



"Fred  
Robey

made it possible..."



## *Introduction*

This album is a special gift for Mr. Fred Robey for his 70th birthday from the colleagues, beneficiaries and well wishers of the Carpathian Foundations.

Mr. Fred Robey and his family are special and committed donors of the local development initiatives managed by the Carpathian Foundations in 5 countries, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine. They primarily support projects and initiatives focusing on the improvement of life and education of disadvantaged children and youth.

Fred is dedicated to invest his savings in education of youth, as he had the chance to complete his studies only after retiring. After hectically fighting his way, Fred decided to help those kids and adults who are in a similarly bad or even worse situation than he used to be in his early ages. In this respect, Fred's curriculum vitae tells more about his motivation and background.

During the years he challenged us to understand his wishes which were quite "unusual" for many people in our regions. "Helping those who help themselves" was not easy to be translated and to be understood for many of our local decision makers, especially for those who are involved in educational system. Also, when Fred was speaking about "community participation" more and more people realized that "community" started with "us" and that the power of personal example is crucial.

He travels in our region more than many of us, taking local trains and buses, meeting local people, inspiring and motivating youth not to get blocked by the disadvantages of their financial situation, and to have courage to follow their dreams.

This album summarizes and presents those initiatives, organizations and people whose ideas, dreams and efforts have become possible by Fred's support, in the Carpathian region, at our home, channeled by the Carpathian Foundations.

For those who do not know him we strongly recommend to read this album, as it is a "living story" of Fred's life-work in Europe, and tells a lot about him. As Winston Churchill said about Fred ☺ "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".

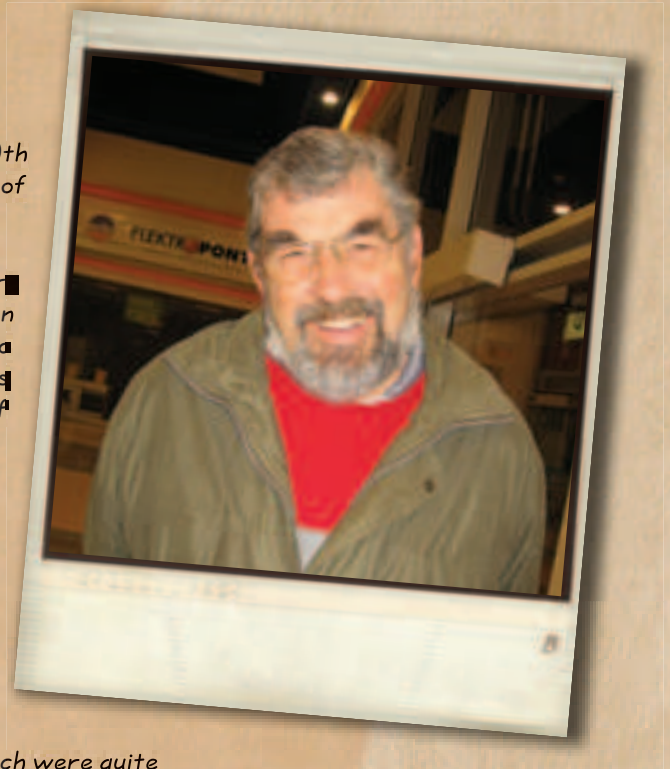
Thank you very much, Fred, for all your support, generosity, commitment, and eminently being who you are! It is a true and rare privilege to work with you.

Thank you for challenging us to go beyond our limits, in understanding what our communities need, what we can do for them, and how important constructive communication is between people.

We hope we will spend at least additional 70 years with you.  
Happy Birthday, Fred!

Yours sincerely,

*Bogi, Laura, Lorena, Zofia and Ruslan*  
on behalf of the Carpathian Foundations





## *Curriculum Vitae of the American philanthropist*

Some people are born with advantages and others are not. For Fred Robey, an ordinary middle-class American, it was not wealth or connections, but rather a strong determination to take what he was given and turn it into something positive - a determination that would eventually touch lives around the globe. Fred grew up in a blue-collar household in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his mother a housewife and his father a labourer. It was expected that he would one day work in the local steel mill until retirement. Fred was the oldest of five children, bearing the responsibilities of an adult: at thirteen, he got his first job delivering newspapers, and has worked ever since. He learned to rely on himself, and did not like to ask for help. Fred saw his family in poverty and decided that his life would be different, taking the stories of Horatio Alger he read as a child to heart.

With a rebellious spirit, on his eighteenth birthday, Fred joined the US Army in 1958, and was stationed in Germany during the Cold War from 1959-1961. When he returned to the US, he took what odd jobs he could find, including selling ice cream. But it was answering an ad in the local newspaper for an accounting course that sparked his lifelong career. Soon after he began the course, Fred was hired by the United Parcel Service (UPS), which was expanding its common carrier operations in the Pittsburgh area. At 23, Fred started out in an entry-level position as a mail clerk.

Fred began climbing the ranks at UPS from mail clerk to payroll clerk, accounting clerk to supervisor to office manager, setting his sights on the position of District Controller. He was part of the team that established UPS operations in Texas, and subsequently worked in a number of districts across the US. He finished his career working in the Corporate Finance and Accounting Department. In total, he worked with UPS for 32 years.

In addition to his work, Fred put himself through school by taking night courses at various business schools and community colleges along the way. He started his studies in 1962, and received his diploma from Oglethorpe University in 1997 with a self-directed major.

Through his hard work and sound investments, Fred became financially secure with an interest in giving back instilled in part by UPS's philanthropic philosophy. Upon retirement, Fred began focusing on community activities, namely teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in Atlanta, Georgia. There, he met a volunteer from Romania, which led him to teach ESL at the University of Transylvania.

Fred identifies his philanthropic goals as foremost in education, as well as seeking to help people who help themselves, and dispelling negative stereotypes through people-to-people contact. His main philanthropic recipients include the EastWest Institute, the University of Transylvania, the Carpathian Foundation, Oglethorpe scholarships, and the United Way. Looking forward, Fred would like to create educational opportunities for young people in the Carpathian region.

Fred is very proud of his family. After Fred's first marriage ended in divorce, he married his current wife Maddy in 1989, and they successfully blended their families. All five children are successful in career and personal life. Fred has eleven grandchildren.

Fred estimates having travelled to 50 countries across five continents. The more he travels, the more his belief is reinforced that people have the same basic needs and desires - food, shelter, education and peace. He is an avid reader, with a particular interest in history and philosophy, and lives by his principles. Fred's desire is to give most of his money away to those in need. All he humbly asks for in return is a handshake.

At Carpathian Foundation, Fred Robey funds small grants to qualified organizations specializing in education.





