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12 YEARS *of* ACTIVITY



We raised and invested over

\$1,300,000

in bettering the lives of

2,905 children

Over 830 donors

from the US and Romania

and over 350 volunteers

joined our efforts

and donated

more than 13,000 hours

of their time!

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OUR PAST PROGRAMS

Prior to starting the University Scholarship Program in 2005, we funded the following projects:

- **2003: “Loving Arms” Program** - we hired eight full-time qualified caregivers to hold and cuddle babies at the “Micul Print” orphanage in Brasov, where 200 children under 3 years of age had only one adult for every 10 children.

Cost of program: \$18,360 / Duration: January 2004 until June 2005

- Additionally, we sent over 1,000 pounds of toys and clothing from Los Angeles to various placement centers in Brasov.

- **2004: Rupea Playground** – with the money raised at our 2014 fundraising event, we built a state-of-the-art sports court and playground at the Rupea placement center (region of Brasov) where 75 children ages 4 to 18 had only a muddy lot to play on.

Cost of project: \$32,000 (money was sent in four stages)

- **Continued the “Loving Arms” program at “Micul Print.”**

- **2008: Everychild Program** - we partnered with Hospice Casa Sperantei Brasov and made our largest ever single donation of **\$100,000**. Through this project, the two foundations reached and treated 286 children suffering from HIV and other chronic illnesses, living in-and-out of state-run institutions. In addition, 250 medical staff members, including doctors and nurses benefited from training courses and workshops in palliative care, while 1900 children received education about HIV prevention. Most significantly, a model of care has been established that can be replicated in other parts of the country. In March of 2008, the Romanian Ministry of Health worked with Hospice Casa Sperantei to develop a national plan for palliative care. We believe that due to this program, the Romanian government is now much better informed about the needs of chronically ill individuals and continues to support the allocation of resources with more generosity and efficiency toward those in need of palliative care.

- **2005 to present: Blue Heron Scholarship Program** - since 2005, we awarded 229 university scholarships to orphaned and abandoned students in Romania and Republic of Moldova.

Cost of the program: over \$600,000.



Blue Heron Foundation

2013-2014: BLUE HERON CELEBRATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR WITH 90 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Blue Heron's 12th year of activity stands proof as the organization's solid stance towards accomplishing its mission: improving the quality of life of orphaned and abandoned Romanian youngsters and awarding them greater life opportunities through college scholarships. Our program offers the following financial support to our students:

- **\$600 /year for regular college tuition and \$2,200 /year for medical school fees (we have 10 students currently attending medical school)**
- **A \$55/monthly stipend for personal expenses such as transportation, food, school materials, etc.**
- **For those whose college fees are waved due to high scholastic achievements, Blue Heron offers up to \$400 for professional-educational courses, such as recognized courses in English (Cambridge), IT proficiency (ECDL) or driving courses.**

In addition, our program has a personal transformation component in an effort to strengthen the quality of self empowerment and cultivate life skills in our students. We strive to accomplish this through the following:

- **We pair each student with a carefully chosen mentor who has resonance in one or more areas: career, hobbies, geography. The mentor serves as a role model and guide.**
- **We ask each student to write a monthly journal about their wins and challenges. The journal is sent to their mentor and to a Blue Heron representative (we have 5 psychologists/sociologists on staff, each monitoring a group of 15-20 students). Their mentor responds to each journal and in addition may choose to have Skype or phone conversation, to deepen the relationship.**
- **We require each student to carry out 5 hours of monthly volunteer services in an effort to instill in them the value of giving back as well as to help them gain experience in the area of their studies.**

Blue Heron prides itself in pioneering a one of a kind, comprehensive scholarship program that is a real investment in the lives of those who have grown up without parents. Our programs strives to help them not only become educated, productive adults, but to end a cycle of poverty and abandonment.

We currently have 87 students in our program and are active in 22 of Romania's 40 regions. In the fall of 2014, we accepted 25 new students, including our first scholarship recipient in the Republic of Moldova, and expect 14 to graduate this summer.

To date, 229 young men and women have been recipients of our scholarships.

We are so grateful that donors, mentors and generous individuals with valuable skills have come together to help us lend a hand and uplift those who, as victims of political regimes or family circumstances, were too young and vulnerable to do it on their own.

