

## Community Action Romania (CAR) 1062573

### Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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 throughout 2024. 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.

Despite the economic climate in the UK we have been blessed by God's providence and continued donations from individual donors and churches. As consequence we have been able to see growth in a number of areas of work, including supporting less privileged youth in Moldova to attend a summer retreat and at Christmas a group of young people from an Orphanage to attend a weekend of Christmas celebrations

Several visits were made to Romania by trustees to Romania, and we also benefited from members of Pro Community Romania coming to the UK to feedback to several church groups that support the charity. In addition to this regular communication was maintained via Facebook to encourage, support, and observe our counterparts (PCR). The Romanian team also attended the three trustee meetings via Zoom to formally report on progress. A number of zoom webinars and newsletters were used to also directly update supporters throughout the UK.

Every year presents its own challenges and 2024 has been no different with inflation (while dropping) still averaging around 8%. Despite this our income has increased this year to in excess of £81,000 This has facilitated some major donations to buy and maintain the transport of the charity in Romania and commence some much needed renovation work on church buildings.

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

- The church in Carand has continued meeting and a major project of renovations commenced. There was a legal requirement to remove much of the wood cladding (on grounds of health and safety). Windows were replaced with double glazed units with blinds to limit heat in summer and maintain warmth in winter. Replastering the interior, new flooring and replacement of part of the sound system have all been accomplished. Services continue to be streamed on line as well and can be seen on [biserica betania carand - search results | Facebook](#) where they have regular remote followers.
- Youth work has evolved with many of the older youth now spending more time away at university/college although contact is maintained where possible. The team were able to support the leadership of a large youth camp in August as session leaders, with over 100 attending. This included some youth from Moldova sponsored by the charity. At Christmas the charity was also able to support young people from an orphanage to attend a Christmas concert/weekend [treatment](#).
- 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 almost 100 adults and children attending

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- A Christmas social for the children of the village, with carol singing and presents was held in the church and was overwhelmingly supported with 100 presents being given.
- This year the schools were supported with a wide range of additional supplies including:
  - A4 Paper
  - Craft materials
  - Paint
  - Children’s exercise books
  - Pens and papers
  - Storage folders for children’s work
- New this year, the team were able to support the PCR team in acquiring a new vehicle as much of the work services the local community (over 25,000 miles was done in six months)
- 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 more limited, as the mayor has been restricting collection for his own purposes. This has made supporting poorer families more difficult. We are delighted that the team have been able to get wood for themselves, the church and one or two others in the village.
- A benevolent fund is available 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 has continued but is largely winding down over reduction in donations.
- Direct funding support has been given 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 unfailing 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	£81,214
Total Expenditure	£69,474
Expenditure on charitable causes	£68,157
Expenditure on Administration	£ 1,316
Balance in bank at end of year	£52,696*

