# Annual Report 2022



# Caritas Catolica Oradea

### Preface

We were looking forward to 2022 with great hopes. After the ordeal caused by the pandemic, we expected a desired and balanced normality in our individual and community life. In search of the light of faith, we began to walk the path that opened up in front of us, but we barely took a few steps until the sad reality of the war that broke out in our neighboring country overshadowed our lives and threw us back into a state of danger. We felt again the overwhelming burden of fear and anxiety as we looked for ways to help those directly affected by the catastrophic consequences of war. In such an atmosphere, we could feel how important the peace of the community is, how uplifting the experience of belonging



is, and how valuable the manifestation of mutual attention is. In 2022, the staff and benefactors of the Caritas Catolica Association continued to build a living space that helped us discover and transmit our inherent values and powers so that we can serve and spread life against the forces that drag the world down.

We are grateful to all those who dared to undertake the service of true values, devoting time, spiritual and material resources to

the realization of our plans. They did so in line with the guidance of Pope Francis, who encouraged us to introduce the synodal process with the following words: "Based on our quality as Christians, we are all called to be active participants in the life of the Church. (...) Women and men, young and old, we are all called to hear each other, to hear the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, who comes to guide our human efforts and to breathe life and vitality in the Church." (Vademecum 1.2)

Believing that the Lord is not tired of traveling and continues to walk our villages, towns, and communities, we do not want to succumb to discouragement. By seeking Him and experiencing an encounter with Him, we want to show Him to the whole world. For he is the source of true peace and happiness. With a heart full of gratitude and strong faith, we wish to look forward to new adventures with the experience of the Jews gathered in the synagogue of Nazareth: he eyes of everyone were fastened on him!" (Luca 4, 20).

With pastoral blessing, Böcskei László Diocesan Bishop



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In 2022, as in previous years, the qualified employees of the Caritas Catolica Association have provided quality services to those who requested our help.

At the Soup Kitchen we fed 170 people per day, of which 75 residents of the two nursing homes in Oradea, the rest being sick and social cases, as well as some subscribed, paying customers. During the year, we gave donations in the form of food totaling 128,000 lei to people in need and other organizations and institutions with a social purpose. It is worth mentioning here that our organization received donations both from inland Romania and from abroad. Of these, donations



worth 106,600 lei came from the Oradea Food Bank, mainly fresh vegetables, fruits, yogurts, desserts, soft drinks, which represented a significant saving for the kitchen. Social cases registered in our system, as well as residents of the nursing homes have benefitted from these donations.

With the financial support of the SOEB Foundation from Boskoop and with the help of our enthusiastic volunteers, we continued the street hot meal distributions within the Winter Aid Program. In three months, we managed to distribute a total of 1200 servings and in addition 100 packages with non-perishable foods, which included sugar, flour, oil, rice, pasta and sweets and furthermore: 100 portions of firewood bricks.

The war that broke out in February 2022 changed our plans a little, since it generated inflation that increased our costs and we had to adjust the prices of services paid accordingly.

Because of the war in Ukraine, we launched a new program to aid refugees with the help of our foreign sponsors, so we set up an emergency stock that included durable food, medicines, blankets and medical supplies. Some of these we distributed directly to the refugees who came to Oradea, and the rest we sent to the Transcarpathia area in Ukraine with the help of volunteer drivers.

As several foundations joined forces to help the refugees who arrived in Oradea, we decided to focus the aid program on internally displaced people, that is, the refugees who remained in Ukraine, so we sent humanitarian supplies every month throughout the year.

With the abolition of epidemic control rules, since March 2022, normal life has also returned to nursing homes, allowing residents to participate in social and cultural events such as lectures,





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concerts, exhibitions, excursions and, last but not least, the celebration of the 100th birthday of one of the residents.

We carried out the home care service on three levels: social care, medical care and additional services settled under EU projects including recovery. These projects ended in June and October respectively. Our staff has treated 343 patients in their homes. We have not had a contract with the health insurance house since March, but if all goes well, we will contract again from next year's April to help as many patients as possible.

In 2022, the activity of foreign volunteer groups was resumed, with 3 groups of students from a vocational school in Austria working on the renovation of the rooms on the 1st floor of St. Joseph's Center under the leadership of specialized teachers and organized by Mr. Peter Zidar. The volunteer program was also strengthened by Rainer Pag from Germany, who spent the summer months in Oradea, helping the work of Caritas in various ways.

The supply of breast prostheses, wigs and orthopedic bras to women suffering from breast cancer has continued. The main sponsors of the program are our long-standing partners Jan and Coby Willemsen from the Netherlands. In 2022, we helped

47 women with cancer and distributed 54 medical supplies.