The Ludwick Family Foundation \$100,000 Grant



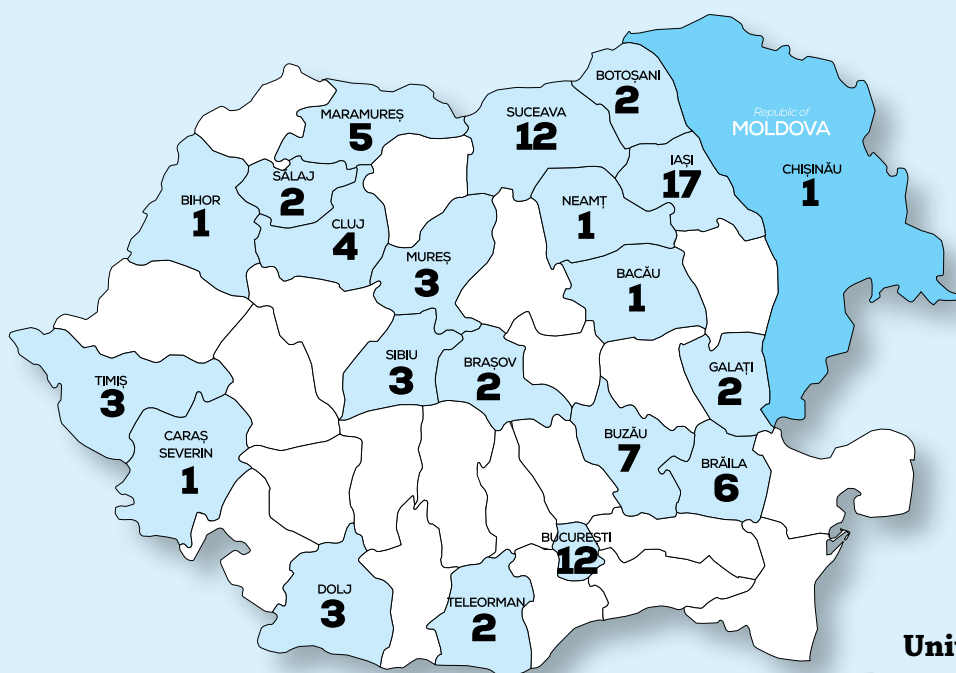
Because our scholarship program has stood the test of time, it has not only attracted the attention of other nonprofits who have modeled their own programs after ours, but has also caught the attention of foundations who carefully screen organizations applying for their funds.

After a lengthy application process and careful consideration of our financial documentation, on October 1, 2013 Blue Heron foundation was awarded a **\$100,000** grant from the Ludwick Family Foundation.

The grant allowed us to cover:

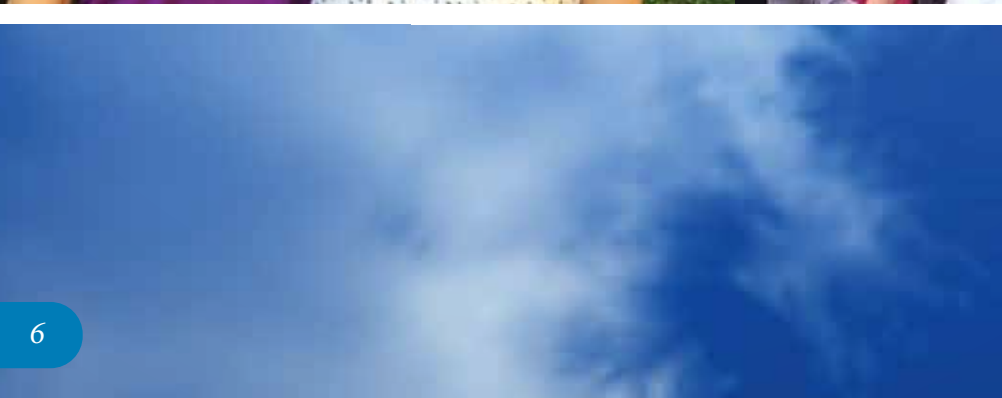
- **Tuition fees and monthly stipends for 64 students for the 2013-2014 academic year, totaling \$61,912.59.**
- **30 laptops for students who are already in the program and did not have access to a computer, \$11,444.92.**
- **Our yearly summer camp at Rasnov where 25 Blue Heron scholarship recipients came together for one week to celebrate their success, deepen their friendships and participate in a wide array of activities, from job hunting workshops, to horseback riding, hiking and ballroom dancing (\$13,653.50).**
- **Textbooks, dental and miscellaneous expenses totaling \$4,057.50¹**

By helping us cover the above mentioned expenses, The Ludwick Family Foundation Grant allowed us to use our previously raised money to expand our original program to 30 new scholarship recipients.



