



real people making  
a real difference

*“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” Aesop*



# Thank You

Through your support we were honoured and privileged to send over **64,000** shoebox gifts to Eastern Europe and Africa. Nationally, shoeboxes travelled to displaced people groups in Breza, Bosnia; orphanages and poor communities in Minsk, Belarus; marginalised communities in Bihor, Braila and Tulcea, Romania; deprived communities in Moldova; and, for the first time, to Kumi, Uganda.

### What difference does a Shoebox make?:

It's true that these small parcels of toys and stationary won't end world hunger. They're not the solution to wider problems. These boxes are simply a gift, from your hands and heart to theirs; saying "You matter, I care". We have been working with our partners distributing these gifts and have witnessed the reactions—the speechless wonder, joy, amazement, bafflement, dance of happiness—these boxes generate. All the magic of all our Christmases wrapped in one medium-sized shoebox!

“Whilst in Bihor, Romania, I walked into this classroom, and this boy literally hung off my arm saying, “Mulțumesc foarte foarte mult pentru cadoul” which means “Thank you very very much for the gift”. He would run between me and his present, excitedly hugging me, and in his enthusiasm planted a kiss on my cheek! His joy was absolutely contagious and his overwhelming gratitude for his box incredibly humbling” Ziz York, T4U Coordinator

**“I want to thank everyone who made Christmas special for one of these children and their families. We couldn't have done any of this without you!” Dave Cooke, Founder**