The operation of the 4 second-hand stores continued in Oradea area. The supply of goods was continuous, with goods for sale being sent to stores from foreign donations. From the income of the economic department, we can cover a large part of the expenses of the social program.





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#### In 2022, the following investments were successfully made:

• Until March 2022, we managed to renovate part of the 1st floor of St. Joseph's Center, with the funding of 100,000 lei from the Bishop's Office, transferred to us at the end of 2021. In addition to this, we have renovated another 2 rooms from our own resources. The Austrian volunteers finished the installation of the false ceiling on the first floor (the part towards the street front), and also began preparing the part towards the courtyard.

• the terrace of the St. Martin nursing home was renovated with a subsidy of 2,000 euros from Mr. Peter van der Ven

• We bought 2 oxygen concentrators for the home care department and a new dental office device with a total funding of 4000 euros from Freundeskreis Villingen-Schwenningen.

• We received 25,000 euros from the Franciscan sisters from Breda and another 2770 euros from the SOEB Foundation in Boskoop to support home care activity

• Thanks to his fundraising campaign in Germany, our international volunteer, Mr. Rainer Pag contributed 9600 euros to the care of social cases at nursing homes

• Our Ukrainian aid program received 19,000 euros from the foundations of SOEB, Caritas St.Petrus, Freundeskreis Villingen, Stichting Caritas, Altotting and Rainer Pag

• We received 24000 lei from Stichting Oost Europa Boskoop and we purchased from it the Fiat car, which we used in the home care project.

Plans for 2023 include maintaining existing services and continuing to renovate the first floor at St. Joseph's Center. We would like to begin the construction of a warehouse, which will be built on the land made available by the Roman Catholic Diocese. This deposit would be the place where the aid received from abroad will be stored, selected and distributed, also larger instruments from the home care programme would be stored here.





# Aid office

In 2022, as in previous years, one of the basic activities of the Caritas Catolica Association was the humanitarian mission to help the needy. Humanitarian aids were distributed following an analysis and approval of the written applications submitted to the unit through the Aid Office. The help consisted of clothing, shoes, toys, sweets, food, medical material. Besides individuals, we collaborate with city halls, institutions, foundations, parishes, kindergartens, schools, associations, hospitals. The fact that we managed to maintain these aid programs was largely due to our sponsors abroad, who ensured the continuity of the donation transports, for which we thank them from the bottom of our hearts on behalf of the beneficiaries. At the same time, it was felt that there was also a heavenly blessing on our humanitarian work, which strengthened and helped us throughout the year, of which we are aware and grateful.



# We have provided regular donations to disadvantaged communities through:

- social departments of 7 city halls (Sacueni, Tulca, Finis, Husasau de Tinca, Ciumeghiu, Ineu, Chesereu)
- 3 educational institutions (Școala Gimnazială Szacsvay Imre, Liceul Teologic Romano-Catolic Szent Laszlo, Școala Gimnazială Nr. 16)
- **51 parishes** (45 catolice, 4 reformate, 1 ortodox, 1 pentecostal)

# Throughout 2022 we have distributed to the needy approximately:

- 2529 Christmas packages
- 86047 kg of second-hand clothes
- 314 pieces of furniture
- 632 household articles
- 90 canned food packs
- 45 packs of sweets





### **Central kitchen Oradea**

The central kitchen of the Caritas Catolica Association prepared daily food for 170 people during 2022. Of these, 75 were residents of elderly homes in Oradea, and the rest sick or social cases, as well as some paying customers who ordered from us the hot meal with home delivery. Our kitchen had 10 employees.

During 2022, we made donations and distributed food packages to people in need and other charities a total of 114 times. In addition to the daily meals for our registered beneficiaries, we have distributed additional food donations totaling 128,000 lei ( $\approx$ 26,000 €) to needy people, educational institutions and other non-profit organizations.

We would like to mention that the Soup Kitchen in Oradea has regularly received food donations from donors in the country and abroad, mainly in the form of canned food, meat products and seasonal agricultural products. One of our most important food sponsors is the Oradea Food Bank, which represented two thirds of the total inland food donations. From the Food Bank of Oradea we received donations totaling 106,642







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lei ( $\approx$ 21,700 €) value. These donations were composed of short-term foods – mainly yoghurts, desserts with milk, fresh vegetables and fruits, soft drinks and other products.

