



## Peace Corps Romania: A History

**December 1990**—A country representative and an administrative officer from the Peace Corps arrives in Bucharest and begin discussions about the establishment of a Peace Corps Program in Romania.

**March 1991**—The first 18 trainees arrive to initiate a Romanian orphanage project.

**January 24, 1992**—A country agreement was signed and support efforts were refocused to establish a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) project, which began in the summer of 1992.

**1993**—Establishment of the Health, Social and Non-Governmental Organization Development Sector and the Small Business Development Program (SDB).

**1999**—Establishment of the Environment Management and Education Program.

**2005**—Peace Corps Director Gaddi Vasquez visits Romania.

**2008**—Peace Corps Director Ron Tschetter visits Romania.

**2008**—The Institutional Development Program transitions to Youth Development.

**2008**—A Memorandum of Understanding signed with the National Environment Protection Agency .

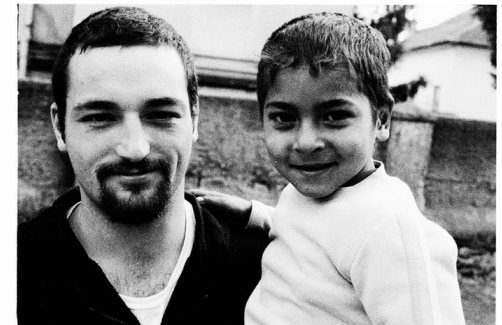
**2008**—The closing group of CED Volunteers arrives.

**2009**—Teaching English as a Foreign Language Program begins transition to rural site.

**2009**—Closing groups of YD and CED Volunteers arrive.

**2009**—A Memorandum of understanding is signed with the Ministry of Youth.

**October 2010**—Peace Corps Romania welcomes its first Peace Corps Response Volunteer.



**January 18, 2011**—Sargent Shriver , first Peace Corps Director dies.

**January 24, 2011**—Peace Corps Romania celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**March 1, 2011**— The Peace Corps celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

