

## How to help

Thank you for your interest in supporting the work of the **Romanian Association of the Blind - Brasov Branch**.

This year, we are trying to help **over 2,500** of the county's most needy people.

One of the best ways you can make a difference to the lives of these people is to make a financial contribution to support our efforts.



The **Brasov Association of the Blind** is a non-governmental organization and depends on donations to fulfill its mission and carry out its work.

Donations may be made directly into the Brasov Association of the Blind's bank account in Romanian lei:

**Beneficiary: Asociația Nevazatorilor din România – Filiala Brașov**

**Account no.: RO23WBAN2511000008500569**

**Bank: SANPAOLO IMI Bank, Brasov**

The Brasov Association of the Blind thanks you for your support.

**Every day 100 people start to lose their sight**

**Your support helps us rebuild lives devastated by sight loss.**

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## Who we are and what we do

Established on April 1, 1961 as a branch of the Romanian Association of the Blind, the Brasov Association of the Blind is a non-governmental organization of public utility, with social-cultural, educational, sportive and humanitarian profile, based mainly on volunteering.

Always promoting the principles of total freedom and democracy, the Brasov Association of the Blind acts for the integration of visually impaired people in the economic,

social-professional, cultural-artistic and sportive life of the county.

The Romanian Association is the only organization of its kind in Romania, including over 81,000 members, with 1st and 2nd grade visual disability (severe and pronounced visual disability). A total of 2,552 of them are registered in Brasov County.

The Brasov Branch of the Romanian Association of the Blind is the territorial structure with juridical personality of the association, organized on the area of Brasov county, with it's own patrimony, management and control structures, functioning based on the Association's Statutes and Regulations and it's own statute.

## Community awareness campaign

On Jun 30, 2006, the Brasov Association of the Blind released its brochure titled "How to guide a blind person", which contains guidelines offering suggestions for assisting people with sight problems, for the first time in Romanian. The event signaled the start of a new awareness campaign of the Brasov Association of the Blind, aimed to increase the social integration of the visually impaired people from the county.

The brochure "How to guide a blind person" is not intended to be a training manual for the personal assistants of visually impaired people and is not targeting specialists. It is addressed to the general public, containing suggestions and useful advices for the ordinary citizen, to enable him to assist a visually impaired person in a public place, without having a previous experience or training, in a manner which would transform the event into a positive experience both for him and for the assisted person.

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## Internet café for the visually impaired people



The opening of the country's first internet café for visually impaired people took place on May 17, 2006, at the head office of the Brasov Association of the Blind. The facility provides all the necessary conditions to ensure the web access for the visually impaired people, being used in the same time as reading room for the association's electronic library. The access to the provided services is free for the association's members.

"The only light you can provide for a blind person is the light of knowledge. The access to modern information and communication technologies will represent a big step towards exiting from the isolation endured by most of the blind people" considers Mr. Virgil Lazar, President of the Brasov Association of the Blind.

The room where the new internet café was opened has three networked computers, all equipped with voice synthesizers and screen readers to make their operation accessible for the visually impaired people. Aided by these computers, the visually impaired people have the possibility to surf on the web and to use modern communication tools, as the e-mail, instant messaging and web phone services.