With the support of the SOEB Boskoop foundation in the Netherlands, we continued the traditional winter emergency relief campaign, within which we distributed over 1200 servings of hot meals to needy people and elderly with low pension in crowded public areas of the city, and also provided a generous package of non-perishable food for another 100 people in need, which included basic foods like sugar, oil, flour, rice, pasta and sweets.

The biggest investment in 2022 was the replacement of the engine of the refrigeration room, as well as the air conditioner in one of the storage rooms. The fact that the cool room did not work for a week was a huge challenge for the kitchen, we had to regroup the food and use some food earlier than planned, so we worked hard until the equipment was repaired. It is clear how useful and important the cool room is in the operation of our department, and we are

grateful to our Dutch sponsors Jan and Coby Willemsen who have financially supported the transformation of one of our storage rooms into a cooling room. For this, we are grateful to them to this day.

As for the planned investments: the kitchen would badly need a new electric hob, since the current one does not work optimally.





### **Volunteering**

2022 has been a very eventful year in terms of volunteering. We were able to restart several of our programs that have been suspended for two years due to the pandemic. At the same time, there was a generational change among our active volunteers, which was a major challenge for the organization. We were delighted that we were finally able to host individual and group volunteers from abroad again.

At the beginning of the year, many of our volunteers decided to move to another city (some of them for continuing their studies while others went away to make a living abroad), so we started the busy summer period with only 2-3 active volunteers. In overcoming this difficulty, we have received significant help from the religion teacher Tünde Antal, who has been enthusiastically promoting volunteering among her students for many years, because years ago her son also volunteered and had a very positive experience at Caritas. Thanks



to the teacher, several groups of young people from different educational institutions enrolled with us, to whom we could immediately give work, our calendar of events being already dense and we needed helping hands.

We honored our most active volunteers in the two years since the outbreak of the pandemic on Friday, April 8, 2022, as part of a special gala evening hosted by the impressive basement hall of the Episcopal Palace. The group was greeted by pastor József Rajna, general director of Caritas Catolica. The laudation of the winners was read by Tamás Szombati-Gille, coordinator of the volunteer



program, the certificates of recognition and gift packages were personally handed over by Bishop László Böcskei.

In the pre-Coronavirus era, it was a tradition to reward Caritas volunteers on an annual basis. However, this regular gala has been cancelled in the last two years due to epidemiological restrictions. However, even during this difficult time, many enthusiastic volunteers helped Caritas, selflessly and courageously, not afraid of the danger of the virus. – Think of the team that went shopping for seniors during the lockdown, or those who shared hot food on the street once a week throughout the winter. That's why they wanted to make up for the backlog and reward those who helped Caritas in the most active and self-sacrificing way for two years.

The gala evening featured the most active prizes of about two dozen volunteers who worked in a wide range of fields. The volunteers of the St. Ladislaus Roman Catholic Theological Lyceum and the Ady Endre Theoretical Lyceum were recognized



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for giving a warm lunch to those in need for two winters., as well as a team made up of staff from the bishopric, Vincentian nuns and individual volunteers who provided assistance for the elderly during the pandemic. Among the winners was györgy Fischer, a web developer, who created an IT system for Caritas that can be used to recruit volunteers and register those in need, as well as Katalin Kimpan, who, as a seamstress, repaired bed linen and clothing torn in nursing homes for many years, and later began volunteering in caritas second-hand stores, and in previous years she received municipal recognition too.

After a forced two-year break caused by the pandemic, we resumed the international volunteer program in the summer of 2022, when students of the HTL Mödling vocational school of constructions from Austria volunteered for the renovation of the upstairs halls of the St. Joseph Social Center, the headquarters of the Caritas Catolica Association in Oradea. With the intermediation of mag. Peter Zidar, a permanent deacon and theology teacher, Caritas Catolica has been hosting volunteers from Austria for 11 years. As part of the volunteering program, we have hosted 3 groups of Austrian students this year. Students, under the leadership of specialized teachers, mainly worked on the



construction of suspended ceilings in the rooms on the first floor, as well as in the corridors. The team of Caritas Catolica Oradea has received an unexpected reinforcement for the summer period in the person of Mr. Rainer Pag, a guest volunteer from Germany, who has dedicated his hard-earned days off to volunteer for several months in Oradea, helping both local communities and Ukrainian refugees. He has been involved not only in charity actions, but also in the background work invisible to the public, from unloading goods and sorting donations, to delivering hot meals and supplying charity shops with merchandise. As he emphasized, whichever department of Caritas he was in, he had no problem making himself understood by the staff and the beneficiaries, because

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even though they did not speak each other's native language, they still had a common language: love, which made all work easier. Rainer did not stop doing charity even after returning home to Germany in August. In his own parish, he organized a fundraiser and donated a significant amount of money to care for social cases in nursing homes and to help Ukrainian refugees.



