

## Priscilla Homola Travels to Romania to Help Orphans

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ACC English instructor, Priscilla Homola traveled to Romania this past summer to volunteer at an orphanage for eight weeks.

The volunteer program she participated in is Global Volunteer Network.

This program offers volunteering in China, Ecuador, Ghana, Nepal, Romania, Russia, and Thailand for anyone interested.

Priscilla chose to do her volunteering in Romania

mostly because she has been to Bulgaria before and both of the places are very similar in environment.

Run by a family from Ohio, the orphanage consists of about 34 children ranging in ages from two to twenty-five.

"If this family would not have helped these children, they probably would not be here today," said Priscilla.

All of the children in the orphanage were abandoned by their parents, because their parents could not give them the care they needed, such as



Here is Stela and Priscilla posing for the camera with big smiles.

medication and doctors. All of the children in the orphanage have some

type of disability such as cerebral palsy, autism, and fetal alcohol syndrome.

The children are also developmentally delayed. "A child of ten in the orphanage has the mental capacity of a six year

old," Priscilla stated.

Priscilla did many things with the children while volunteering in Romania.

She played games, colored, did puzzles, sang and read to them and she also taught them how to spool thread. All

of the children enjoyed that very much. "I cannot talk about the children without smiling," she said.

"I had so much energy while I was there and it was because of the children, it was like they had brought me back to life again," she said.

Priscilla's trip to the Romanian orphanage has given her an opportunity to be full of life and to also be around children again. But most importantly, she made a difference.

"If I had a chance to go back, I would do it in a heartbeat. But I would want to be more familiarized with the language before I go back," she said with a grin.

## Vietnam Veterans Continue to Give

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As the holiday season approaches, the Vietnam Veterans are putting out collection boxes for Operation Feed a Family and Operation Toys for Kids.

These are located in the hall next to the ACC Bookstore and the student lounge in Van Lare Hall.

Operation Feed a Family helps put food on the tables of those in need, just in time for Thanksgiving.

The veterans depend on annual community involvement to fulfill this need. They need

donations of food, money, and time.

Names of those in need of food baskets must be submitted to the veterans by November 12th.

They then depend on volunteers to help assemble baskets complete with all the traditional trimmings. The baskets are then

distributed by the veterans over the two weeks before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Operation Toys for Kids comes next. During this time boxes are left in many different places around the community to collect donations for children who might not otherwise have anything under their Christmas

tree. The veterans are looking for donations of time and money for this project as well.

The money is used to buy gifts and such not donated by fellow community members.

The veterans can always use volunteers to wrap gifts as well.

Names for the gift list must be received by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Those who would like to be involved in brightening up somebody's day.

Please call, Doreen Oatten at 356-3839.

Drop off your donations in the box provided near the ACC Bookstore and the student lounge in Van Lare Hall.


**ACC Bookstore's gone healthy...**

**Skippy Chips**  
*Original, BBQ, Sour Cream + Onion, + Nacho Cheese*

**Low-fat (1.5g) Pretzel Nuggets**  
*Simply Salted, Chipotle, New Mexican, Roasted Garlic & Herb, BBQ, Cracked Pepper & Balsamic Vinegar, Habanero, Honey Mustard*

**100% Natural Fruit Snack Bars**  
*Strawberry, Raspberry, Wildberry, Tropical Fruit, Sour Apple, Grape & Watermelon*

**Baked Pita Chips**  
*Cinnamon Sugar, Pesto + Sundried Tomato, Parmesan Garlic + Herb, Texarkana Hot, + Simply Naked*



Don't forget to check out the  
**"Item of the Week"**—great prices...think Christmas!!

**EVENTS CALENDER:**

**Candidates Forum: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>**  
ACC Board of Trustees, Alpena City Council and Alpena City Mayor  
7:00pm-9pm, Center 106

**The Asylum: OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.**  
Located on corner of Werth and Brooke St. in Alpena.  
MUST be at least 13 years of age EXCEPT on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
OPEN: 5pm-11pm  
ADMISSION: \$8.00

**Vietnam War: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>**  
"Vietnam War"—Huan Le  
2:00pm, Center 106

**Culture, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>**  
"Vietnam Refugees: One Family's Story"—Thuc Thi Tran  
10:00am, Center 106

**Halloween Party: OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Sponsored by the Student Senate  
7:30pm-10:00pm, Center 104 and 106

**ACC Children's Theatre Troupe: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Nathan the Nervous  
11:00am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm  
General Admission, adults by donation and children FREE!

**Geography: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**  
"The Geography of Vietnam"—Thomas Warstler  
10:00am, Center 106

**History: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**  
"The History of Vietnam into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"—John K. Whitmore  
7:00pm, Center 106

**Facets: JANUARY 24, 2004**  
Deadline for applications/submissions no later than 3pm  
Applications/submissions can be placed in the Facets mailbox  
Located at East Campus room# 109. Also can be sent via campus mail, stop by any ACC office.

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