**Blue Heron
University Scholarship Program
Romania and the Republic of Moldova
2014-2015 School Year**

Our ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP at Râșnov





OUR ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP, JULY 2014

Blue Heron students from all over the country, mentors, alumni and camp facilitators met for our annual summer camp held deep in the Carpathian Mountains, at Cheile Rasnoavei. With the help of our partners, the AED LUDENS Association, we organized two one-week camp sessions, hosting 25 students in each, engaging our scholarship recipients in transformative experiences - a year's worth of joy, challenges, discoveries and friendships, all packed in six days' time.

Stefania Magidson, President of the Foundation, presented and gifted each of the students a copy of her most recent book, "Searching for the White Magician", a 2013 Romanian publication where themes ranging from immigration and philanthropy to spiritual psychology and self-realization are explored. Mihaela Constantinescu, Mentorship Program Director, invited our students to share their life story from a different vantage point: not from a victim's point of view, but as an inspiring story about overcoming misfortune, building character and forging one's own destiny. Thus our students explored new paradigms that invited deep reflection and a shift in attitude and perspective in their own lives.

Young film director Tedy Necula shared his inspiring story of overcoming physical handicaps and encouraged us to think about life as a balancing act. Our students were taught effective business networking techniques by Mike

Costache, Advisory Board member. The following day they rewrote their resumes and fine-tuned their job-hunting skills with the help of PR specialist Ada Lungu. Getting together with Cristina Porșega, the program director, the friend they had often spoke to on the phone but had never met until then, was highly emotional.

Energy and laughter came to spice up the physical, spiritual and intellectual delights at the summer camp. Psychologist Daniela Șerban and actor Adrian Păduraru, our graceful hosts and collaborators, were the pillars of our summer program. They organized our hikes in the nearby mountains, horseback riding trips and outings to the nearby Cetatea Rasnoavei, a XIIIth century fortress with a rich history. They developed captivating games aimed at bringing us closer together and letting our spirits soar. Our camp would not have been the same without our daily ballroom dancing lessons, where our teacher, Mirela Sima, masterfully helped us perfect our tango, cha cha and the Viennese Waltz. Finally, Mihai Axinte, actor and drummer, made sure we ended the camp with a "bang", literally.

The summer camps have come to represent the highlights of our year for students and facilitators alike. They have become the perfect opportunity to celebrate our partnership, the incredible growth taking place as a result of the participation in the program and life!



Message from the President

Dear Blue Heron Supporters,

I am so glad that after 12 years of activity, we continue to be inspired and are able to carry on the torch for those who can't yet do it for themselves. The Blue Heron Scholarship and Mentorship Program continues to reach out to young men and women who, in spite of an incredibly perilous background, have the will and the ability to pursue their academic dreams. Thank you for your incredible generosity and support. Together, let's continue to lend a hand and uplift those who, as victims of political regimes or family circumstances, are too young and vulnerable to do it on their own.

***With gratitude,
Stefania***

Being a student and having a long commute home, about 350 km, I'm pretty familiar with travelling by train. Many times, while waiting at the train station, I enjoyed comparing life with a train ride. Throughout the journey we encounter different characters, each of them with personal luggage, with unique experiences, thoughts and feelings. By interacting with those people, their experiences leave a mark on our personality, they can shape us; a simple contact with certain people can change our life. This is how the day I met the Blue Heron Foundation was for me.

Three years ago I was struggling with the application for the Blue Heron scholarship program... I really wanted to be accepted. When my dream came true, I was beside myself. Starting with the volunteer hours for "Save the Children", which helped me become a person with more compassion and love for children and continuing with the monthly journal where I was attempting to synthesize and analyze my thoughts, feelings and actions, it's been a journey of growth and continuous transformation..

In time, the monthly journal turned into a psychological analysis of my own life. At the other end there was my mentor who was offering advice and suggestions

for the challenges I was confronting. His words were simple but at the same time profound and precious. For me, my mentor has been a source of moral support, the right help who was always there when I was in need.