We are very pleased that we were also able to resume the program entitled 72-hours without compromise, initiated by Pope Francis, also after a two-year absence. Within the program members of the Halo Association of Partium and the youth group of the Church of Friends volunteered with us at different departments of the association. The approximately 40 young people helped arrange the furniture in the renovated wing of St. Joseph's Social Center, took the elders of St. Elizabeth's Home for a walk and distributed over 500 kilograms of flour to needy people.

During the year, our volunteers participated in many



other activities: with the support of the Dutch couple Ian and Coby Willemsen, they distributed personal hygiene items 2 times at the night shelter for homeless people in Oradea, and with the support of the SOEB foundation, they distributed cooked food to the poor once a week on a well-frequented street throughout the winter period. In addition, on various occasions, they planted 100 tulips in the garden of St. Elizabeth's Elderly Home, brought donations to the local Roma school, and also worked on compiling Ukrainian aid shipments.

It should be noted that the visibility of our volunteering activity has been greatly improved by the fact that, thanks to the Willemsen couple from the Netherlands, we were able to buy our volunteers a set of new T-shirts with the Caritas logo so that they could participate in the activities in uniforms. In total, our volunteers worked over 2000 hours free of charge in the service of the community, as part of the Caritas volunteer program. Our goal is to maintain this level of participation in the upcoming year, and if we can find funding for it, we would like to organize the annual volunteer trip, which has been canceled for years, as well as the annual gala for the awarding of volunteers.





# **Elderly homes - Oradea**

#### **St. Elisabeth's Elderly Home**

Starting March 2022, life has slowly returned after the pandemic at St. Elizabeth's Home. Thus, residents were able to participate in person in social, cultural and artistic events that took place in the hostel or in the city. Thanks to our enthusiastic sponsors, we had the opportunity to go to countless shows, concerts, exhibitions, as well as take part in a wonderful road trip. At the same time, we have also relaxed the strict anti-covid rules, allowing more room for visitors to everyone's delight. One of the most important events in 2022 was the celebration of the birthday of one of our residents, Auntie Ica Dani, who turned 100 years old. At the same time, it is a great honor that the famous couple Kaganovskiy offered two charity concerts inside our home.

We provided full care for 34 residents during the year. A total of 18 employees worked in the institution. We have increased our team compared to last year with a nurse and a maintenance worker. **During the year, we were able to implement the** 

following investments and renovations:

- we managed to replace the terrace door
- we replaced the windows in 3 Rooms
- we freshly painted 8 rooms, the chapel, dining room, living room, corridors, and reception
- In the dining room we have installed air condition for the summer months
- We received 4 outdoor benches from the city hall
- we replaced a part of furniture of the administration offices and at the medical office
- we received in use 6 digital tablets (redirected from the home care department)

Our main plans for 2023 are: to change the windows in 5 living rooms, to pave

the sidewalk in the garden, and to acquire a large refrigerator for the living room.

training of employees on the topic of dementia and periodic supervision

#### **St. Martin's Elderly Home**

The year 2022 was varied and eventful! Following the reorganizations carried out by the management of Caritas, the manager of the St. Martin nursing home and several employees were replaced. During the year, a total of 60 inhabitants stayed in the elderly home, of which 11 were social cases. In total, 23 employees took care of the residents, of which 19 were stable employees, but it should be noted that during the year 4 of our employees left and four new people came to replace them, so we were able to keep the number of people needed to provide quality care to the residents.

The terrace on the side of the street front was



renovated, and the tables and chairs and 2 sets of armchairs were replaced in the dining room. The life was enriched when we adopted a golden retriever dog that lives in the yard and made an incredibly positive difference in the atmosphere for the inhabitants and for the whole institution. We also received a coffee machine as a donation that is used in community rooms.

What we would need in 2023 is primarily to renovate the bathrooms and replace armchairs and sofas in our communal areas with more adequate furniture, as well as small tables, curtain holders, and sound appliances for music therapy sessions.



# Home Care (CID)

The year 2022 within the home care service was marked by activity on three levels: regular social, medical and EU project financed activities. The full staff of the CID was involved in this activity.

Since March our services are not covered by the National Health Insurer, while in June and October our two EUfinanced projects have ended. These things have led to a significant decrease in the income of the home care department, which is why restructuring has taken place in terms of the number of staff. Three of the people with a medical profile were assigned to the nursing homes operating within the Association. Beneficiaries with acceptable incomes had to pay contributions for the social, medical and recovery services they received, which most of them did, as they were satisfied with the quality of our services and the caring attitude of our staff members.

