

## Romanian American Freedom Alliance - RAFA

### Fundraising Efforts during Salsa and Swing Thursdays

#### Thursdays at the Avalon Ballroom in Boulder, Colorado

*\$200 Grant from the Alex "Tink" Wilson Legacy Fund - April 2014*



*Loretta Morea and Lavinia Ball-Marian, raising awareness (and spirits) at a Salsa and Swing Thursday event.*

The Romanian-American Freedom Alliance is a nonprofit organization established in Colorado in 1990 after the collapse of the Communist regime in Romania. Our mission is both humanitarian and educational. RAFA's principal goal is to help children and needy families in Romania, as well as to provide medical supplies and equipment to Romanian hospitals.

We had 10 fundraisers in 2015 during the Salsa and Swing Thursdays at the Avalon where we sold libations to participants. The Alex "Tink" Wilson Legacy Fund's donation helped us with the initial liquor inventory and it made a difference, indeed.

We are raising awareness of Eastern European traditions and folk dances, but also about Romanian orphans through

continued assistance for the orphanage at Valea Plopului. Hopefully you may be able to get an idea about their size and scope—a couple of the site's videos are shown at this link: <http://www.asociatiaprovita.org/>. Last time one of us visited, earlier in 2015, there were over 400 children and young mothers living there. We have netted about \$1,400 so far this year, which makes a difference over there.



*Romanian orphans at Valea Plopului*

In addition to successfully raising funds, there are a couple of young dancers from the salsa community that recently joined our Hora Romaneasca folk dance group and there is talk of others who may be interested!



*Radu Popescu manning the booth at a Salsa and Swing Thursday event at the Avalon*



*RAFA fundraising information exhibited at the booth*