The professional courses Blue Heron offered helped me a lot. I went to driving school in Cluj and I succeeded in getting my license. As well, I took advantage of the English courses paid by Blue Heron and I'm proud to have gained some proficiency in the most important language today. In the summer of 2014 I graduated with a degree in engineering and I signed up for the Master's program. I started looking for a job in Cluj, where I hope I will adjust as well as possible. My wish is that I will leave something valuable at the end of my journey. I am grateful to the Blue Heron foundation not only for the financial help offered but also for the moral support I needed. It helped me become a better person, full of empathy, more outgoing and better prepared for a career in the field of my studies. I am very happy because while being on "the train of my life", I got the chance to meet the Blue Heron team, which allowed me to change and shape my life!



Anca C.

First year Master's in Informatics Program, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca

Our Students

I am presently pursuing a Master's Degree at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (FEBA) within the Al. I. Cuza University in Iasi. I specialize in Tourism Management.

I have been a Blue Heron scholarship recipient for the past three years, an experience that has helped me grow enormously. The volunteering component of the program as well as the professional-educational courses I was able to take while in the program allowed me to gain new skills, gain professional experience and evolve professionally.

In addition, the guidance of my mentor, Ms. Genoveva Romaşcan has also been instrumental during this process. With her useful and practical advice, she helped me make the best decisions at times when I felt lost and unsure. I am deeply grateful and I want to take this opportunity to thank her for the encouragement, time and care she has dedicated to me.

I have already started using all these experiences, knowledge, advice and values to make a successful living.

I am grateful for everything you invested in me as a Blue Heron student and I thank all those who have made this program possible.

**Nicoleta I., second year student –
Master's in Tourism Management, Al. I. Cuza**



My experience as a Blue Heron Foundation student began in 2013. It came at the perfect time in my life, when I was confused and unsure about everything. Being accepted in the scholarship program was the pillar that I needed.

At our first briefing, where we were supposed to introduce ourselves, I was so emotional that I could barely speak... how far I have come since then!

I liked that we had to make a commitment to also give, not just receive. I was also thrilled to find out we would have the chance to take professional development courses, something very useful. I remember promising myself to take advantage of this opportunity.

When we were told we would each have a mentor, I was skeptical. I thought "I don't need someone to confide in, especially not a stranger". However, I am someone willing to change and open to new ideas, so I embraced this even if I didn't fully understand it, at the beginning. I had faith that it would be beneficial in the long run. I became more confident as I listened to other students who were Blue Heron scholarship recipients and declared themselves delighted with the relationship with their respective mentors.

I was most impressed with the life story of Mrs. Stefania Magidson. I realized that everyone there had a remarkable destiny and had gone through experiences that made them stronger human beings.

As for the monthly report, at first I wondered why it was necessary to pour my heart out every month. Then, I associated it with that "moral support" that I myself asked for, in my application.

I am so happy to be in the Foundation's program, to be in contact with my mentor and this team of exceptional individuals.

I want to thank Mrs. Magidson and all those who help us so much, with their work and generosity. You can build something worthy only on a solid foundation and with good people. This is what the Blue Heron team is – a solid foundation to everything they have built for us, a team whose synergy permanently enriches every single one of us. You have my deepest respect and gratitude.

**Catalin A., 2nd year student,
Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition,
University of Agricultural Sciences & Veterinary Medicine,
Iasi**



COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY



Blue Heron Supports One of Its Medical Students in the Experience of a Lifetime: A Summer Internship at Columbia University

I would like to warmly thank Blue Heron Foundation and Mrs. Stefania Magidson for helping me make the best of a unique opportunity: a summer neuroscience internship at the prestigious Columbia University. I had an unforgettable experience there. I met amazing people who taught me how to study, to experiment and adapt to a very different environment.

During the four weeks I spent there, I discovered many of the mysteries of science. I had access to the laboratory lead by Dr. Richard Axel himself, the famous Nobel Prize winner!

At the beginning, I felt a little bit intimidated by the level of innovation and the very high standards I found there. As a student in Romania, I had never taken on research, so I did not know much theory or practice.

However, with the help of Cristian, a postdoctoral researcher from the laboratory, I started to learn how to do a PCR, a procedure by which one can multiply DNA. It was so amazing to be able to personally perform this fascinating procedure, that I had only known from textbooks.