Our stats for 2022 are the following:

- Total number of beneficiaries:343
- Number of performed medical services: 132162,
- Number of performed basic services: 90539
- Number of performed community services no.: 54462



In previous years, auxiliary care materials were purchased in the project - trolleys, walking devices, IT equipment, which we are still using as we stockpiled a considerable amount of supplies. In the future we want to focus on the development of social services, we want to resume the activity

with the Health Insurer in order to be able to help more and more people who request our services.





## Marghita branch office

Our branch office in Marghita has as main purpose the provision of specialized social services of assistance and support for the elderly, including bedridden patients, providing them with adequate conditions for accommodation and food, medical care, recovery and rehabilitation, occupational therapy and leisure activities, social and psychological assistance.

The Elderly homes of St. Anthony and St. Margaret had on average 24 beneficiaries, respectively 25 beneficiaries of which 5 were social cases. Their well-being was ensured by 11 and 12 employees, respectively. The main purpose of the elderly homes is to provide quality services to ensure the social needs of the assisted persons and to increase their quality of life. At St. Anthony's Home, several investments were made, such as: the purchase of a new gas plant, and the construction of a shed. At St. Margaret's home, a new terrace was built. In both homes, socializing and leisure activities were organized in order to meet the needs to interact and establish social relationships. The birthdays of the beneficiaries were regularly celebrated, as well as all national and religious holidays. Weekly there were organized manual work activities, therapeutic massage as well as sports classes for the elderly.

The social canteen provided hot food to an average of 35 beneficiaries. People in need and without income received a free portion of daily food at lunch and those with low income paid 1% of their income. At the social canteen, important investments were made by buying new professional appliances and suitable furniture.

The hired staff actively participated in various trainings, seminars, meetings and exchanges of experience in order to improve the quality of the services offered and according to the standards provided.









# filial Tășnad

The most important novelty of 2022 was that in addition to the pre-existing services, we launched the new Counseling and Support Center for disadvantaged children and their parents. On May the 1st, 2022, following the partial handing over of the works, this social center was opened, the purpose of which is to help the integration of Roma children through a complex afterschool program.

The new unit is located in the attic of the current multifunctional hall. The construction and transformation works were financed by a European Union project. The center consists of community halls, study rooms, dining room, toilets, changing rooms. The school benches and chairs required for the study rooms were purchased from another project we won from the Bethlen Gábor Management



#### Zrt Foundation from Hungary.

Every day, at the end of the school program, the school buses transport the Roma children of grades 0-4 to our center, where they are greeted with a warm lunch, after which they are helped to learn their lessons and prepare their homework for the next day. In addition to learning, great emphasis is placed on the development of the senses of personal hygiene. Also, the beneficiary children are helped to develop other skills through musical programs, recreational leisure activities, community games and various other programs, all contribute to the development and sociability of children, the acquisition of general and practical knowledge and, last but not least, their integration. In all this, qualified hired teachers and volunteers help the children. Another important objective of the program is to reduce school dropout, therefore one of the main partners is Tășnad Primary School, while financial support is provided by the local administration and an enthusiastic local private entrepreneur who wants to work for the development of the Roma community in Tășnad. On average, 15 children attended the center every day.



# filiala Tășnad

In addition to this new service, throughout the year we were also running all the other pre-existing services: the day care center for the elderly (21 beneficiaries), the social canteen (39 beneficiaries), home care (18 beneficiaries), specialized medical consultations, and the elderly's club (25-30 beneficiaries).





#### Our plans for the future include:

- Renovation and transformation of the heating system of the home care center, medical laboratory, guest rooms and meeting room into gas heating, as well as the exterior rehabilitation of the building
- Construction of a garden gazebo in the courtyard of the day care center for the elderly





# Aid program for Ukrainian refugees

The outbreak of war in Ukraine has also affected us, forcing us to take steps to set up a new programme to help the people affected – either refugees who have left their country or internally displaced persons.

As the largest provider of social services in our county, we faced an unexpected and tragic situation at the end of February 2022, when a large number of refugees from Ukraine crossed the border with Romania while fleeing conflict zones. Because our main headquarters are located in Oradea, just near the border with Hungary, our area was strongly affected by refugees transiting the country to head to western Europe.

