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TFC is a wonderful place. My child is loved and valued here. This is a safe place for myself and my child”

—
MARIANA
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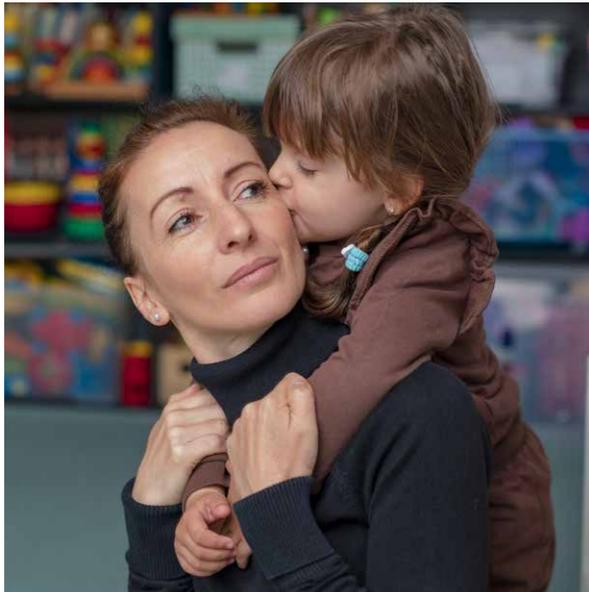
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Who we are— Our History

The Family Centre was founded in 2001 to prevent babies and children from being placed into state orphanages.



The Family Centre Romania is committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment where families can flourish and children can grow. Its programs and services provide tools and resources for families to overcome challenges and build strong relationships. By empowering families to thrive, the organisation promotes the well-being of the community.

In 1999, Margie Vincent embarked on her first trip to Romania with the purpose of facilitating training in foster care and social work. During her initial visit, she also dedicated her time as a volunteer in an orphanage located in Craiova. The following year, Margie decided to relocate to Ramnicu Valcea, where she resided for an additional six years. It was in 2001 when she posed a heartfelt prayer, seeking guidance on how to prevent the abandonment of babies to orphanages. As a result of her prayer, The Family Centre was established.





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The support we offer has a ripple effect – every time we help a family we’re helping both the parents and their children, and that ripples out to their communities but also to their children’s children, and so on it goes.

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MARGIE VINCENT FOUNDER/PRESIDENT

Our areas of work

To help families thrive, TFC has created an awesome and one-of-a-kind place where everyone is welcomed with open arms. We totally get that each kid, parent, and visitor who comes to our centre is special and super important.

We value and appreciate everyone, just like how God values each of us. Our community is all about love and support, making sure families can grow and be healthy. We're here to create a safe and welcoming space where everyone feels included and can find joy and fulfillment for a brighter future.

Our free services include:

- **Social Work**
- **Day Care**
- **Mums Support Group**
- **Parenting Courses**
- **Cooking Classes**
- **Assistance with Food**



Our Board



Cristi Ciuculescu



Florin Pasat



Irina Ciuculescu



Margie Vincent



Petre Negru



Rafaela Radulescu



Mihaela Hoidrag



“
I grew up in an orphanage, no one
showed me what to do—can you
help me?”

—
STEPHANIA
(NAME CHANGED FOR PRIVACY)

Our Team

Our team is all about working together, fueled by a shared commitment to embodying God’s love and ensuring that families not only survive but truly thrive and flourish.

We’re in this together, going the extra mile to create a nurturing environment where love, support, and growth take center stage. We empower families to overcome challenges, celebrate achievements, and establish a solid foundation for a brighter future.

Camelia joined TFC in 2003 and became the manager in 2006 when the founder of TFC returned to New Zealand. Ramona is the Team Leader of the Day Care Team; she joined TFC in 2005. Also in the Day Care Team is Amelia, who worked with us for 7 years and then rejoined the team again in 2022. Sorina, the Nurse in the Day Care Team, joined the team in 2021.

Doina, the Social Worker, joined the team in 2016. Mirella is our most recently welcomed team member, joining us in 2023 working both in administration and in a nursing role.



Camelia:
Manager



Doina:
Social Worker



Amelia:
Day Care Team



Sorina:
Nurse



Ramona:
Team Leader of the
Day Care Team



Mirela:
Senior Nurse
& Administrator



A woman and a young girl with braids are looking at a colorful educational board on the floor in a playroom. The woman is leaning over the girl, and they are both focused on the board. The board has various colorful shapes and patterns. The background is filled with toys and shelves, creating a warm and educational atmosphere.

FAMILIES THAT THRIVE

From our Founder— President

I am so very happy to share with you some of the many highlights from 2023.

Evidence of great work: In 2023, we celebrated the significant progress made by families receiving support from the services we offer at CPF. A significant part of this success is seen in the seven children leaving our Day Care—all are well-prepared for kindergarten. This is a testament to the dedication of our team. The unique connection CPF maintains with families when they move on from the Day Care service is a distinctive characteristic of our organization. With so many children leaving the day care it has made way for many new families and this has made it a very busy time for all the team, but a very exciting one. The team have navigated this with excellence.

Renewed Partnership: We were thrilled with the renewal of our partnership agreement with our business sponsor, CRIS-TIM, for another year. This partnership ensures the continuity of our vital work in supporting families in the wider community we are in.