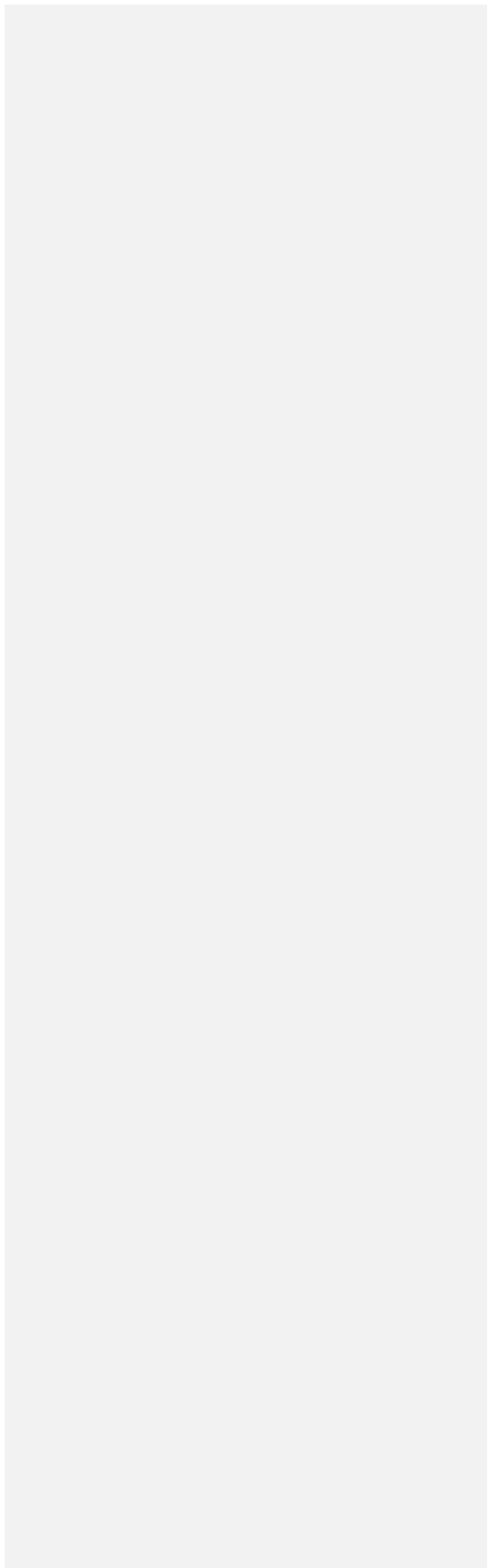
\*The balance in bank includes the recommended amount of six months operating costs.

With thanks to the sterling work of the treasurer and charity members (all who volunteer their services) we were able to keep administration costs low, this year of 2% 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 2024

	2024 £ Unrestricted	2024 £ Restricted	2024 £ Total	2023 £ Total
Balance on 1st January 2024	27,698.70	13,256.43	40,955.13	32,670.33
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>				
Gifts and donations	41,459.75	34,506.19	75,965.94	54,622.61
Tax Reclaim	3,499.52	1,749.46	5,248.98	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,959.27</b>	<b>36,255.65</b>	<b>81,214.92</b>	<b>54,622.61</b>
<b>DIRECT CHARITY EXPENDITURE</b>				
Adopt a Friend		9,986.00	9,986.00	9,138.00
Personal Support Dani & Sarah		17,498.00	17,498.00	20,780.00
Personal Support Kristi	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Children & Youth	2,292.17	607.83	2,900.00	
Pastor Daniel	12.00	2,350.00	2,362.00	2,205.00
Pastor Daniel Medical	396.00		396.00	360.00
Ukraine Refugees		6,740.00	6,740.00	11,704.31
Igas Dana Medical		336.00	336.00	288.00
Church equip & refurbishment	8,000.00		8,000.00	
Vehicle Purchase	17,150.00		17,150.00	
Vehicle Maintenance			0.00	
Basic Expenses	600.00		600.00	516.40
Commision Romanian Bank	489.00		489.00	359.00
Benelovent (Emergency) Fund	500.00		500.00	
Wood for fuel			0.00	
<b>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>				
Postage & other admin			0.00	123.60
Website & software	155.88		155.88	324.50
Insurance	318.52		318.52	270.00
Independent Examination	360.00		360.00	
UK Bank Charges	210.00		210.00	173.00
Trustee expense	271.80		271.80	96.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>31,955.37</b>	<b>37,517.83</b>	<b>69,473.20</b>	<b>46,337.81</b>
Movement in year	13,003.90	-1,262.18	11,741.72	8,284.80
Balance on 31st December 2024	40,702.60	11,994.25	52,696.85	40,955.13

## Community Action Romania

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	2024 £ Unrestricted	2024 £ Restricted	2024 £ Total	2023 £ Total
Cash at Bank	40,702.60	11,994.25	52,696.85	40,955.13
Debtors (HMRC Gift Aid)	8,916.51 (1)		8,916.51	
Liabilities	49,619.11	11,994.25	61,613.36	40,955.13

Notes (1) Claimed in February 2025

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of  
Community Action Romania**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act. To follow the procedures laid down by the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charity Act; have not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

signed:



dated:

9<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

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