We attended a meeting together with bishop Böcskei László and leaders of all the transylvanian historical churches on March 7, 2022, in Satu Mare, to synchronize the efforts of different church aid organizations. The staff of the Caritas organization in the Diocese of



Munkács (Mukachevo) presented a status report on the situation in Ukraine, and Sándor Fábián, a Reformed bishop of Ukraine, also joined by video call. One of the most important objectives of the meeting was to look beyond the enthusiastic initial relief efforts at the border crossings, and to find opportunities for long-term and organized cooperation to support war-torn areas.

Given that tens of thousands of refugees came every day, all of whom needed food, shelter and help to continue their journey, we immediately turned to our sponsors abroad to ask for assistance. Fortunately many jumped to help us, and quickly gathered all the products and tools we needed to start the newly established help program.

HAK Holland was one of the sponsors who responded most quickly to our requests for help and we received from them a shipment of 8 pallets of pre-cooked durable food on March 11, 2022, with the mediation of the aid organization Caritas St. Petrus from Uden, which also directed to us



a significant amount of various food canned food. They were joined by several organizations and individuals such as Stichting Oost Europa Boskoop, Rabobank Baarle Nassau and Caritas Baarle Nassau from the Netherlands, Freundeskreis Villingen Schwenningen from Germany, Mr Johannes Strauß from Altötting together with freizeitzentrum caritas Altötting and Kreis- Caritasverband Altötting e.V. from Germany, Mag. Peter Zidar deacon general from Austria and volunteer Rainer Prag from Vreden,



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Germany. With their help we set up an emergency stockpile, which contained food, medicines, maternity materials, duvets and sleeping bags.

We used some of the goods to provide meals for refugees from the welcome camp on the border at Sighetul Marmatiei and to provide food parcels for the refugees transiting our city of Oradea on their way to Hungary.

In addition to these internal actions, we also transported some of the goods cross-border to the southern regions of Ukraine called Zakarpattia. Although it has not been directly affected by the military conflict, this region is home to the majority of Ukrainian refugees who fled the main conflict zones but did not own a vehicle or did not have enough money to cross the border and head to Western Europe. The Region of Zakarpattia hosted a number

of refugees as large as those who left the country. Through our partnerships and personal ties with Caritas Ukraine and especially with Caritas in the city of Munkachevo, we have been informed that there is a lack of essential food supplies in the region.

Already in the early stages of the Ukrainian refugee crisis, we have learned from field reports that in Zakarpattia and other regions of Ukraine, which hosted many refugees, there was a severe shortage of bread. The mills had nothing to grind, and the bakeries that were still functioning had to work with very little flour. Therefore, since February, we have been trying to transfer most of our supplies of flour to the crisis-affected regions of Ukraine on several routes – especially to the aid organisations in Nevetlenfolu, Mukachevo and Vynohradiv, from where donations have been re-distributed to many other areas of Ukraine.

Since in the meantime, a large number of NGOs have been organized in Oradea to help the few refugees who have settled in our region, we decided to focus our activity cross-border: on helping internally displaced people in Ukraine. Through our generous sponsors and dedicated drivers, who offered to do the transports voluntarily, we managed to establish several routes for the transmission of humanitarian aid materials, and we managed every month to send at least one humanitarian transport to destinations in Ukraine such as:

- Caritas center in Mukachevo city
- Vynohradiv Children's Hospital
- Help distribution centre in Nevetlenfolu
- Parish of the Order of Lazarus in the city of Perechyn
- Saint Pantelimon Caritas Center in Transcarpathia

These shipments contained food, medicines, medical utensils and bandages, sleeping bags, maternity materials, and other items that the refugees needed, in line with the list of needs sent by Ukrainian organizations.





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# **Transports and depositing**

Humanitarian aid transports are one of the most prominent ways in which our sponsors support us from abroad. With fewer and fewer monetary donations, these shipments of materials are essential for maintaining the continuity of our services. We donate some of the received materials directly to the needy, and another part we capitalize on through second-hand stores. Through the income thus obtained, we manage to cover a significant part of the expenses related to the social assistance and services programs. During 2022 we received the following quantities of shipments from our external sponsors:



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Sponsor	no. of transports	cubic meters
FREUNDESKREIS ORDEA-VILLINGEN SCHWENNIGEN	10	445 m3
PFARRE MARIA ANZBACH	56	174 m3
STICHTING OOST EUROPA BOSKOOP	7	700 m3
STICHTING CARITAS UDEN	11	1100 m3
FREIWILLIGEN-ZENTRUM ST.ELISABETH ALTÖTTING	3	39 m3
MICHAEL PIRHOFER, FRANZ GADERER - (AUSTRIA)	1	17 m3
STICHTING CARITAS BAERLE-NASSAU	1	100 m3
KATHOLISCHE KIRCHENGEMEINDE ST. GEORG VREDEN	1	100 m3
BARMHERZIGEN SCHWESTERN AUS AUGSBURG	1	100 m3
ROM.KATH. PFARRAMT-PURGSTALL-WIESELBURG /	1	100 m3
CARITAS ST. POLTEN		





