeleanu Institute" in Bucharest as a Palliative Care Resource Centre. In the following year, a specialist home-care service for both adults and children was formed in order to begin meeting the needs of the city's terminally ill patients. A hospice out-patient clinic was opened in Sector 3 in the autumn of 2007.

Since 1992, Hospice Casa Sperantei has cared for more than 10,000 patients, and trained more than 8,000 medical professionals.

A Hospice for Bucharest – Possible Site

More than 20 possible sites have been visited and analysed for suitability. The leading option is a building of 3,000 sqm with 2,000sqm of adjoining land, which is being offered on a free of use basis by Liviu Negoita, the Mayor of Sector 3.



The site is on Str. Energeticienilor

A Hospice for Bucharest – Cost Estimate

We estimate the costs will be as shown below:

	EURO
Land, building and construction costs	1,800,000
Campaign Costs	150,000
Medical Equipment and Office Furniture	144,000
Training and recruiting hospice team	190,000
9 months' running costs of adult hospice	1,170,000
9 months' running costs for children's hospice	360,000
Total Costs	€3,814,000

At 13th May 2010, funds of 1.85 million Euros have been committed.

Timescale

There is a huge need for a hospice to be built and running as soon as possible. The first meeting of the Honorary Patrons was on 15th September 2009. We hope to raise the money and complete construction and training before September 2012. We are confident that European Structural Funding of €750,000 to €1,000,000 will be received once the construction work has been completed. The first patients should be admitted no later than September 2012.