# Carpathian Scholarship Program

It was Fred Robey, a committed donor of the Carpathian Foundation Network, who had the idea of the Carpathian Scholarship Program in 2005, so he donated 100,000 USD to launch the fund. It was the donator's wish to start a 5-year education sponsorship program in five countries of the Carpathian region.

The Carpathian Scholarship Program's goals are:

- To provide opportunities for education to talented young people from the Carpathian region.
- To raise qualified young professionals, willing to contribute to the development of their region.
- To enhance awareness of regional identity among young people.

The students have to be residents of the Carpathian region and to represent outstanding results in learning, and not to be able to study for financial reasons. The Carpathian Foundations started a co-operation with selected high schools and universities in order to identify potential candidates. As each country has different claims and a different educational system, the program is different in each country. Due to the commitment and flexibility of Fred Robey, the program is able to satisfy the diverse needs of the countries and to specify the program. Up till 2009, thirty-five students have been able to win the scholarship.

This program enhances the self esteem of the students and develops a desire on the part of the students to remain in the region after their studies are completed so that they may contribute to the well-being of their communities.

## Hungary Scholars



**Roland Havril**  
University of Miskolc  
Political science  
Years of Scholarship: 2006-2009

*"The Carpathian Equal Opportunities Scholarship Program proved to be a great motivation for me to improve professionally. The Program made it possible for me to gain a lot of experience that I have been using in the civil sector and, as a member of the council, in the municipal sector as well."*



The Scholarship Program runs in the North-East part of the country (the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén, Hajdú-Bihar, Heves, Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg counties). The Program is implemented at the University of Miskolc with the assistance of the Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities Center of the University of Miskolc and with the Equal Opportunities House of Miskolc. Till 2009 six students have been supported, four of them have already finished their university studies with excellent results, and all of them would like to work and live in the region. In Hungary, participants based on their study profile and in co-operation with a local NGO, agree to work out and manage a one-year volunteer project called 'For the region - in the region'



**Andrea Kis**

University of Miskolc  
Sociology, pedagogy  
Years of Scholarship: 2007-2009

**Marianna Szabó**

University of Miskolc  
Cultural anthropology,  
sociology, pedagogy  
Years of Scholarship:  
2007/2008

"I have always been interested in the problems of socially disadvantaged people. In the North-East region of Hungary in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County, where I live, the bad social situation of the population especially gives reason for training sociologists.

Thanks to the scholarship I had the possibility to study at the university and to be a volunteer at the Together for Hejőkeresztúr Society. In 2009 I graduated with good results."



**Mónika Lakatos**

University of Miskolc  
Sociology  
Years of Scholarship: 2008/2009

"As was part of the scholarship agreement, I applied for a voluntary position at Romeró Association in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County. During my time there I gained a lot of experience. The support of the Carpathian Foundation proved to be invaluable not only in terms of finance but professionally as well. I have managed to get to know people that helped me a lot later on to find a job which was a great advantage for a newcomer on the labour market."

**Rózsa Galyas**

University of Miskolc  
Geographer  
Years of Scholarship: 2009/2010

**Norbert Fekete**

University of Miskolc  
History- Hungarian Literature  
Years of Scholarship: 2009/2010





The Carpathian Scholarship Program in Poland gives priority to high school seniors to enable them to enter a university and support themselves in the first year which is a critical period in Poland, as students are not yet eligible for scholarships for good grades. Students are entitled to apply for the scholarship if they are inhabitants of Podkarpackie Province. The unique feature of the Program in Poland is that it gives priority to high school seniors to enable them to enter university and 'survive' the first year, which is the most difficult year at higher education.

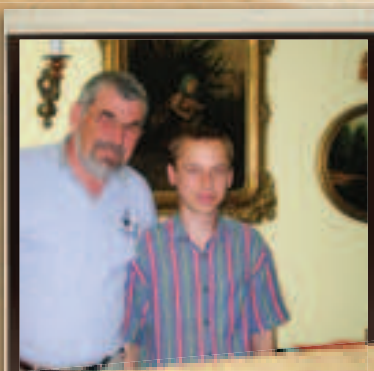


*Andrzej Bruno  
Kutiake*  
Kraków Technical University  
Faculty of architecture  
Years of Scholarship:  
2006/2007.

The Carpathian Foundation - Poland is proud of their scholars. Some of them have spectacular achievements in various fields of activities; giving them easier start in universities thereby providing them with a chance of great opportunities.



*Tomasz Sosnicki*  
Kraków Technical University,  
Computer science, practicing in the Nuclear  
Physics Institute  
Years of Scholarship: 2006/2007 and 2008-2010



*Dominik Wania*  
Music Academy in Krakow  
Faculty of Contemporary  
Music and Jazz  
Years of Scholarship: 2007/2008

"Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Robey and their scholarship I could continue my studies at the New England Conservatory (NEC) of Music in Boston (USA) and finally received a Master Degree in Jazz Performance. In the future I would like to continue my Doctoral Studies and finish the Doctorate. The most important part of my life is to be an active musician. I am involved in several musical projects with some of the best Polish musicians such as: Tomasz Stanko, Jacek Kochan, Bronislaw Suchanek, Zbigniew Wegehaupt and more. I would like to continue this cooperation and finally create my own project."



*Jolanta Daraz*  
Catholic University in Lublin  
Polish philology  
Years of Scholarship: 2007/2008

*Anna Szybiak*

Jagiellonian University in Krakow  
Swedish Language  
Years of Scholarship: 2008/2009

"The scholarship helped me a lot and gave me the opportunity to develop myself in many ways. I could buy a lot of books and dictionaries, which were extremely expensive but necessary for my studies of foreign languages and for my future work. Moreover, it was a significant prize for me. I want to thank for appreciating my abilities and my work. I am proud to be one of the scholars chosen and supported by the Carpathian Foundation. In the future I want to graduate from the Jagiellonian University and I'm going to get a Master's degree next year. Next, I will continue my studies to become a certified translator of Swedish. I think I will stay in Kraków, because I like this city very much, and I believe I will find a good and satisfying job here".



*Mateusz Stach*  
Wroclaw University of  
Technology  
Faculty of constructing  
Years of Scholarship:  
2007/2008

*Anna Jurewicz*  
Rzeszow University  
Faculty of law  
Years of Scholarship: 2008-2010

## Romania

### *Ferenczi Eva Maria*

Oradea University  
Faculty of Socio Human Sciences  
Years of Scholarship: 2008/2009

In the period 2007/2009, by Fred Robey Scholarship Program have benefited a total of 15 students from Romania - 9 of Sighetu Marmatiei and 6 of Oradea. In the 2009/2010 school year, is being implemented the 3rd phase of the Scholarship Program Fred Robey, with a number of 8 scholarships offered: 4 were covered by Fred's donation, 2 by CF Romania (gathered from the 2% donations) and 2 others supported by Rotary Club Sighet and Rotary Club Oradea. Eligible students are those from university centers of Oradea, Baia-Mare and Sighetu Marmatiei, and accomplish several criteria, such as: they have graduated the 1st university year, they come from a disadvantaged social environment, are active members in an NGO, contribute to the development of their region and have a clear vision of their careers.