### **Caritas Shops**

The year 2022 has been a real challenge for us, but in the end we are pleased with the achievements, in terms of economic activity. Our principle is to improve the services offered by Caritas Catolica Oradea. We put effort and passion into what we do, we want people (from different societies) to be satisfied. I believe that feedback nowadays is essential to be able to keep us on the market and improve the quality of our services. For financial reasons, we decided to close the store in Marghita starting with March (the competition was



too high there). However, once again we have managed to achieve substantial income by sellings. I would like to highlight the activity of the Spartacus store, which thanks to its well-trained staff works wonders in terms of sales.

We continue the wholesale of clothing – but all the merchandise is sorted before we sell en-gros. Being a charity organization, we are ready to be able to provide humanitarian aid to the needy at any time. Regarding the donations offered by us, we keep in touch with the municipalities in the county, as they are the ones who share the appropriate aid based on the requests.

This year too we had the honor to meet and show the work process to our sponsors. Communicating directly with them helps us do our work better. They help us with recommendations and ideas. We thank our sponsors for their help and support! God bless you!

With special respect, Noémi -Enikő Mészáros Coordinator of economic activity





### **Helping center for breast cancer patients**

We have provided services for women with breast cancer, under the motto "Your support in battle". The number of beneficiaries reflected the fact that last year was yet another call for caution due to the Covid pandemic.

We managed to help 24 ladies – for whom we provided 21 breast prostheses, 28 pcs. orthopedic bras, as well as 5 wigs. It should be noted that we were not only contacted by patients from Oradea – our help was also requested from Salonta, Beiuş, Santaul Mare and surrounding areas.

23 times, we also helped ladies who needed lymphatic massage and professional counseling due to lymphatic edema injuries caused by surgery.

At the new Caritas headquarters we received a more spacious office, where the storage difficulties were solved with new furniture. At the same time, the schedule of appointments has become much more flexible.

Our goal is to help as many women with breast cancer as possible through our service.

We would like to thank our sponsors, Coby Willemsen and Ria Beukenkamp, who regularly provide the necessary products for the continuation of the activity so that we can continue to help!





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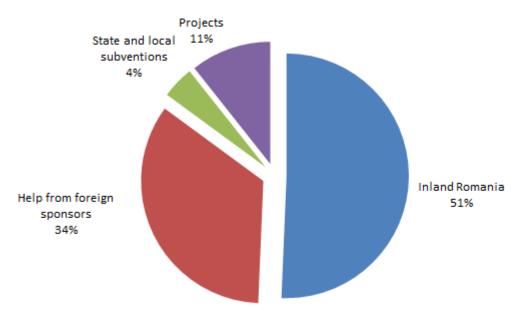
### **Financial report**

INCOMES 2022	thousand LEI	thousand EUR	
INLAND			
CONTRIBUTIONS	4270.83	863.25	
INLAND DONATIONS	695.48	140.57	
SPONSORS	123.69	25.00	
SUBVENTIONS	446.88	90.33	
HEALTH INSURER	82.05	16.58	
OTHER	137.07	27.71	
TOTAL DIN TARA	5756.00	1163.44	
ABROAD			
IN FORM OF GOODS	1947.56	393.65	
MONEY DONATIONS	394.10	79.66	
SALES of second hand goods	1657.31	334.99	
TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD	3998.97	808.30	
TOTAL INCOME without projects	9754.97	1971.74	
SELLING of possessed GOODS	2.94	0.59	
OTHER ACCOUNTED INCOME	1738.06	351.31	
EU PROJECTS	723.61	146.26	
TOTAL GENERAL	12219.58	2469.90	

The annual income was 12,219,000 lei, the largest part of which consisted of contributions from the residents of our 4 elderly homes, like in most previous years, as well as contributions to home care and central kitchen, totaling 4,270,000 lei, which means 34.95%.

To these are added donations from inland sponsors (123,000 lei) and donations from abroad worth 1,947,000 lei in the form of products, state support 439,000 lei and EU projects worth 619,000 lei.

The sales of second-hand stores amounted to 1,657,310 lei, which represents an increase of 150,000 lei compared to the previous year.

