



**Please support our charity in helping the victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in the eastern-European country of Romania**

**vic·tim** • *n*: a person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of a crime, accident, or other event or action.

**do·mes·tic vi·olence** • *n*: any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between those who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members.

**hu·man traff·ick·ing** • *v,n*: an act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harbouring or receiving a person through a use of force, coercion or other means, for the purpose of exploiting them.

**slav·er·y** • *n*: a form of forced labour in which people are considered to be the property of others.

**com·pas·sion** • *n*: a deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it.

**Sils·den (Sigles·dene)** • *place name*: a Yorkshire town, the home of The Friendship Foundation (UK – Romania) which is a registered charity providing, amongst other things, relief and protection to the victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in Romania.

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## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMON IN ROMANIA**

Domestic violence is common in Romania, with twenty-seven percent of women claiming to be victims of physical abuse, and three percent the victims of sexual abuse (2004 Report). Over 9,300 persons reported being the victim of domestic violence for the year 2007.

## **EVERY COUNTRY AFFECTED BY TRAFFICKING**

Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. Every country in the world is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims

## **ROMANIA A COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND TRANSIT**

The end of communism has contributed to an increase in human trafficking, with the majority of victims being women forced into prostitution. Romania is a country of origin and country of transit for persons, primarily women and children, trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

## **OUR PARTNER CHARITY "PRO PRIETENIA ARAD"**

The Friendship Foundation (UK – Romania) is a charity registered in England to help the people of Arad, western Romania. We do this largely through our partner-charity Pro Prietenia Arad, whose President is Puiu Tarcea and Vice-President Brian Gregory. With our support the Romanian charity is developing a valuable, practical response to the problems of domestic violence and human trafficking. This includes the provision of sheltered accommodation for victims as well as help in repatriating Romanian citizens who have been victims abroad. From 20 October 2010 one of our key volunteers in Arad is on a one-month internship in Italy learning of their response to human trafficking.

## **TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR WORK VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT:**

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