

## Community Action Romania (CAR) 1062573

### Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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 2023. These activities were effected through CAR's counterpart, Pro Community Romania (PCR), which is a Romanian charity managing the aid in Romania locally and additionally 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, a number of zoom webinars and newsletters were used to directly update supporters throughout the UK.

Every year presents its own challenges and 2023 has been no different with inflation (while dropping) averaging around 8%. At the same time our income dropped from £74,658 to £54,623 largely due the reduction in donations to support Ukraine. Fortunately, the core focus of work through PCR in Romania saw a positive response with an increase in donations allowing more than £44k to directly support the work through PCR. Donations to Ukraine also continued although this is from a diminishing fund.

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. In addition to all the normal Christmas celebrations new this year was an open carols by candlelight in the church which attracted a lot of new attendees helping strengthen relationships with the community. The hope next year is to undertake some major renovations to comply with new safety regulations and also enable extending the work of the church to build community.
- 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. In addition the team also supported the leadership of a large youth camp in August as session leaders, with over 100 attending.
- Over 30 individuals and families included in the 'Adopt a Friend' scheme (financially supported from UK donors) were provided with food aid each month. 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 supported with a wide range of additional supplies including:
  - A4 Paper
  - Craft materials

- Paint
- Childrens exercise book
- Pens and papers
- Storage folders for children’s work
- New this year, the team were able to support the instillation of a radio mast to support a regional Christian radio station and a celebration service was held in the church in Carand.
- 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
- The tractor the charity purchased was used on a number of occasions to help people in trouble. Sadly however the ability to supply wood from the forest to needy households has been severely restricted, as the mayor has been selling off the forest wood (intended for the villagers) to other commercial purchasers for a higher price. Even our own team was not been able to obtain the wood they would ideally need and relied heavily on old stock.
- 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.
- Support to Ukraine continued largely focusing on clothing and food
- Direct support to fund the ministry of 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 towards the only salaried member of Pro Community Romania.

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

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	£54,623
Total expenditure	£46,338
Of which:	
Expenditure on charitable causes	£44,475
Expenditure on administration	£1,863
Balance at Bank 2023 year end	£40995*

\*We continue to maintain six months' working reserve as advised by the Charity Commission; in addition, also included are restricted funds of £13,256 for use during 2024.

With thanks to the treasurer and charity members we were able to keep administration costs low, this year of 3% of total expenditure 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 ending 31st December 2023**

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Balance in all funds 1st January</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		19,653.10
	15,902.68	16,767.65	32,670.33		
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>					
Gift and Donations	23,927.83	30,694.78	54,622.61	71,315.75	
Tax Reclaims	-	-	-	3,342.55	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>23,927.83</u>	<u>30,694.78</u>	<u>54,622.61</u>		74,658.30
<b>DIRECT CHARITY EXPENDITURE</b>					
Adopt a Friend (incl bonus 8C'mas Presents)	-	9,138.00	9,138.00	8,025.00	
Personal Support	-	20,780.00	20,780.00	16,220.00	
Children & Youth (incl C'mas Gifts & Party)	-	-	-	1,700.00	
Pastor Daniel	2,205.00	-	2,205.00		
Pastor Daniel Medical	360.00	-	360.00	360.00	
Ukraine Refugee Work	7,704.31	4,000.00	11,704.31	27,045.00	
Igas Dana Medical	-	288.00	288.00	240.00	
Equipment for wood cutting	-	-	-	4,000.00	
Vehicle purchase	-	-	-	-	
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	-	900.00	
Basic Expenses	516.40	-	516.40	600.00	
Contribution to Romanian bank charges	359.00	-	359.00	586.00	
Emergency Fund	-	-	-	500.00	
Carand Sunday School	-	-	-	222.00	
Christmas Gifts (CAR to Dani & Danie))	-	-	-	200.00	
Equipment for streaming & Printing	-	-	-	-	
Wood for fuel	-	-	-	-	
<b>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>					
Postage and other admin.	123.60	-	123.60	154.80	
Website & Software	324.50	-	324.50	143.88	
Insurance	270.00	-	270.00	255.37	
Bank Charges	173.00	-	173.00	175.00	
Trustee & other Travel exp	96.00	-	96.00	314.02	
Deduct Total Payments	12,131.81	34,206.00	46,337.81		61,641.07
Movement in year Surplus/(Deficit)	11,796.02	- 3,511.22	8,284.80		13,017.23
<b>Balance in all funds on 31 December</b>	<u>27,698.70</u>	<u>13,256.43</u>	<u>40,955.13</u>		<u>32,670.33</u>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash at Bank	27,698.70	13,256.43	40,955.13	32,670.33
Debtors	10,957.23	-	10,957.23	-
Total Assets	<u>38,655.93</u>	<u>13,256.43</u>	<u>51,912.36</u>	<u>32,670.33</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors	300.00	-	300.00	-
Total Liabilities	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Community Action Romania (the Trust) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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