

## **Community Action Romania (CAR) 1062573**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020**

The main activities of CAR, i.e. providing relief to people in extreme difficulties, and the extension of the Christian message in Romania, have continued through 2020. These activities were effected through CAR's counterpart, Pro Community Romania (PCR), which is a Romanian charity managing the aid in Romania.

Regrettably because of travel restrictions under Covid-19 only two visits to Romania were undertaken by trustees, but regular communication was maintained via WhatsApp to encourage, support and observe our counterparts (PCR). The Romanian team also attended the three trustee meetings via Zoom to formally report on progress.

In line with Charity Commission advice the charity has increased its reserves from 3 months' operational costs to 6 months'; fortunately this did not have a negative impact on the workings of the charity.

2020 has been regarded as unprecedented by many and the same is true in Romania. Several times the community was in very strict lock down, and there was a reluctance by the population to be tested as this meant automatic assignment to hospital. Schools have been meeting most of the time but have also had considerable periods being closed with children home schooled. There were a number of deaths in the village. All things considered it is remarkable what was achieved:

- With both schools having to merge into one building and create extra classrooms as a consequence of Covid restrictions, we had to buy another 2 whiteboards plus another whiteboard sticker. In addition we supplied new educational supplies, and the children in the kindergarten with their exercise and workbooks.
- The church was equipped with new computer and ancillary equipment so that they could live stream services via Facebook. In the month of December over 13,000 people connected with the stream, including both people in Romania and overseas. This is truly remarkable and has required a lot of hard work from the team. In addition we were able to purchase an illuminated sign that provides details to the community of activities.
- Work with the youth and ladies has continued although because of restrictions it has been more intermittent.
- Despite travel restrictions the team has provided food aid and compassion to over 34 families each month. A hot meals service was also commenced to a few local people in need a few days each week.
- Using the tractor and funding from the charity we were able to supply wood to the church and a number of families in need.
- Contribution to medical expenses for those in need.
- While it was not possible to undertake a Christmas meal for the isolated and poor in the community, extra food was provided to each family, and the youth of the church delivered presents to all the children of the village.
- A benevolent fund for use of the team in Romania in emergency situations to provide essential aid. Frequently the team last year faced urgent medical requests and on occasions were called upon to transport people needing to reach hospital or doctors.

- Direct support to fund Pastor Daniel, Vetuta, Danny and Sarah to be able to support the church and community full time.

We are only able to continue this work thanks to our partners Pro Community Romania and their unfailing efforts.

We are always thankful for our sponsors and donors, many of whom have supported the charity over many years. While it seems harder for us to raise funds than it used to be, our small charity continues to be blessed and our receipts were up slightly on the previous year. We were able to claim over £4,000 of gift aid tax recovery. As a result our bank balances remain stable.

It is worth noting that administration costs remain low, this year at a level less than 3% of total Payments, and is more than covered by gift aid. This means that every penny we receive goes directly to the good causes.

The trustees Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees

And signed on their behalf by  R N Edwards – Chairman

**COMMUNITY ACTION ROMANIA****Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (Revision 2)**

	2020	2020	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>Balance in all funds 1 January</b>		<b>17863</b>		<b>18514</b>
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>				
Gifts and Donations	26612		27737	
Tax Reclaims	4303		2185	
<b>Add Total Income</b>		<b>30915</b>		<b>29922</b>
		<b>48778</b>		
<b>DIRECT CHARITY EXPENDITURE</b>				
Adopt a Friend	9154		8,640	
Personal Support	10480		10,702	
Children & Youth	1340		1,800	
Pastor Daniel Medical	360		360	
Igas Dana Medical	240		240	
Wood for fuel	600		400	
Emergency Fund	250		500	
Carand Sunday School	250		510	
Computer Purchase	1200		360	
Boiler Maintenance	640			
Car purchase			3,500	
Car Maintenance	500		1,550	
Basic Expenses	600		600	
Contribution to Romanian bank charges	260		221	
Christmas Gifts (CAR to Dani & Daniel)	200			
Facemasks	90			
Dani&Sarah visit to UK			524	
<b>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>				
Website	40		192	
Bank Charges	154		147	
Trustees Travel exp	55		118	
Insurance	184		184	
Postage	80		25	
Gift to Indep Inspector	50			
<b>Deduct Total Payments</b>		<b>26727</b>		<b>30573</b>
<b>Balance on 31 December</b>		<b>22051</b>		<b>17863</b>
		<b>48778</b>		



## COMMUNITY ACTION ROMANIA

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank	22051	17863
Represented by:		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>	22051	17863

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I have examined the books and vouchers of Community Action Romania and confirm that the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020 are in agreement therewith.



Inspector's Name & Address

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Date: 25\* JUNE 2021