"With the scholarship I managed to finance my driving license, which gave me more independence in terms of transport which for me is very difficult. With the laptop that I purchased through the scholarship, I could complete various necessary educational tasks (essays, lesson projects, final paper etc.) I act as a volunteer in the Ruhama Foundation where I am involved in various activities of the organization. I contribute to various activities that are in community service. In the future, I would like to be involved in various volunteer activities that are in favor of disadvantaged people, to complete my studies and after that to work in the field."

*Nagy Rozalia Emese*  
Oradea University  
Faculty of Socio Human Sciences  
Years of Scholarship: 2008/2009

"This scholarship came to me just at the right time and it was great use to pay my school fees, to purchase of specialized books, for the procurement of teaching materials needed during the practice in teaching, seminars, and preparing my licence (xeroxing, printing). Thanks to this scholarship I was able to finish my studies so I wasn't forced to drop out of school. I act as a volunteer at Hits es Feny Foundation where at the monthly meetings I help organize activities and ensure the smooth functioning of these activities. In these meetings I help people with disabilities in solving different tasks and beside these activities I solve some administrative problems they are facing."



*Ratiu Relinda Iulia*

Oradea University  
Faculty of Music  
Years of Scholarship: 2008/2009

"When I first found out that I was going to be a scholar, I was very happy. With the scholarship I was able to solve many things. Besides my dreams, I was able to help two people, a colleague that had social problems, and my sister. Both related to practicing music and at higher education everything is so expensive, we need scores, copies, hours, stage presentation (image, presentation, whatever).

Having bought a piano and other „aids“ (scores, etc.), I could give a lot of concerts. The life aim of an artist and actually of any instrumentalist-singer is to show to the public what the artist knows how much the artist have been working (months of study stand behind a concert) and aiming all the emotions and feelings of the composer and in addition the spiritual state of the artist. In fact we want to make the audience feel good, to be melancholic, in love or happy, or sad and angry. Music is a wonderful thing. It is all that life means to me. It is my life. Thank you very much for giving me the Fred Robey scholarship."

*Pop Domnita*

*Bogdana*

Sighetu Marmatiei, Baia Mare  
Pharmaceutics Faculty  
Years of Scholarship:  
2007-2009



*Livia Hodor*

BBUC Sighetu Marmatiei,  
Geography and Tourism Management  
Years of Scholarship: 2008/2009

*Mariana Chindris*

BBUC Sighetu Marmatiei,  
Geography and Tourism Management  
Years of Scholarship: 2007-2009





## Slovakia

In Slovakia scholarship applicants have to be permanent residents in the Košice or Prešov (administrative) region. The unique feature of the Slovakian Program is that it is running not only in the universities but in the high-schools too. From 2006 to 2010, the scholarship funds donated by Fred Robey supported university students. In the academic year of 2009 - 2010, the funds have been awarded to high school students.

### *Palo Richvalský*

Prešov University,  
Faculty of Humanities and  
Natural Sciences

Years of Scholarship: 2007/2008

Another opportunity was offered by the Diocese Charity in Brno. I created my own project 'Adopt a doll and save the life of a child' for art students and future teachers. These activities provided me with a lot of experience, happiness, new professional relationships and new friendships as well.

For the Diocese Charity in Brno, I designed costumes for the Twelfth Night collection, and I supervised their production. This was a very creative and interesting project.

The scholarship helped me to fully immerse into my arts interests I very much enjoy, and removed the burden of financial limitations I had experienced before."

"The Carpathian Foundation scholarship I received for the 2007 - 2008 academic year has helped my dreams and plans to come true. The third year of my Bachelor studies was full of changes, new projects and opportunities. Thanks to the financial support, I could collaborate with an international organization, UNICEF, in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.



### *Silvia Haščáková*

Prešov University,  
Faculty of Humanities and Natural  
Sciences

Years of Scholarship: 2006/2007

"The scholarship I received helped me a great deal: I could buy the books I needed for my studies and also for my thesis. It had been impossible to do this with my own funds. I'd like to thank Mr. Robey for making this possible. Some books I needed came from abroad, as they were not available here at home. The scholarship helped me to be accessible on the internet at home and therefore available to my schoolmates and people whom I collaborated with on a variety of projects. Instead of an endless chase for money, I could finally be engaged with my studies and the preparations for my final year at the university, and also with the activities of our drama group. I can say that due to the scholarship, I could successfully graduate from my university. I have accomplished my plan to become a teacher."

*Gabriel Tutochy*  
Prešov University,  
Pedagogy: Faculty of  
Electrical Engineering  
and Informatics  
Years of Scholarship:  
2007/2008



*Lucia Rybárová*  
Constantine the Philosopher  
University in Nitra  
Pedagogy: English and Italian  
Years of Scholarship: 2006/2007

*Barbora Lešková*  
Prešov University,  
Pedagogy: Faculty of Pedagogy  
Years of Scholarship: 2008/2009



 **Ukraine**

In Ukraine it was decided by Fred Robey that the main aspect of the scholarship was to pay the tuition fee for a student with excellent educational performance living in difficult conditions. The main target educational institution is the Faculty of Social Science of Uzhgorod National University. Together with the tuition fees a student received pocket money and could choose books.

After the first year of the Program implementation students who had been awarded the scholarship were supported further if they had good academic results. Due to the relatively small tuition fees and amount of pocket money (in comparison to the amount granted per country) it has become possible to award 1-2 scholarships additionally every year. Therefore in 2009-2010 academic years 6 students have been supported and 10 student totally for whole period of the Program.

One of the specifics of the program in Ukraine is that the tuition fee differs for each newly supported student differs according to a grade and course they were attending. Voluntary work of the scholars assisted to development of their organizational skills, managing of documentation, provided knowledge on NGOs and third sector.

**Mykhaylyna Bliashko**  
Uzhgorod National University  
Political Sciences  
Years of Scholarship: 2007-2010



"This scholarship is very important for me. It allows me to concentrate on studying but not spending time on looking for opportunities to pay for my education. Also it allows me to lift a burden from my parents and to be less dependent. This scholarship is just super. It helps me to study and gives a chance to be professional in my field in the future. I am very thankful to Carpathian Foundation and especially to Fred Robey for this support."