At the end of the project, with Cristian's support, I had the chance to speak with Dr. Richard Axel about my findings.

Besides my academic experience, I had the chance to explore the famous New York City. I had a wonderful guide and companion, Romanian born Dr. Adriana Nemeş, the laboratory manager, who welcomed me with warmth and kindness from day one.

She took me to see Cinderella, the Broadway show. Of course I couldn't escape the similarity that stared me in the face: I myself felt like a little Cinderella who found love and passion in science and medicine, who managed to overcome incredible adversity and setbacks but ultimately found her way.

I am deeply grateful to Blue Heron who gave me wings to fly to Columbia and live my dream and to Dr. Nemes, who spared no effort to help me get to the laboratory. A kind thank you to Cristian for having had the patience to teach and motivate me, thank you to the laboratory staff, and last but not least, to Dr. Richard Axel for receiving me with open arms.

It was the experience of a lifetime and, hopefully, the start of a successful career. I send all my admiration to the other Blue Heron students and I wish every one of them a beautiful professional future.

Eliza G., 4th Year Medical Student

Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca

Our Alumni



One of the most important things that I learned in life is this: if you want to make a significant contribution in a field, you must prepare accordingly. For me, education was always a goal, and academic ascension represented accomplishment. Therefore, I didn't hesitate at all when I was presented with a new opportunity, that of continuing my Master's studies in Bucharest. I'm a graduate of the International Relations and European Studies, the "Security and Diplomacy Master's Program" within the National School of Political and Administrative Studies. In the summer of 2014 I finished a second graduate program, a Master's in "European Public Space".

These are the academic peaks that I have reached so far. But I wouldn't be the person I am today without the thorough determination and ambition, the patience and the encouragement from the extraordinary people who helped me fulfill my dreams.

I am grateful to the Blue Heron foundation for the valuable contribution that it brought to my academic development. I became a scholarship recipient in the second year of the master's program and the pocket money allowed me to focus my whole attention on writing my dissertation. Thus I managed to successfully finish my Master's studies. More than this, the Foundation also supported me in obtaining the Cambridge Certificate, which demonstrates my competency in the English language. Because of my mentor, I was able to really take in the beautiful moments I experienced that year and was also able to surpass the less pleasant ones.

I am now happy because I completed another stage in my academic development and I fully enjoy the career that I started as well as all the remarkable people in my life. We, the Blue Heron scholarship recipients, are lucky: although we live in a system in which it is so easy to drift, we have innovative ideas, knowledge and dreams and, more than this, we have the support of people who are willing to turn Romania into a better place.

Roxana B.,
Master's Degree in "Security and Diplomacy",
The National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

I lived my whole life in placement centers. My mother abandoned me at the maternity ward, after she gave birth. She must have had her reasons, I don't judge her.

So, I have always been surrounded by many children and several "mothers" – at least that's what I thought, that they were all my mothers. These lovely people helped me make it through life: take the first steps, go to school, learn to respect my peers, to be fair, to have aspirations and fight to make them happen.

When I turned 26, I started out on my own. The day I left the state protection system, I invited all the people who helped and supported me. I wanted to express my gratitude and love! It was such a beautiful and emotional reunion with people who mean so much to me: Mrs. Cristina Pavaluta, chief of the General Direction for the Child Protection in Piatra Neamt, Mr. Marian Lospa, executive director of the same institution, Mrs. Felicia Sandu and Carmen Mandrila, the former and current directors of the Complex "Elena Doamna" in Piatra Neamt, Ms. Cristina Porsega, program director of the Blue Heron Foundation and Mrs. Stefania Magidson, President of the Blue Heron Foundation.

I hope I succeeded to show them that I, one of the many abandoned children who lived in placement centers, THANK THEM – because I lived to be 26, because I had an education, because I am strong, honest and dignified, I dare to dream, to hope, to set ideals and fight to accomplish them.

Blue Heron Foundation helped me starting with my freshman year at the university. The Blue Heron team has made such a big difference in my life – I owe so much to these selfless, dedicated people who really care about the fate of young people who have grown up in the state protection system and who have to eventually go out on their own.

