

Community Action Romania (CAR) 1062573

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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 2022. These activities were effected through CAR's counterpart, Pro Community Romania (PCR), which is a Romanian charity managing the aid in Romania and this year for the first time aid into the Ukraine.

Several visits were made to Romania by trustees, and 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 addition some members of the Romania team visited the UK and gave first hand reports of their work.

Every year presents its own challenges and 2022 has been no different with inflation running around 15% and extension of our work to support medical needs and refugees in Romania. Having said that the charity has been blessed by amazing supporters and with an additional £32,838 raised following an appeal for Ukraine aid. This more than doubled our annual income and we were able to finish the year with a positive balance in our unrestricted funds of £15903

All things considered it is remarkable what was achieved given the circumstances:

- The church in Carand has continued meeting and more people are attending with the fear of the pandemic receding. Services also continue to be streamed and can be seen [biserica betania carand - search results | Facebook](#) where they have regular remote followers.
- With the war in Ukraine starting in February, the team were keen to provide aid to support the refugees. Following appeals in the UK we have been able to provide
 - Food aid
 - Medicines including insulin, saline solution and Ventolin
 - Clothing, toys for children
 - Three generators for medical centres suffering from power outages
 - Mattresses for orphanage and also refugee centres
 - Transportation of aid into Ukraine
- Youth work has evolved with many of the older youth now spending more time away at university/college although contact is maintained where possible. A younger group are moving in to replace those that have moved on. A Cycle safety demonstration followed by a 40km bike ride with police escort attracted around 50 youth from up to 30km away. This was a good opportunity not only for training but also in building relationships. Many are now asking when the next one will be.
- Over 30 individuals and families included in the 'Adopt a Friend' scheme (financially supported from UK donors) were provided with food aid each month. Regrettably in the 3rd quarter of 2022, with inflation running at 15% the amount we were able to provide had to be reduced. We are thankful for several extra donations in October and November that enabled extra provisions. Finally at Christmas the families and individuals in the scheme were invited to a Christmas social and meal with over 85 adults and children attending
- A Christmas social for the children of the village, with carol singing and presents was held in the church and hand made Christmas cards were delivered to everyone in the village

- This year the schools were in desperate need of plain A4 paper and we were able to provide 4 large cases of paper to each school in the village
- The 4X4 Jimny continues to be an asset, frequently having to assist people stuck in the forest or where there has been an accident in recovering cars from ditches.
- The fire engine originally purchased by the charity was in use a number of times coping with multiple field fires, house fires and also one landslide after flooding
- With the political situation making it harder to acquire and transport wood for needy families, the charity funded an attachment for the tractor that would take forest waste branches and chop/bag them. This is still very much in the trial stages but the waste branches are free.
- 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 the Romania team (Pastor Daniel, Vetuta, Danny and Sarah) to be able to support the church and community full time. Given inflation the charity decided to make a small increase in the grant for Danny's salary. Regrettably there is a shortfall of more than £200 a month in Danny's personal support from donors but the trustees have agreed to make up the difference from general funds in the hope we can develop more support over the next year.

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

We are delighted to welcome Terry Golding and Tim Perks to the charity committee. We are also grateful for Tim for accepting the role of Treasurer from January 2023. Evan Gough will continue as Assistant Treasurer and will help Tim take up his new responsibilities.

We are always thankful for our sponsors and donors, many of whom have supported the charity over many years. While it is not easy for us to raise funds, our small charity continues to be blessed.

Total Income (including Ukraine and gift aid recovery)	£74,658
Total expenditure	£61,641*

*We continue to maintain four to six months' working reserve as advised by the Charity Commission; in addition there are restricted funds to be used of £16768

With thanks to the treasurer and charity members we were able to keep administration costs 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

22/5/2023

COMMUNITY ACTION ROMANIA**Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Balance in all funds 1 January		19,653.10		22,051.03
INCOME RECEIPTS				
Gifts and Donations	71,315.75		33,148.52	
Tax Reclaims	3,342.55		2,887.97	
Add Total Income		74,658.30		36,036.49
		94,311.40		58,087.52
DIRECT CHARITY EXPENDITURE				
Adopt a Friend (incl bonus & C'mas Presents)	8,025.00		9,718.00	
Personal Support	16,220.00		14,976.00	
Children & Youth (incl C'mas Gifts & Party)	1,700.00		620.00	
Pastor Daniel Medical	360.00		360.00	
Ukraine Refugee Work	27,045.00			
Igas Dana Medical	240.00		240.00	
Equipment for wood cutting	4,000.00			
Vehicle purchase			8,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	900.00		300.00	
Basic Expenses	600.00		600.00	
Contribution to Romanian bank charges	586.00		372.00	
Emergency Fund	500.00		850.00	
Carand Sunday School	222.00			
Christmas Gifts (CAR to Dani & Daniel)	200.00		200.00	
Equipment for streaming & Printing			843.00	
Wood for fuel			500.00	
ADMINISTRATION COSTS				
Postage and other admin.	154.80		175.13	
Website & Software	143.88		349.38	
Insurance	255.37		183.91	
Bank Charges	175.00		147.00	
Trustee & other Travel exp	314.02			
Deduct Total Payments		61,641.07		38,434.42
Balance on 31 December		32,670.33		19,653.10
		94,311.40		58,087.52

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	32670.33	19653.10
Represented by:		
ACCUMULATED FUND	32670.33	19653.10

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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 2022 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022 are in agreement therewith.


Inspector's Name & Address

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Date: 16th May 2023.