## Mustard Seed [Jersey]

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# You can make a difference to a needy Romanian pensioner through our **ADOPT A GRANNY** programme



In the photo a sponsored pensioner proudly shows the shoebox that her sponsor had packed for her. The sponsor was aware of her circumstances so could include items that would be most appropriate & appreciated.

**ADOPT A GRANNY FOR THE WINTER**. The need is greatest in the winter, so your help is most needed from October until March or April. (6 or 7 months). If you can sponsor the pensioner all year so much the better but the need is greatest in the winter, when fuel is needed as well as food.

Even although Romania has joined the EU there are a number of vulnerable people in Romania who simply cannot make ends meet. **The neediest group is the pensioners** – some are old age pensioners, others are medical pensioners. Mustard Seed's Adopt-A-Granny Sponsorship programme aims to give them a helping hand. It works alongside our aid distribution - invariably the beneficiaries wear clothing sent from Jersey.

## SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

*How does sponsorship work?* Every month (or quarter or annually if you prefer) you pay an agreed amount of money into Mustard Seed's Sponsorship Account. Regularly money from this account is sent to Romania specifically to benefit the people who are sponsored. <u>Continuity is important</u>. We prefer it if you pay by standing order or if by cheque a minimum of 6 months in advance. A Standing Order Form is attached, Please return the response sheet to us. [If you decide to give a lump sum which is over £50, then Mustard Seed as a registered charity can claim a refund on income tax].

*Will I know the pensioner's name?* Yes, within a month of our receiving your money you should have received a profile on "your" pensioner usually with a photo.

*Will I have updates on progress?* Yes, you should receive a full report once a year and usually a brief update approx 6 months later.

*How much money should I give?* For a PENSIONER we ask £16 per month (£192 a year. To provide basic fire wood as well, we would need an additional £70, which works out at £22 a month.

*Can I send my pensioner a parcel?* So long as we have an aid consignment going out to Romania at a suitable time it is possible for us to transport your parcel.

**Can I be sure the money will be well used?** Yes you can. Our social workers administer the money and monitor things closely. Together with the pensioner they decide on the priority needs. Usually pensioners select that food should be purchased with the sponsor money, but occasionally some will prefer it used on fuel or medication or in one case paying the electric bill.

*Please use the response sheet opposite if you would want to help us help needy Romanian pensioners.. There is a separate standing order form. Please return it to us at the above address.* 

### **RESPONSE SLIP**

Name
Address

Please indicate if you prefer letter by post or that we use email to contact you. We will assume you want to sponsor a pensioner unless you let us know otherwise. If you have a strong preference for an elderly or medical pensioner please let us know.

I enclose a Lump sum donation of £ ...... (£22 X 12 months or £262) <u>This would provide some winter fuel</u> also unless the pensioner identifies medication as a more urgent need

I wish to pay by standing order and have filled in the enclosed standing order form for Mustard Seed to send to the bank.

I have set up a standing order direct with my bank. I enclose details for information purposes but have not signed the standing order form. (Or you can email this info to <u>mustardseedjersey@yahoo.co.uk)</u>

There is a standing order form on the next page.

If you are signing a standing order form you will need to return it to us. But if you are setting up a standing order direct with your bank, you can send us the relevant information by email if you prefer but please do advise us of the account name, date, amount and frequency of the payment.

It is also possible to sponsor a CHILD to help with their education for this we ask £25 per month (£300 per year). To sponsor a needy FAMILY with children at home we ask for a minimum of £25 per month (£300 per year) or with winter fuel £31 a month (£370 per year).

Please let us know if Child or Family sponsorship is your preference.

#### **STANDING ORDER FORM**

Date: ······
To the ManagerBank
Bank's address ·······
Please pay the sum of £ in words & figures
starting on * month * year * on
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* Please delete as appropriate *
Name of Account to be debited:
Account number: ·····
Bank Sort Code: ·····
Account to be credited: Mustard Seed [Jersey] Sponsorship Account, Red Houses, St. Brelade, Jersey. Bank Sort Code: 40-25-41 Account number: 51143638
Signature/s:

Please return to Mustard Seed Jersey, Cardiff House, Coin Varin, St Peter, Jersey JE3 7EJ