**Bohdan Babynets**  
Uzhgorod National University  
Social work  
Years of Scholarship: 2006-2009

**Anna Dybenko**  
Uzhgorod National University  
Political Sciences  
Years of Scholarship: 2006-2009



"The scholarship helps me to get an education, and thus I will be able to apply my knowledge and make the life of the region better, and help people in need."

**Olga Zeleniak**  
Uzhgorod National University  
Political Sciences  
Years of Scholarship: 2007-2009

"I was very glad when I received the scholarship. Firstly, I never knew that such scholarships existed. Secondly, I never thought that I would be selected among many others. I believe in miracles because of it. I got deep satisfaction from the look in my parents' eyes, from their pride in me when they learned about my success. My tuition fee was unbearable burden for them. This gave me stimulation for the future, self-confidence and the trust that there are good people in this world. Thanks a lot!"

*Myroslava Rakhiv'ska*

Uzhgorod National University

Political Sciences

Years of Scholarship: 2008/2010

*Maryanna Klovanych*

Uzhgorod National University

Political Sciences

Years of Scholarship: 2009/2010

*Eleonora Kos*

Uzhgorod National University

Social work

Years of Scholarship: 2009/2010



*Oleksandra Ohar'*

Uzhgorod National University

Social work

Years of Scholarship: 2009/2010

*Viktoriya Yatskiu*

Uzhgorod National University

Social work

Years of Scholarship: 2009/2010



*Hanna Varhol*

Uzhgorod National University

Political Sciences

Years of Scholarship: 2009/2010

# Rapid Response Fund



The experience is that socially and economically disadvantaged communities find it difficult to stand up successfully to social and economic challenges having only to depend on their own resources. In many cases these people do have the motivation and ideas but not the information and skills how to implement their development ideas and not the money, which makes it harder for them to surmount difficulties.

The Carpathian Rapid Response Fund was established and financed by Fred Robey to address the urgent, critical needs of communities living in the Carpathian region that cannot be supported through other resources in due time. It is directed to a group/individual that is disadvantaged, with proven insufficient financial means. It represents an investment in the future of an initiative – the outcome should make a difference. The beneficiaries can be individuals, organizations or informal groups. With the help of Fred till 2009 the following organizations and individuals were supported in realizing their improvement efforts. The procedures for a non-bureaucratic approach and local empowerment for selecting and awarding the grants were developed.



## Hungary

2005

Eger Theatre

-sponsorship

Granted amount: 300 US



2006

Hungarian  
Transport Club and  
the Air Workgroup,  
Budapest

As the Hungarian government decided to close most of the side-lines of the Hungarian Railway system mainly in rural areas in order to decrease the budget deficit of the Hungarian State Railway Company, the project was invented to initiate a professional conciliation about closing the railway branch lines. It was decided to do this compliance without any debates and making reconciliation with the relevant stakeholders and also involving the local inhabitants. This governmental order would induce recidivate in travelling in the region, especially in the bordering areas between Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. Local, national and international travelers and those companies that are dealing with delivering goods would also be affected by this restriction.

Granted amount: 490 USD



2008

*Rom Som  
Foundation  
School launch  
developments*

The main goal of the project is to obtain a marketable qualification for Roma youth and to acquire the infrastructural developments and the necessary school equipment to the start of the academic year. As a result the Rom Som Foundation established a special school in 2008 to offer primary and technical education opportunities to local, mainly Roma students. They are also going to get the permission for 2009 to be able to provide professional courses as well as painting, carpentering, gardening, masonry, shop assistant, etc. Today 75 children are studying with 15 teachers.

Granted amount: 1000 USD



*Supporting of Roma  
fine Art*



The request for the support came from the Hungarian Institute of Culture and Art which organized a competition for Roma artists to submit their works in the subject of history of the Roma. CF-HU believes that the Roma culture and traditions need to be preserved for future generations as they are also part of our culture, and with this contribution we have been able to highlight the importance of Roma history and Roma culture and we could raise the awareness that there is a great need to support such kinds of initiatives

In 2008 in Budapest during the Ferencváros Roma Days celebration organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Hungarian Institute of Culture and Art and the local authorities of Ferencváros, Carpathian Foundation helped to establish the DISKURZUS and the RIG-RIGATAR program. These programs hope to put an end to the discrimination against the Roma. As a result, on the 10th of October 2008 within the frame of an award-giving ceremony, József Ferkovics, a Hungarian Roma artist was rewarded 1.000 USD as a scholarship and an award.

Granted amount: 1000 USD

 *Romania*

2005

*Fred Robey American Cultural Center, Brasov,*

Overall administrative activities of the FR Center from Brasov, partially financially supported from FDEC Romania  
Granted amount: 845 USD

"Fred Robey is the generous financier and co-founder of CCA, and friend to those who benefit from the Center's facilities. I know Fred, and I have been working with him since 2002, when, as the principal of the National College 'Unirea' I asked him to visit some of the high school English classes. We became friends and decided to establish the American Cultural Center and we are still working together. For me, Fred is an example of generosity, kindness, friendship and good will for the young people who need him. Because of this, I respect him very much." Ana Flueraș, retired teacher and co-founder, Director of the American Cultural Center 'Fred Robey'



2006

*Valea Verde Association*

"Tourism Promotion of Sighetu Marmatiei Area"  
Annual report and brochure for PR activities  
Granted amount: 1973 USD

*Centre for Rural Assistance (CAR)*

*Timisoara*  
Contribution to the financial support of the International Conference "Carpathian Road".  
Granted amount: 2,500 USD

*Women Union from Bihor County*

"S.O.S. – Woman in danger",  
Organization of a campaign for fighting the domestic violence against women in between the 25th of November and 10th of December 2005.  
Granted amount: 207 USD

*Mircescu Cristian*

Book publication support  
Granted amount: 591 USD



*Scholar Madalina Pop from Targu Mures*

Family and educational support  
Granted amount: 600 USD

*Burnar Dumitru Tanase,*

Scholarship for young pupil from Sacel village Maramures County – to attend high school in Baia Mare. He is from a pottery family and continues this tradition. He was accepted into a high school into Baia Mare but his parents do not have the financial capacity to cover all his expenses in the city.  
Granted amount: 796 USD



2007

### Valea Verde Association

Development of Green Valley Association's organizational capacity. New facilities for the biodiversity museum established by Valea Verde Association.  
Granted amount: 6,500 USD

2008

### Justin Neamtu-child support

Medical support for a small baby from Brasov  
Granted amount: 764 USD

### Mihai Eminescu College Oradea

Acquisition of special book shelves for the donated books  
Granted amount: 1532 USD



### Florin Teleptean

Professional training  
Granted amount: 500 USD

### Hospice Casa Sperantei

The aim of the project was to support the general activity of social assistance, as a part of palliative care services for adults and children with incurable diseases, developed by Hope House Hospice.  
Granted amount: 2000 USD



