
May God give you and us a better 2021 !

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Dear friends and supporters,

A very big thank you to all of you who helped us in 2020. We are grateful for all your help and all your support in 2020. It was a very strange year with so many challenges for all of us. We at Casa Ioana who depend on you all, we did have a lot of concerns and fears and expected a very bad year. It turned out to be a blessed year and one year when we worked more than ever.

We hope and pray that you will be together with us in 2021 again. Your help is important and necessary. Any donation you make is helping our budget and it means a lot for everyday expenses. Thank you from our hearts to you all.

Dear Friends and supporters,

Meet the newest team at Casa Ioana. My father and my father-in-law. Both of them are pensioners and free time on their hands and they decided to come on board and help. Of course, they could stay home and watch TV, go for a walk or play chess. They decided to help others who are really in need. So today it was their first day of volunteering for villages. We receive from a charity in Suceava 190 liters of milk. We used to give that milk to very poor families in our town who came to get it at our gate. Because of the current situation we were not able to do that anymore.



Alina's dad on left

My dad on right

January 13

Every Wednesday

Going to poor families

The car we have for this job came with a nice story too.

A friend of mine from Bucharest recommended us to his friends from when he used to be a student. They came for a visit and to see what we do and how the situation was. A few months later he called me and asked me if I can use a small car. (I did learn a new trick over the years at Casa Ioana: never to refuse anything. I will all the time find a use or the right person who can use that). So, he gave us his car and we used it since June 2020. Nice help for us. Thank you Silviu!

We receive from a charity in Suceava 190 liters of milk. We used to give that milk to very poor families in our town who came to get it at our gate. Because of the current situation we were not able to do that anymore. So, we went to villages to continue to help. This is such a big job because it does not matter what we do, on Wednesday evening we need to drop whatever we were doing and go and take the milk to villages. That was a must, because milk would go bad otherwise.

From now on we have a team that is over 71 years old who is doing that for us. Some Charity from Holland is paying for bread for these families and they are also paying for one butter for them too. That is so wonderful and so helpful for times like these when a lot of people face such hard times. We hope this work will continue and they can do this for a very long time. They do take their time and do the job in like 4 hours. 4 hours to spend just in one village is a lot and tells me how careful they do the work. A young team would finish in one hour the job easily.

Children and workers are all fine.

Really hard to have school online. Laptops fail. Rooms are not enough; internet is not so good and when 20 laptops are connected at one time it dies. So, school online for us is not good at all. What it is good is that children did not get sick like they used to. When they went to school there is not even a week when one would not have a small cold, or running nose or pain in the throat, or a bit of fever. So, every month we would spend a lot of money on medicines. Not anymore. Since they are online they are healthy and no more visits to the doctor or money to the pharmacy. They do miss the real school. They miss going out of the gate just for any reason, and I understand that. We try to take them to places so that they go out. Mostly to villages.

All workers are ok.

No medical issues at all. They did stay in quarantine last year for 2 weeks but all are fine now. We and the children are grateful for the workers who do their jobs here and it is good help.



In the Community

Children miss teams. We used to have a lot of guests visiting. One year in total we had over 300 guests. People who came from abroad and volunteered for a specific job and that was very nice.

We miss you guys! Hope this year things will come back slowly and you can come and see us and go to villages, take children to the mountains, or just have a football with them in our yard.

We want you back. 😞

