



# History of Copaceni

In 2012 the Florescu family donated their family's summer residence for the purpose of establishing a Children's Centre situated in Copaceni, close to the capital, Bucharest. The property includes a historic conac (manor), a chapel and various other buildings. It is situated in beautiful countryside, close to the River Arges.

"When a child is sick, everyone in the family is affected. Life-limiting illnesses and trauma place tremendous stress on families who are overwhelmed by grief and responsibility.

It was the wish of our late father, Professor Radu Florescu, that Copaceni, his favourite summer residence as a child, be used to provide a nurturing and vibrant place for children" - The Florescu Family



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Previously no dedicated respite care facilities for children existed in Romania.

In Bucharest and surrounding area there are at least 5,000 children suffering from a life-limiting condition.

Copaceni is our socio-medical centre for Romanian children with rare and life-limiting illnesses. It includes a residential respite care facility that will provide many services, including a day centre for children who need specialised therapies, residential respite care, educational opportunities for children who cannot attend school, apartments for temporary accommodation, a sensory room, a play therapy centre, a chapel and much more.

The centre is a place where patients, parents and siblings can meet and learn from other families facing similar challenges. Copaceni also hosts summer trips for beneficiaries each year. The building renovations were funded by Hospices of Hope's supporters, raising over 1.7 million euros for the project allowing it to open in 2018.

To date, Copaceni has been able to help over 2,000 children as well as their families. With your support we can sustain these services and secure the future of Copaceni. When all of the services are fully operational we expect:

- 400 admissions for respite care
- 2,000 attendances for assessment/play therapy
- 600 family members receiving counselling and support
- 300 children attending trips
- 200 children attending special education
- 200 medical professionals trained from all over Romania
- 800 home-care visits per year