Mr. Oprim, member of Rotary Club, Sighetu Marmatiei

"In a crazy and crooked world like the one we live in, people like Fred Robey and gestures like his, seems to be really unusual, even bizarre. Let me explain myself: how could I if I had a certain amount of money – and let's not talk about its source, how could I give that amount to other and why should I do this at all? Fred Robey is a wonderful exception to this kind of thinking as we see it, and has often been understood. I cannot call Fred Robey anything but a fierce, selfish man. But he is a great selfish man and an example of the most beautiful form of selfishness – helping others in order to make yourself happy. Such people are extremely selfish, but isn't this the noble form of selfishness? He understood something with a disarming simplicity that our parents and the older generations knew as well as The Lord's Prayer. A simple philosophy – the philosophy of a pheasant. He knows that if in the spring he sows his field, and if God gives a good year, in the autumn he will harvest the crops. I noticed in Fred Robey an unusual tenacity. He is an extraordinarily tenacious man, he is not impatient. Whatever you can call him, he is not impatient. He is able to wait for a long time to see the fruits of his investments. Even the worst economist in the world knows that the best investment is in children, who are the workforce of tomorrow. And let us discuss this strictly in pragmatic terms. In

his country, in the USA, such things are common. Moreover, because in his mind everything is so extremely well placed, the money, but not just money (because not everything is about the money), the books he brought are far more valuable than the money he gave – only few people understand this. The books are a thousand times more valuable than the money he gives. For him, things are extremely simple. In what does he invest? In morality. In perennial things, in perennial values that endure. And they simply continue to grow. In any case the words of no one, nor mine will be enough to thank this man. And I'm sure he doesn't expect this. I am absolutely convinced that he doesn't. Someone taught me that you can recognize a valuable man first of all by this essential feature: modesty. Oh, this is so well applied in the case of Mr. Fred Robey, a man of disarming simplicity. You cannot realize how valuable a man he is, how many values exist in this man. Fred Robey is, in my view, and I dare to generalize, at least for members of the Rotary Club Sighet, a reference point, a moral landmark."



# Slovakia

2004

## Home, Vel'ké Kapušany Weaving

The main purpose of the project concerns to the generation of grandparents feeling needed and useful for their community. They transfer their skills and knowledge of traditional folk traditions to children and young people, who wants to learn about their past.

Common activities between these retired people and young generation create a very specific kind of INTER-GENERATIONAL reaction that brings many positive impacts on the community:

- young people learn about their traditions and they gain skills at handicrafts;
- this kind of activities help to preserve their local identity;
- the generation of grandparents feel needed and useful for their community which increases the quality of their lives tremendously.

Granted amount: 1300 USD



2007

## Home, Vel'ké Kapušany

Health is not everything but without health all is nothing – new therapies in the rehabilitation center of the non – profit organization in Domov.

The project was originated to introduce innovative treatments and procedures such as massage (using hot lava stones), lymphatic drainage and yoga. Within the framework of the social service the rehabilitation activities represent a supplementary service for the clients of Domov. And also a very important source of financial income, as the profits generated from offering the services enable the organization to organize public welfare activities for its clients as well as for the community.

Granted amount: 1500 USD

2007

## Association of the Craftsmen of Gemer

GEMER Craftsmen's  
Traditional Bread

The goal of the project was to arouse public interest, in bringing the traditions and customs of our ancestors back to life, as well as to create a tourist attraction. The financial support contributed to the possibility to include the baking of homemade bread in a traditional oven built outdoors. The bread oven was built right next to the Crafts Center in Krásnohorská Dlhá Lúka. The result of the project is that visitors of the center can see how our ancestors baked their everyday bread, and taste it, too.

Granted amount: 500 USD





Fred is eager for more people to speak English, as he taught English as a Second Language (ESL) to newly arrived immigrants and refugees. The main purpose of this initiative was to support a training center called "LIK" where people can study foreign languages. Thanks to the Fund the association was able to purchase specialized literature and enhance its capacity to provide services to clients.  
*Granted amount: 500 USD*

The main purpose of the project was to organize a trip for 10 students to Kyiv, to visit outstanding and famous places like Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of the Ministers, the Presidential Residence, the world famous Kyiv - Pechersk Lavra, Sofia Cathedral, monasteries and churches and other outstanding monuments, parks, museums and famous streets.

In universities students attend different general and specific courses on history, culture, economy, religion and many other subjects.

However, due to a lack of financial resources, the majority of them have never travelled beyond Zakarpattia oblast.

It is hardly possible to study very serious subjects when one cannot imagine what one's own capital looks like and what cultural heritage may be explored there.

*Granted amount: 1000 USD*

### *Support for a girl with Hodgkin's lymphoma*

This support helped a widow to raise additional funds and pay for a very expensive treatment for her 12-year old daughter suffering from Hodgkin's lymphoma. A 12-year old girl has got Hodgkin's lymphoma in the 3rd stage. The treatment of this disease requires 3 courses of chemical therapy. Medications used are very expensive. The girl's mother is a widow and is bringing 2 children on her own.

The support provided helped the mother to raise additional funds and to pay for the treatments.  
*Granted amount: 500 USD*

## *Ukraine*



*2005*

### *Transcarpathian Regional Roma Association*

#### *"Bakhtalo Drom"*

Purchasing equipment for shoe-making workshop.

*Granted amount: 1000 USD*

*2006*

### *Educational and cultural development of a foreign languages training association*

*2008*

### *Students' Trip to Kyiv*



### *Partial funding of medical treatment for a disabled child*

The request came from a single mother of a girl with cerebral paralysis to help her in paying the treatment in Professor Kozyavkin's clinic. Kozyavkin is a world famous professor who developed his own methods of curing children with this diagnosis.

*Granted amount: 500 USD*

# Community Development By Education Fund & Carpathian Relief and Development Fund



Fred Robey and the Carpathian Foundations believe that education is essential for all kinds of developments and a key to decrease poverty and inequalities. Education is the most powerful instrument for people to invest into their future. Driven by this belief, Fred Robey launched the Carpathian Relief and

Development Fund and Community Development by Education Fund in 2007. These resources aim to provide educational opportunities for all members of communities throughout the Carpathian Region with special emphasis on improving the opportunities of young people.

## Community Development by Education Fund

The fund is intended to establish a network of community centers for intergenerational-relationship activities, adult education, language training, libraries, tutoring of talented but disadvantaged youth, and other projects that improve the quality of life of the people living in rural communities, where the communities themselves operate these centers.



## Hungary

2008

FÉSZAK-KÖR Round of the Community Developers of Northern-Abaúj.