I had a scholarship which covered my tuition fees, as well as financial support to complete an English language course. I hope Blue Heron will continue to help me pursue my medical studies, a passion and calling I discovered while working as a volunteer for the SMURD Emergency Rescue Services in Bucharest.



My dream is to pass the exam and be admitted to the Carol Davila Medical School in Bucharest this summer.

As a Blue Heron student, I have lived extraordinary experiences, such as the summer camp. The members of the Foundation offer me moral support and advice in times of trouble, they encourage me whenever I am confused and I need the strength to move forward.

I am so proud to have the chance to know these people who are by my side even when I don't expect it.

Recently, I've had an unexpected privilege: after I was interviewed for an article by the Adevarul newspaper, I was invited to attend an Annual Gala at the Romanian Atheneum. There, I met very important people: Mr. Klaus Johannis, the President of Romania, who shook my hand and encouraged me to go forward with my head up high. At the same event, I met Princess Marina Sturdza, already a friend of the Foundation; she spoke highly about the Blue Heron organization, stating it was an example of generosity, responsibility and love for the last 13 years.

You can imagine how proud and happy I felt!

My deepest thanks to you all,

Ionut U.

**BS, Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest
Professional Paramedic,
SMURD Emergency Rescue Services**



Ionut U. Answers the Call to Join the Nepal Earthquake Relief Team

The earthquake in Nepal gave me many sleepless nights - my heart went out to all those victims, parents who lost children, children who lost their parents, like me... actually, even more tragic, because those children lost parents who loved them and cared for them and now they are all alone in the world. I watched with horror the reports on TV and felt so painfully helpless for not being there, to help, to comfort...

So, I was restless for days until I heard the appeal for volunteers all over the world to come and help. It was the moment I was waiting for: I had one thing on my mind - "I HAVE TO BE THERE!" So, I started to prepare, spread the word and found a group of volunteers heading there. I didn't know where I could get the money for the journey. I looked at my "assets": my laptop, tablet, computer, smartphone... things I managed to buy through hard work and I went for it! I sold or pawned them, I got financed by some generous people and bought a tent, a sleeping bag and, most importantly, the plane ticket.

In a few days I will be flying to Nepal, to assist people in need, especially children. It's my way to give back the help I got all my life from the people who cared for me in the placement centers.



I postponed my academic dissertation, "got rid" of my possessions but I don't care... at least I can always get back to my life, for me, it goes on, while for those people in Nepal, struck by tragedy, life has ended or is hanging by a thread. I have to be there at any cost, with all my skills, soul and will to help.

I will be leaving soon with the Romanian medical team to save lives. Please send me your positive energy and thoughts, they will give me strength. I know I will not be alone in this endeavor - I know so many good people care about me. I will also be thinking about all of you - this is how I get my courage to face the unknown ahead. Whatever I may fear, my will to go and help is stronger.



My name is Lucian Mustata, I'm 26 years old and I graduated from The Faculty of Cybernetics in Bucharest. I also have two M.A. diplomas from the National School of Political Studies & National Administration and the Academy of Economic Studies. My relationship with Blue Heron Foundation started in 2011, when I applied for a scholarship and I was pleasantly surprised to get it. Another great surprise was my mentor, an exceptional actress and person: Cătălina Mustață. It's not just a name coincidence; we also share values and the will to continuously learn something new. I dare to believe that, during our relationship, we both have learned something from each other. I want to thank all the members of the Blue Heron Foundation who stood by me all these years, provided financial and moral support and many opportunities. I acquired a valuable professional experience during my volunteering activity, which also brought me in contact with very remarkable individuals and memorable experiences. Presently I'm working in my field and in the process of applying to Queen Mary University in Great Britain, hoping to be accepted in their doctoral program. I also want to mention a project I have done in addition to my regular job, it's called NOTEABOUTLIFE, <http://www.noteaboutlife.com>, a program with an international platform where people get to share their inspirational life stories. The proceeds will be donated to various orphanages through Romania and to Blue Heron Foundation. Blue Heron program is an example of good practice for society, as a whole. It proves that young people who grew up under the care of the Child Protective Services can become inspirational models and encourages the next generation to understand that one's origin matters less than one's ability to achieve their dreams.

Lucian M.,
Founder, Noteaboutlife, Blue Heron alumnus, BA in Cybernetics
and MA in Digital Project Management

I want to thank Blue Heron Foundation for all the support they've given me. In particular, I want to extend my deepest thanks to my mentor, Mr. Liviu Panait, a remarkable man.

