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Stories of Courage Fundraiser @ Washington Institute For Dentistry & Laser Surgery, Washington DC, USA

Washington DC, USA Emanuel University of Oradea and the *Washington Institute for Dentistry & Laser Surgery* are pleased to announce a fundraising event for the project “*Stories of Courage*”, for a personalized story book on each ten children battling terminal illness. The stories are created using information received from the children and their families and they include favorite colors, games and activities, their siblings, their best friends, their favorite animals, their memories and dreams for the future. These personalized life books serve a dual purpose - to bring joy these special children and to offer precious memories for their families. The project cost is \$10,265.67, of which Emanuel University has raised \$6,000.00, therefore needing to raise the remaining \$4, 265.67 to gift each book to each child this Christmas. We hope to publish a collection of all ten stories of their courageous journey to serve as encouragement for other children battling terminal illnesses as we honor each precious hero. The project cost to complete this collection is \$2266.

About Emanuel University of Oradea & Washington Institute for Dentistry & Laser Surgery

Committed to *Integrity, Excellence and Passion* in all its academic, ecclesiastical and global endeavors, **Emanuel University of Oradea** is the only accredited conservative Baptist university in Europe since 2002 and the largest conservative university in Europe. Following institutional evaluation by the highest accreditation agency for higher education, Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS), Emanuel University attained a continued **High Confidence Rating** since 2009. Currently it awards Bachelor and Master Degrees in Theology, Social Work, Music, and Business Management, and Bachelor Degrees in Literature and Information Technology.

Under the continued leadership of President Dr. Paul Negrut, during and since the demise of communism, the underground school emerged from secrecy and it developed into a fully accredited university. With scarce resources, its inception as an underground operation, Emanuel University continued to develop into what is it today –university campus, growing budget, comprehensive collection academic library and international faculty. Transitioning from extreme shortages and limitations to its Silver Anniversary in 2015, these past 28 commemorative years have been a blessing and looks forwarding to celebrating its golden anniversary with anticipated faith and hope.

Dr. Cotca is a graduate of University of Michigan, where she received both a Bachelor of Science with Chemistry Degree and Cellular Molecular Biology, a Master of Public Health in Toxicology, as well as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. She is an international lecturer and aesthetic restorative dentist who founded the *Washington Institute for Dentistry & Laser Surgery*, an interdisciplinary dental institute with a focus on advanced oral-systemic protocols. Since 2001, she has been involved in federal legislation and represented both the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Oral Medicine as Spokesperson and Dental Expert on Capitol Hill. Dr. Cotca has testified before the United States Congress, and has appeared on both ABC News and NBC News as a Dental and Oral Health Expert, as well as several online portals.