### Civil and Adults' Training, Learning and Service Center in Telkibánya

The long-term objective of the Community Centers Development Program is to establish sustainable community centers and thus enhance the cohesion in communities, where the members co-operate and solve their own problems. The initiatives of the schools, educational institutions and civil organizations which serve this community-building purpose, receive support.

The title of the program has been changed to "Community Centre Development Fund" in Hungary in order to emphasize the importance of community development initiatives of local schools, serving as community centers for adult education, and enhancing the citizens' public participation in smaller rural settlements where cooperation is essential for further local improvement.

Telkibánya was a conscious choice where the community centre should be created. The settlement already has the infrastructure - the newly rebuilt school (2006), a community house with free space, and adequate amount of quality accommodation with boarding facilities - that makes it suitable for becoming a social service provider centre without too much extra expenditure. The following programs were designed for the Community Centre:

1. Professional training (with accreditation)
2. Community training (community development, democracy building, citizen participation, non-profit life, advocacy, etc.)
3. People's college, Sunday school-type education (peer-learning, education based on local needs)
4. Youth Community Training Centre
5. Thematic forums, festivals
6. Micro-regional community database, interactive media surface (needs analysis, map of opportunities; proposals, projects, training material, other community information)

Granted amount: 15.000 USD



"We have a motto, that there are ideas, which are based on the conviction that people - while they maintain their personality -, have to consciously change together for the common good and common goals. We are building our future upon that idea. Fred's donation and the development in Telkibánya became the basis of another idea: participating in a program supported by the EU called LEADER. This is a rural development program, and in the framework of this program the training and model community centre will be here in Telkibánya. It is key to rural development that local communities become active in all aspects of community life; organizing the community and starting training-courses according to the needs are the means of achieving this activity. On the basis of the donation from Fred this process started in Telkibánya and its five neighboring communities in North-Abaúj. We are very grateful for his support. „ Béla Berecky, Telkibánya school director

Granted amount: 15.000 USD

The main goal of the project is to ensure a scholarship program for 10 students per year who are involved in community building. Another goal is to train adults: methods of making local productions, language course, computer studies. Involve teachers, students, parents, entrepreneurs, NGOs and local authorities to create a more cohesive community increasing the possibilities of young people to stay in the region.

The project had three impacts:

- Educational impact: thematic researches in local history, summer camps for approx. 90 children, new curricula in the theme of local history
- Social impact: the quality of life of the scholars can improve so they can stay in the region.
- Community impact: the community works together for the sustainable development of the region.

Granted amount: 15.000 USD



2008

## Foundation for the Kossuth Lajos Elementary School

"This land is your cradle"



# Slovakia

2009

## Basic School Mníšek nad Hnilcom New Horizon

The project focused on the parents of the elementary school students, who are unemployed and live in disadvantaged environments. 20 parents, under the guidance of their children and a lecturer learnt how to use computers, open documents, write their CVs, and search for information and job opportunities on the Internet and so on.

The project created space for people active in community life (teachers, pupils, parents) to strengthen the coherence of the community. It supported and motivated cooperation among the generations.

Granted amount: 4289 USD

Parents were happy to spend their time by computer. Even after the end of the project, they wanted to continue learning and being tutored by their children.

## Haličanda, Košice My place in the community

The one-year project focused on mobilizing all age groups within the community. The organization offered many different activities to involve all generations into an informal way of education. One of the goals was to strengthen the relationships within the community, as the organization acts in an environment where people do not care about what's going on in their community.

Granted amount: 4100 USD



## Community Center in Hanušovce nad Topľou

The Community Center within the framework of its activities brings educational and free time programs to Roma children and young people. The goal of the project was to support initiatives of a community center in the role of an educational center and to stimulate cooperation between people involved in community life (teachers, students, parents, business, non profit organizations and self-governments).

Granted amount: 4118 USD

# Ukraine



Local schools have always been the real centers of community life in small villages. In many respects the school is the core of the community. Practice shows that closing of a local school usually leads to a rapid decline and quite often to the disappearance of the village itself. This is true for the small community of Dunkovytsya village with a population of less than 900 people. Most of the inhabitants work outside the community and have a few common interests. At the same time children attend the local school. This fact makes the school the only institution in the community which is able to integrate the whole community. Recognizing this opportunity, the community launched several activities aimed at turning the school into a real community center. Most of these activities are connected to the establishment of a partnership relations with all stakeholders in the community (authorities, local small businesses, the church, parents etc.). Nevertheless, the active involvement of the public is limited by the modest opportunities of the school to provide anything attractive for the adults. The project's goal is to establish community center in Dunkovytsya village based in the local school. Granted amount: USD 15 000

2008

## Establishment of Community Center in Dunkovytsya village

A school principle, Ms Natalia Korovska, a very active person having good books with the chair of the Rayon council made the local authorities contribute about USD 18 000 instead of USD 8 000 previously committed. Living in a small provincial community located 900 km from the capital, she found ways to involve one of the most popular national (!) "1+1" TV channel and "Nedilya (Sunday)" newspaper to enlighten the project and its funder - Fred Robey whose name is on a memorial board at the school. When Fred visited the site first he was terribly surprised to see the outdoor school toilets located next the courtyard, which is normal in most of the communities. The school principles was upset and happy at the same time - she could told the story to the authority people and it obviously encouraged the department of education to build indoor toilets in the school finally.



# Carpathian Relief And Development Fund (CRDF) Program

The Carpathian Relief and Development Fund addresses larger scale projects that respond to relief emergencies of pilot educational or community development initiatives and primarily provides financial support for infrastructural development (renovation, furniture, equipments) of schools, foster houses and other kind of educational or children oriented institutions.



## Poland

### 2005-2008 Support for the Primary School in Kostarowce



When Fred was to arrive with his second, but first official visit to Poland, the head teacher of the school sent the school handyman and the city mayor to collect Fred from the Slovak-Hungarian border. She told them specifically to wear smart clothes because the guest was very important and he might have felt offended if they wore casual outfits. So, despite the 30 degree heat, he and the mayor travelled to the border dressed in the suits. When they finally reached the meeting point, they fastened their ties and waited for their guest. Their surprise was enormous when they finally saw the American millionaire wearing a T-shirt and shorts and carrying a big tourist bag. They felt like overdressed fools and Fred started to wonder: do all handymen at Polish schools come to work in suits.

The main goal of the projects was to finish modernization of the old part of the school building, dated 1903 and opening a centre of education and development, serving children, youth and adults from the local community. The story of the continuous attempts and struggle to create good learning conditions for the local pupils moved Fred. He was intrigued by the fact that the members of the community cooperate with the school head teacher, who strives to improve the life of the local pupils. At the first meeting, Fred donated \$1000 for the most urgent needs, such as painting the classrooms and adjusting the school to safety standards.

