

The Unitarian Community Fund — Help Us Make a Difference

SEPTEMBER 2013

A letter from the PHH President

Dear friends:

A heartfelt thanks to all those who have so generously supported Project Harvest Hope (PHH) in our continuing work to assist our Transylvanian brothers and sisters renew their civil society and foster sustainable development in the Unitarian communities of Transylvania.

We are mid-way through a third round of projects with the [Szekelyudvarhely Community Foundation](#) and our donor-advised fund, the Unitarian Community Fund. In the early spring of 2013, Unitarian communities in the Homorod Valley and beyond applied for funding for a wide variety of projects: playgrounds, summer camps, youth activities, training for emergency relief, improvements to public space, programs in traditional Szekely crafts. Thirteen received funding. The foundation reports that they have been remarkably successful. By what standard?

Of high importance to the Project Harvest Hope board, participants are experiencing the value of cooperation and collaboration across generations, religious groups and ethnic groups. This is no small accomplishment in post-Ceausescu Romania. Our projects assist communities renew the bonds of trust and respect frayed by years of secrecy, fear and repression. These bonds are not repaired overnight, but we can safely report that huge progress has been made in the past decade. The renewal of civil society in the Unitarian communities of Transylvania is right on track! A sense of agency is being renewed. The changes since the fall of Communism in 1989 and accession to the European Union in 2007 are palpable.

I invite you to examine the reports and photographs from our projects over the past three years and view the sense of pride in the faces of participants. See how your financial contribution has made a real difference!

When the current round of projects have been completed this fall, PHH board will explore future options for PHH. The rapid economic and social changes in Romania require agility and flexibility in our response. That has been one of the hallmarks of our success.

In the meantime, we invite your contributions in support of the Unitarian Community Fund so as to maximize our outreach to those who so appreciate our support and care. You may [donate here](#).

Thank you very much.

Faithfully,

Will Saunders, President