New Zealand Connections: During Camelia's visit to NZ in May there were training opportunities, but the time spent strengthening relationships with sponsors and supporting churches was a stand out. In November, we welcomed Alice and Ken Winter from New Zealand to a second visit to CPF. Ken & Alice facilitated training for our staff with two Board Members also being able to attend. This investment in skill development reflects our commitment to invest into staff and to provide excellent services.

Strategic Appointment: A new team member was appointed to a unique role combining nursing and administration. This addition not only enhances our Support Services but also marks the beginning of a transition enabling Camelia to focus more directly on working with children and their families.

Board Consolidation: Our Board has continued to consolidate with both new and existing members working together in unity, providing strong leadership and support for CPF's mission. It is my continued privilege to work alongside these people.

My Extended Role from NZ: Development work in New Zealand has included the creation of brochures and a bilingual website/NZ training and sponsors visit with Camelia/reviewing and planning of CPF services. Unfortunately, due to health challenges, some planned activities, in particular the sponsorship development, have been delayed, but I remain committed to advancing this.

As we move forward CPF remains committed to its mission, witnessing the growth and success of the children and families we serve. We have had a rewarding 2023—seeing children and their families go from strength to strength is the best thing ever! One of the many highlights for me personally was a comment from a Romanian friend who joined in the Christmas celebrations with staff, families and Board members. My friend texted me and said, *"Its been fabulous. I wasn't expecting anything special, but I was overwhelmed..."* His experience encapsulates the specialness of CPF. We are far more than a Support Service—CPF is a very special place and it is my delight to be a part of it.

Together, we are making a difference, one child, one family at a time.

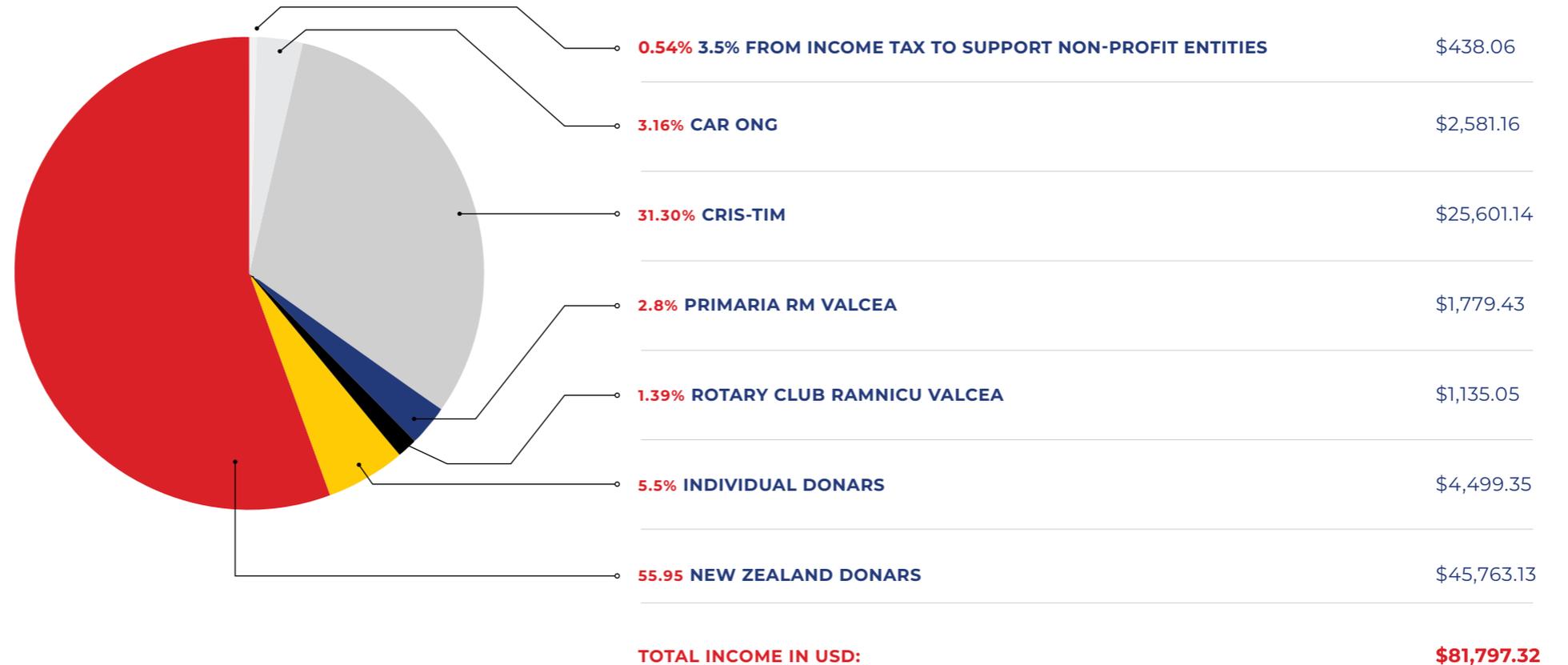


FOUNDER / PRESIDENT—
MARGIE VINCENT

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Our Financial Supporters

Thank you to our wonderful supporters, funders and donars. Your financial support enables us to achieve our vision of helping families to thrive, both now, and in the generations to come.



Partnerships & Collaborations

Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many children and their families.





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