This first meeting initiated the ongoing cooperation between Fred Robey and the school in Kostarowce.

The next visits resulted in further donations. The money was spent to create the Centre of Education and Development in the old part of the school building. It was officially opened in 2006 and named after Fred Robey a year later. Since its opening, the centre has been a very important place in Kostarowce. Not only did it enable pupils to study in larger and safer classrooms, but it also met the needs of the local community. Due to Fred's further support, the centre was equipped with new computers and a language laboratory. It has gained a tremendous value for the pupils, as for local youth who are now able to use the internet as a tool for education. Such activities as, for instance, handicraft courses and dance classes

are currently organized in the centre. Fred's engagement in the life of the village community has been growing constantly with each visit to Poland. Recently, he has donated \$10 000 to the mayor of the village to purchase chairs for the local Community Centre, and he also supported the Village Housekeeping Association with money for new outfits. Now, the Centre of Education and Development is a great place to study, that activate local traditions and is used for entertainment.

#### Granted amounts:

2005 – 1 000 and 10 000 USD

2006 – 35 000 and 24 000 (from Fred Robey Family Foundation)

2007 – 34 080 PLN

2008 – 114 500 PLN

### 2007 Foundation for Support of Sanok Hospital

Purchase of the Integrated System for Distance Cardiological supervise and transmission of EKG for an Ambulance

The main objective of the project was to help financially to purchase a heart-diagnostic equipment what is necessary in the life-saving process in the hospital in Sanok.

Granted amount: 12 000 USD

## Romania



The objective of the Torockó Youth Retreat Program is to support young people with difficult social and economic backgrounds.

The Program aims to improve the living conditions of students in Torockó boarding houses and to help to sustain the youth facility in the long run with extra income from the Youth Retreat programs and other donations from sponsors.

The main target group of the Program are disadvantaged students coming from the internal diasporas and studying in Hungarian in any of the high schools in Cluj, Romania.

The main activities of the Torockó program were the renovation and extension of the Torockó Youth Retreat on the real estate owned by the Lyceum Foundation. The complex consists of three buildings and an open air area, which can now be fully used for educational work and training in all seasons. The Youth Retreat is suitable for organizing theme summer camps (on tourism, archaeology, ethnography etc.) which can give extra income to the foundation and facilitate the maintenance of the dormitories in the city.  
Granted amount: 20.000 USD grant and 20.000 USD interest free loan, at the return of which the amount will be further invested to help young people in the area.

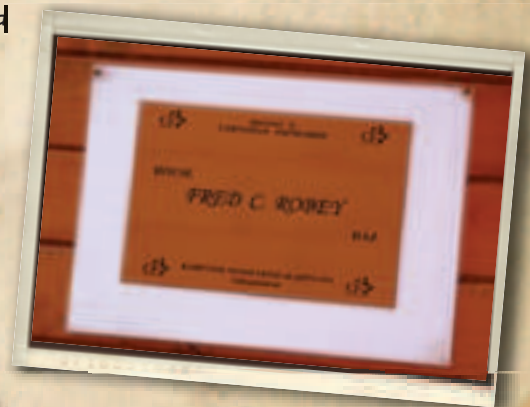
### Lyceum Foundation

Torockó Youth House renovation.

Granted amount: 6,317 USD

### Torockó Program

2007-2008



"Meeting Mr. Fred Robey for the first time was a special and memorable occasion. American tourists visited one of our student dormitories and had dinner made of agricultural products from local producers while one of our students was singing folk songs dressed in a traditional costume. Fred was one of the visitors - he was very interested in our work and liked what he heard, so he offered his support via his family foundation before leaving. Six months later János Lukács from the Carpathian Foundation International approached me and asked what the details of the Torockó Project in which a Creative House for the Youth was to be created, whose income could be used for sustaining the student dormitories. Due to the helpful and simple grant administrative process, the work on the site soon started and we could welcome the donor in Torockó to show that the dream became a reality. Fred Robey's mentality is a model for us all, thank you for your generosity, Fred!" Imre Vizi, Lyceum Foundation



## Slovakia

2005

### People's Gateway around the weaving workroom in DOMOV (Home) in Vel'ké Kapušany

The goal was to place a fence around the weaving workroom, which had been built the year before, thanks to the support of Fred Robey and his Rapid Response Fund.

The gate leads to the traditional crafts workshop where the inhabitants of HOME do various activities to preserve local traditions and transfer them to the young.

Granted amount: 1000 USD

2006

### Publication: Vojtech Löffler

Vojtech Löffler was one of the most famous and best sculptors of the 20th century in Košice region. He earned this position without an academic education thanks to his talent and diligence. The Museum of Vojtech Löffler, the cultural institution situated in Košice – Old Town issued this publication on behalf of the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Granted amount: 500 USD

2009

### From Heart to Heart, Lekárovce

The aim was to build a Community Room in the village situated in the region with a high unemployment rate, and where the closest town and job opportunities are 30 kilometers away. They wanted to have a place where children, as well as adults could meet, with a PC and a connection to the Internet.



More families worked on the construction of the room, for many it was a challenge to learn new things, for example how to build a wall to divide the room. Some families offered their free time, some helped with the transport of the material.

The room is now used for various activities. The PC is used by youth and adults; children spend their free time there according to the annual schedule. Seniors spend their time singing there, and surfing the Internet as well.

Granted amount: 3002 USD

### Bardejov Community Foundation

Giving is a Virtue and Social  
Privilege.

The Foundation supports local activities of citizens by giving small grants; their mission is to concern about the development of local philanthropy and local donors' development.

The goal of this project was to support locals who can be potential donors and to strengthen the development of the Bardejov Community Foundation.

Granted amount: 3,645 USD

### Prešov Community Foundation

Everyone Can Give.

The project focused on development of local philanthropy - both for individuals and businesses. In the frame of the project, the Foundation carried out several public events with the purpose to make giving more visible, and to attract new donors. As a result of the project the Foundation launched a local Corporate Philanthropist Club.

Granted amount: 1,294 USD

# Ukraine



The EU enlargement broadened and deepened cross-border relations of Ukrainian social institutions with similar agencies in Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. This process demanded appropriate personnel development.

The project purpose was to develop a base for providing training and practical experience to the young leaders in international relations, economics and laws.

The first stage of the training anticipated forming a group of 10-15 students. The program did not double courses and subjects delivered in the corresponding educational institutions. It was developed as a specialized program dealing with contemporary theoretical and practical issues of cross-border cooperation and providing knowledge of English, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian and Slovak.

