Nobody’s Children is a small non-profit non-governmental agency based in New Hampshire. In 2015, we intervened to help a baby with Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) from Constanta receive surgery in the US. Since then, our program to help with ROP in Romania has continued to grow. In addition to assisting to arrange the care for another baby coming to the US for surgery, we have instituted the following:

- **Doctor to Doctor Program:**
  With the active participation of ROP expert Dr. A. Capone, Jr. and Dr. M. Trese at Associated Retinal Consultants outside Detroit, Michigan, we have paid the costs for the following Romanian physicians to participate in one month observerships at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI.

  - Dr. Cristina Niculescu Ophthalmology Bucharest May 2015
  - Dr. Mihaela Boboc Ophthalmology Iasi July 2015
  - Dr. Irina Franciuc Neonatology Constanta July 2015
  - Dr. Corina Taranu Ophthalmology Bacau Oct 2015
  - Dr. Cristina Chiriac Neonatology Bucharest Oct 2015
  - Dr. Irina Constantinescu Neonatology Constanta Feb 2016
  - Dr. Andreea Nicolescu Neonatology Constanta Feb 2016
  - Dr. Meda Bradeanu Neonatology Iasi May 2016
  - Dr. Geania Totolici Ophthalmology Galati May 2016
  - Dr. Alexandra Puiu Ophthalmology Craiova Nov.2016
  - Dr. Stefan Manolache Neonatology Bucharest Nov.2016
  - Dr. Claudia Stefanut Ophthalmology Cluj Nov.2016

- **ROP Clinics in Rome, Italy**
  - At the request of Dr. Capone, Nobody’s Children has paid for four of the above physicians to observe and assist at his European two-day ROP clinics in Rome, Italy in March, July and December 2016.

- **International Professional Development**
  - Nobody’s Children has sponsored membership in the American Academy of Ophthalmology for four of the above ophthalmologists.
  - 2015: sponsored three Romanian ophthalmologists to attend the AAO meetings in Las Vegas.
  - 2016: sponsoring four Romanian ophthalmologists to attend the AAO meetings in Chicago.

- **Romanian ROP Network**
  - By Dec 2016, Romania will have a total of 15 physicians with shared intensive ROP observership training in at least 9 different Romanian cities.
  - We maintain intensive contact with these physicians, who have come to know one another.
This can be the nucleus of a Cooperative National Team that can help prevent blindness in premature Romanian infants.

- With this network, Romania can become a **model of screening and early, effective treatment for ROP for Eastern Europe**.
- Romania will be in position to lead the region in preventing blindness from ROP in thousands of premature infants throughout the region.

- **For more information about Nobody’s Children, visit** [www.nobodyschildren.org](http://www.nobodyschildren.org).

In Hope and Peace for Children,

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