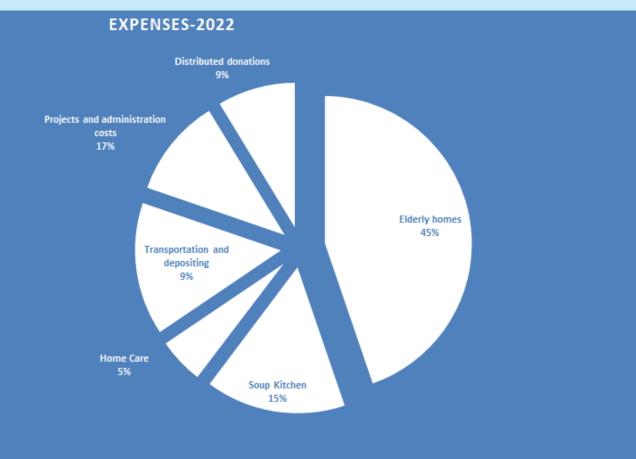


#### **INCOMES-2022**

# **Financial report**

EXPENSES 2022	thousand LEI	thousand EUR
St MARTIN ELDERLY HOME	1676.31	338.83
St ELISABETH ELDERLY HOME	1544.17	312.12
St MARGARET ELDERLY HOME	1003.43	202.82
St ANTON ELDERLY HOME	1089.53	220.22
SOUP KITCHEN ORADEA	1273.11	257.33
SOUP KITCHEN MARGHITA	568.57	114.92
MEDICAL PROGRAMS	1.83	0.37
BREAST CANCER AID PROGRAM	8.34	1.69
HOME CARE - CID	616.70	124.65
DONATIONS TO UKRAINE	51.31	10.37
TRANSPORT & DEPOSIT	1746.33	352.98
ADMINISTRATION	576.41	116.51
ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER	174.40	35.25
HUMANITARIAN AID AND EXPENSES	1033.57	208.91
WITH GOODS		
TOTAL COSTS without projects	11364.01	2296.97
PROJECTS FROM EU FUNDS	733.56	148.27
TOTAL GENERAL	12097.57	2445.24

43.91% of the total cost of 12,099,000 lei is represented by the costs of nursing homes (5,313,000 lei). 45.61% of the costs represent the salaries of the employees (5,519,000 lei).





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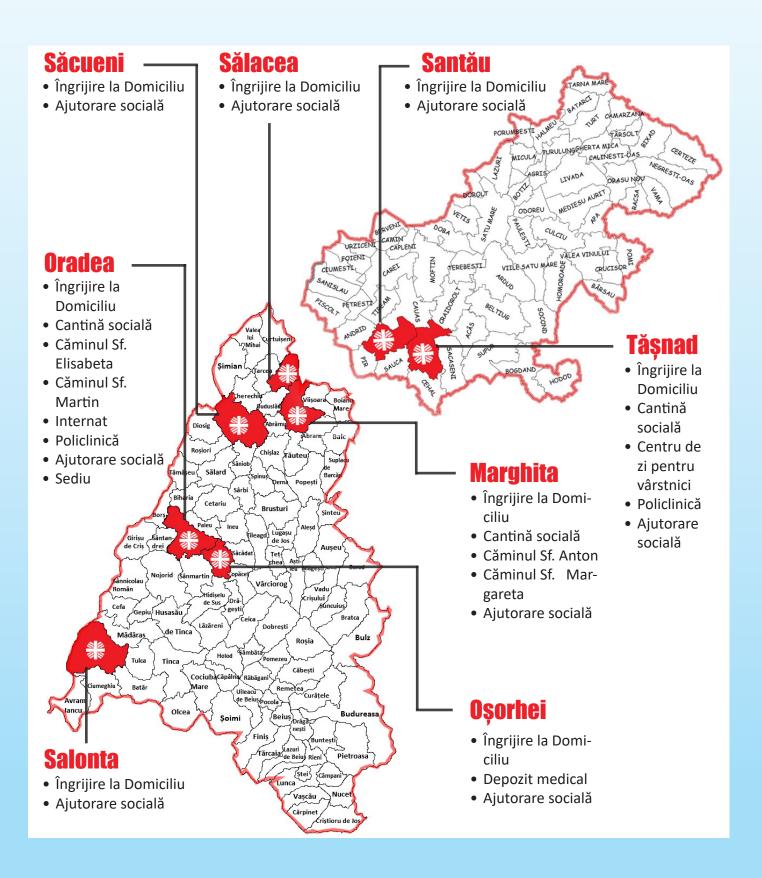
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