The main partners involved in the project implementation: Uzhgorod department of Institute for World economics and international relations of Academy of Science of Ukraine, International Relations faculties of Uzhgorod national and Zakarpattia State Universities, corresponding departments of the regional authorities, businesses and NGOs of Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

Granted amount: 2 500 USD

## Pilot Educational Program of Cross-border Cooperation Institute

Training for Young Leaders of Cross-border Cooperation



# Other projects:

## 2002-2008 Book donation

In 2002, when Fred Robey arrived in Romania to teach English as a Foreign Language, he found that students were eager to learn, but for many of them learning was complicated by the fact that the schools did not have adequate books, especially textbooks, written in English. He decided to change this situation through his book donation program.

Fred Robey has collected books with the help of Oglethorpe University, Greater Atlanta Community Foundation, Sabre Foundation in Boston, Harvard University and many other libraries. He also gave monetary donations to provide the first 10,000 textbooks and in later years many more books and encyclopedias to those in need, and shipped them to the Carpathian region. As a result of his book donation program, several schools, university campuses, and other institutions benefited from Fred's attention and generosity. His main philanthropic recipients were:

- University of Transylvania, Brasov, Romania
- American Corner, Debrecen, Hungary
- Károly Róbert College, Gyöngyös, Hungary
- University of Miskolc, Hungary
- Public Library of Heves county, Hungary

Granted amounts: 90,000 books and textbooks



## Poland

### Number 1 Secondary School in Sanok

The main purpose of the project was to purchase of an Interactive Smart-Board facilitating the learning process for children in a modern and much more interesting way.

Granted amounts: 1 553 USD



## Romania

### Regional Resource Center CenRes and CAR – Center for Rural Assistance

Traveling grants from to finance participation at the Carpathian Global Compact event that took place in Romania

Granted amount: 450 USD for the 3 organizations.

2005

### University of Transylvania

Psychology and Science  
of Education Magazine  
Granted amount:  
4,200 USD

2006

### Fred Robey Center, Brasov

The goal of the project  
was to increase the  
functionality of the  
FR Center in Brasov  
Community.

Granted amounts:  
2,179 USD+535 USD

2008

The establishment of a  
doctor's office (clinic)  
in Homorodszentpeter,  
Granted amount: 2,300 USD



„It is an honor to know Fred C. Robey and it's a great privilege for the Cluj Community Foundation to be his partner in reaching his philanthropic objectives. Through the scholarship fund initiated by Fred C. Robey we are giving a chance to young people to change their destinies, to follow their dreams and fulfill their potential. He inspires our local donors through his example and us all to be more than successful in our lives, to be meaningful. „ Simona Serban, Executive Director of the Cluj Community Foundation



2008

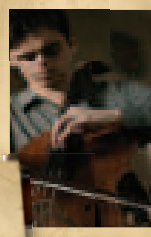
**Alina Corches**  
Study at Sorbona I, at the Faculty of International Law  
Granted amount: 3086 USD

*The Scholarship Fund initiated by Fred Robey and administrated by Fundatia Comunitara Cluj*

2009

Fred Robey supported 13 internal and external scholarships of 15419 USD total value.

2008



**Ion Storojenco**  
Music and Performing Arts University in Vienna.  
Granted amount: 1417 USD

2010

Fred Robey supported 10 internal and external scholarships of 14583 USD total value.

The aim of the project was to motivate young people to participate in activities that would help them think about the future face of the place in which they live.

The task of the Košice secondary comprehensive high-school students was to create in teams a presentation of their common vision for Košice – the place where they live and study. They prepared the presentations „A Place Where We Want to Live” according to the formal set in English, and they could enrich them by their original student texts, pictures and videos, and thus create as interesting vision as possible of Košice as a town, in which they would like to make their future plans and dreams a reality.

To select a winner, the form of Internet voting on the Carpathian Foundation website was used. Students of the Secondary Comprehensive High School at Poštová Street were voted as winners. The winning school obtained the set of prestigious 32-volume Encyclopedia Britannica in English language and the members of the winning team received also other literary works in English.

Granted amount: 32 – volume Encyclopedia Britannica donated by Fred.

Within the framework of the „Let's Read in English!” program, high schools in Eastern Slovakia had a chance to receive books written in American English. A letter with a proposal of getting 20 books in American English was sent to every Grammar School in Prešov and Košice regions. The schools that reacted to the „call” were given the books. More than 700 books of contemporary fiction, adventure and romance books donated by Fred were distributed to 37 high schools in Eastern Slovakia. The books have enriched the school libraries and help to improve the quality of English language teaching. The ability to communicate in English opens up new opportunities for gaining experience, traveling or establishing contacts.

The Carpathian Foundation Slovakia got many thank you letters from schools, teachers of English or directors.

Granted amount: more than 700 books donated by Fred

## Slovakia



2007

*A place where we want to live*

2007

*Let's Read in English!*





## Ukraine

2008

*Assistance to the  
social science faculty  
of the Uzhgorod  
National University*

The main purpose of this initiative was to purchase specialized literature and enhance the faculties' capacity to provide theoretical knowledge on social work and political science.

*Granted amount: 500.00 USD*



*Assistance to the  
specialized boarding  
school for deaf  
children*

The main purpose of this project was to purchase specialized beds and equipment for the Uzhgorod specialized school for deaf children. The facility was equipped with the 50 new beds, receivers with acoustic systems, microphones and language drill trainers for deaf people.

*Granted amount: 14 500.00 USD*











### *Short Presentation of the Carpathian Foundation*

*In May 1992 the local and regional leaders of the neighboring areas of Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine discussed the methods how to promote and enhance cross-border cooperation in the Carpathian Mountains and the Tisza Valley. This initiative – the Carpathian Euroregion – marked the first attempt to create a „euroregion”, as an institutionalized form of cross-border cooperation. It was also the first grouping of its kind in Central and Eastern Europe, when the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the local and regional leaders and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mme Catherine Lalumiere officially established the Carpathian Euroregion in 1993.*

*The predecessor of Carpathian Foundation Network was created in 1995 to strengthen the civil society and local economies of the Carpathian Euroregion, to promote cross-border and inter-ethnic cooperation by its wide range of grant programs, and to act as a unique type of transfrontier regional foundation in the heart of Europe.*

*The Carpathian Foundation Network is run by and for the people of the Carpathian Euroregion. It has independent member-organizations in each of the five countries of the Euroregion, none of which are seated in the capital cities. The five member-organizations are legally independent and distinct organizations, in deference to varying local laws, and managing different programs according to the needs of their target area, but the network has common programs as well.*

*Carpathian Foundations support the development of their diverse and multi-ethnic communities. They apply a number of ways to encourage local partnerships and self-help; to provide training and funding resources to assist grassroots not-for-profit organizations and local governments. Carpathian Foundations work mostly with disadvantaged groups, and make every effort to target the most pressing issues in their communities.*