My biggest accomplishments last year were earning my PhD degree as well as obtaining a research position within the Subatech Radiochemistry Research Institute in Nantes, France. Finally!!! After so many years of adversity, after so much diligent work, I am able to receive a normal salary and make a decent living.

I am grateful for your aid during the years while I was completing my Master's degree. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend Blue Heron's summer camp, the only camp I've ever had the opportunity to attend. I am grateful for all the support my mentor Liviu gave my brother, while he was in need. I am grateful to him for gifting me a laptop, which had been indispensable to me, the very one I'm using to this day to write this letter.

May you all get back as much as you have given, and more!

Dumitru-Claudiu S.

Phd. Quantum Relativistic Effects
the Subatech Radiochemistry Research Institute in Nantes,
France



Our Mentors

I discovered the joys of being a Blue Heron mentor through Mrs. Lidia Starica, an Educational Inspectorate veteran in Suceava, who has become a true friend to me. It was more than chance that brought us together, I know it, Someone more powerful has engineered this “coincidence”.

Inside I felt the desire to put a smile on someone’s face and to experience the reward of being there when I was needed. I am so grateful for this experience as it brought me closer to extraordinary people. I was able to get to know the students in very deep ways, to establish a profound connection based on trust. I succeeded to gradually discover their fears and concerns, to listen to their questions and find helpful answers, to guide their steps and share their joys.

I wish many people could see how fulfilling it is to be someone’s mentor.

You would not believe how much you have to offer as a mentor to young people who need moral support, someone to confide in, who need help in gaining confidence in themselves.

Genoveva Romasca
Senior Management Counselor, Suceava
Nicoleta I. and Anca Delia C.’s Mentor



I joined the Blue Heron Foundation program four years ago, as a mentor, following my best friend’s advice. My friend assured me this role would fit me like a glove and he was right. It is an unequalled satisfaction to see the difference you can make in the life of a special student, with an unhappy childhood, who is offered the chance to study and develop as an individual.

I had tears in my eyes when I read the introduction of the student I mentor and I continue to be deeply touched by every one of her monthly reports.

Her words reveal to me how meaningful an impact we, mentors, make in the lives of these young people. They are struggling to forge a different life path compared to the one they would have had if the Blue Heron scholarship program didn’t exist. I feel proud, spiritually fulfilled and thrilled to be able to share my experiences and contribute to the personal development of these exceptional young people.

I highly recommend to anyone who is considering making a profound and lasting difference in someone’s life, to become a mentor and enjoy the opportunity to play an important part in the guidance of Blue Heron students.

Cristina Mitchell,
Administrator and consultant, UK, Teodora C.’s mentor





Here I am almost 70 years old, in a completely new role.

First of all, I feel excited! Somebody needs my advice, my life and professional experience. How will I send it to him? How will he receive it?

Everything went smooth with me and Catalin, but in an ascending trend. At the beginning we communicated rarely, but each time more closely and less formal. Catalin had a difficult health situation and his morale was clearly suffering. Then, things started improving. I kept the emails he was sending me in order to see if our relation was evolving or stagnating. The events that took place during the last months positively impacted Catalin. It can be seen from the verve with which he describes the events, from the composition of the phrases, from the structure of the content.

The influence of the Blue Heron Foundation program on the student Catalin A. is clearly a positive one. It is quite possible that the advice from me as his mentor has had a positive influence, especially in what concerns the guidance in the activities he has performed within the University and outside.

With profound respect and a huge admiration for the wonderful work that the Blue Heron Foundation does for its students,

***Octavian Cublesan,
Mentor, veterinary doctor, Cluj***

Interested in being a mentor to one of our students?

Please contact our Mentorship Program Director Mihaela Constantinescu at mihaela@blueheronfoundation.org

All of our mentors

LISTA MENTORILOR FUNDATIEI BLUE HERON - GAZETA 2014

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Anca Adumitoaie
Anca Mârza
Anca Ortner
Andreea Kenez
Andreea Niță
Andreea Trufasu
Angela Costiuc
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Cristina Mitchell
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Doris Sângeorzan
Dragoș Ursu
Elena Velesu
Emilia Pana
Eugen Stanciu
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Foreign Language Teacher
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