

## In Memoriam

Onderstaand bericht werd geplaatst op de website van Caritas Catolica Oradea. Hierin vermelden zij met diepe droefheid en een diep gevoel van verlies het overlijden van de heer Peter van der Ven, een toegewijde supporter en filantroop uit Nederland, die vorige week is heengegaan. Samen met zijn vrouw, Betty, zijn zij een integraal onderdeel geweest van hun Caritas-familie, waarbij zij onvermoeibaar hebben bijgedragen aan hun missie van compassie en zorg voor de minder bedeelden in Roemenië. Hun visionair leiderschap en medelevende hart hebben geleid tot talloze initiatieven die de mogelijkheden van Caritas aanzienlijk hebben verbeterd, waardoor essentiële hulp en zorg werd geboden aan velen in nood.

# In Memoriam: Peter van der Ven



**It is with deep sorrow and a profound sense of loss that Caritas Catolica announces the passing of Mr. Peter van der Ven, a dedicated supporter and philanthropist from the Netherlands, who departed from this world last week. Pastor Jozsef Rajna has dedicated today's holy mass to Peter's memory. Together with his wife, Betty, Mr. Peter van der Ven has been an integral part of our Caritas family, tirelessly contributing to our mission of compassion and care for the less fortunate in Romania.**

Since 2003, when they started the Romania aid program, Peter and Betty van der Ven embodied the spirit of generosity, embracing their motto: 'We feel the need to share from our privileged position with those who have less.' Their unwavering commitment to this principle has left an indelible mark on the lives of many people in the diocese of Oradea.

Peter's visionary leadership and compassionate heart led to numerous initiatives that significantly improved the capabilities of Caritas. Notably, he orchestrated the acquisition of the first echographs for the policlinics of Caritas and several hospitals in Marghita city, a contribution that enhanced diagnostic capabilities and medical services for countless individuals.

Over the years, Peter van der Ven dedicated himself to collecting essential supplies such as clothes, medical instruments, medicines, bandages, and medical nutrition. His tireless efforts extended to gathering mobility aids like wheelchairs, rollators, and walking sticks, benefiting the medical depot in Osorhei and improving the mobility and independence of those in need.

The gynecology polyclinic and dentistry of Caritas were recipients of Peter's steadfast support, ensuring that essential healthcare services reached those who needed them most. His benevolence, coupled with Betty's unwavering dedication, created a lasting impact on the medical landscape of Caritas.

Peter and Betty van der Ven's influence extended beyond borders, as they cultivated a vast network of sponsors and donors in the medical field and beyond. Their connections, forged through years of service as a General Practitioner, resulted in substantial donations of crucial resources to Caritas, enriching our ability to serve the community.

In collaboration with other Dutch organizations, Peter and Betty van der Ven strengthened the foundation of support for Caritas, fostering partnerships that transcended geographical boundaries for the betterment of the Romanian people.

As we mourn the loss of Mr. Peter van der Ven, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Betty and the family. We honor and celebrate a life dedicated to the service of others, a legacy that will continue to inspire and uplift us in our mission to create a better, more compassionate world.

May Mr. Peter van der Ven rest in peace, and may his spirit of generosity continue to echo in the halls of Caritas, reminding us of the impact one compassionate soul can make.

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