

# VOCEA COPIILOR ABANDONAȚI,



## ANNUAL REPORT

7 YEARS WITH #RESULTS BENEFITTING  
ABANDONED CHILDREN AND BEYOND.

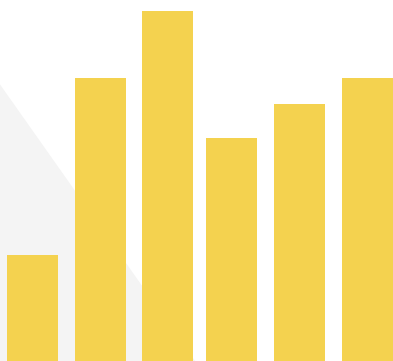


# 2020

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A black and white photograph of a room. In the background, a large radiator is mounted on the wall. In the middle ground, a wooden bench or bed frame is visible, with some papers or a small box resting on it. The floor is made of light-colored wood. In the foreground, there are dark, circular objects, possibly mats or rugs. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**WE PAID  
THE SECOND  
INSTALMENT  
FOR THE  
FLAT FOR  
HOMELESS  
YOUNG  
PEOPLE**



Our results in 2020

The Voice of Abandoned Children Association is an NGO dedicated to children abandoned in residential homes and has been operating since 2013. The foundations of the association were laid by Vişinel Balan and his brother Virgil Balan. Both of them grew up in foster homes in Romania, experiencing at first hand the hardships and suffering that do not go beyond the walls of the D.G.A.S.P.C. (General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection).

The aim of the organization is to be at the side of young people/children in state care, offering them support both through educational activities and by the simple fact that they have, among the members of the association, people to whom they can open their hearts, be listened to and loved.

Moreover, in 2020, we paid the second instalment for the house for young people/street children. In January 2021 we paid the last instalment. We want to give homeless young people the chance of housing. The chance for an independent life.

We fought to reform the welfare system. #We succeeded in proposing a number of changes to the Children's Act and the Adoption Act (Laws at National level in Romania). We strongly believe that every child deserves a family. Institutionalisation is a serious form of intervention for an abandoned child.

Thank you for your continuity.



# ABOUT US





**7 YEARS OF  
#RESULTS**

# EDFORSO CENTER

Within the EDFORSO - EDUCATION, TRAINING, SOCIETY centre, we conducted 5 workshops on strengthening independent living skills.

The beneficiaries of these workshops were 10 children from the St. Iosif centre in District 1. Bucharest.

Among the workshops we mention:

1. Personal development:

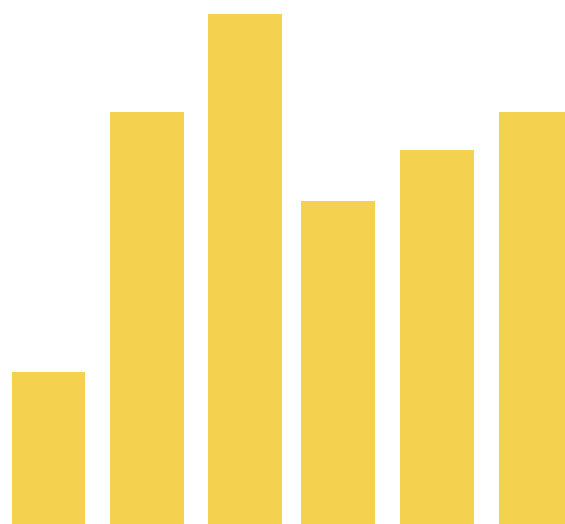
Trainers: Vişinel Balan and Iulia Sorescu.

2. Melotherapy:

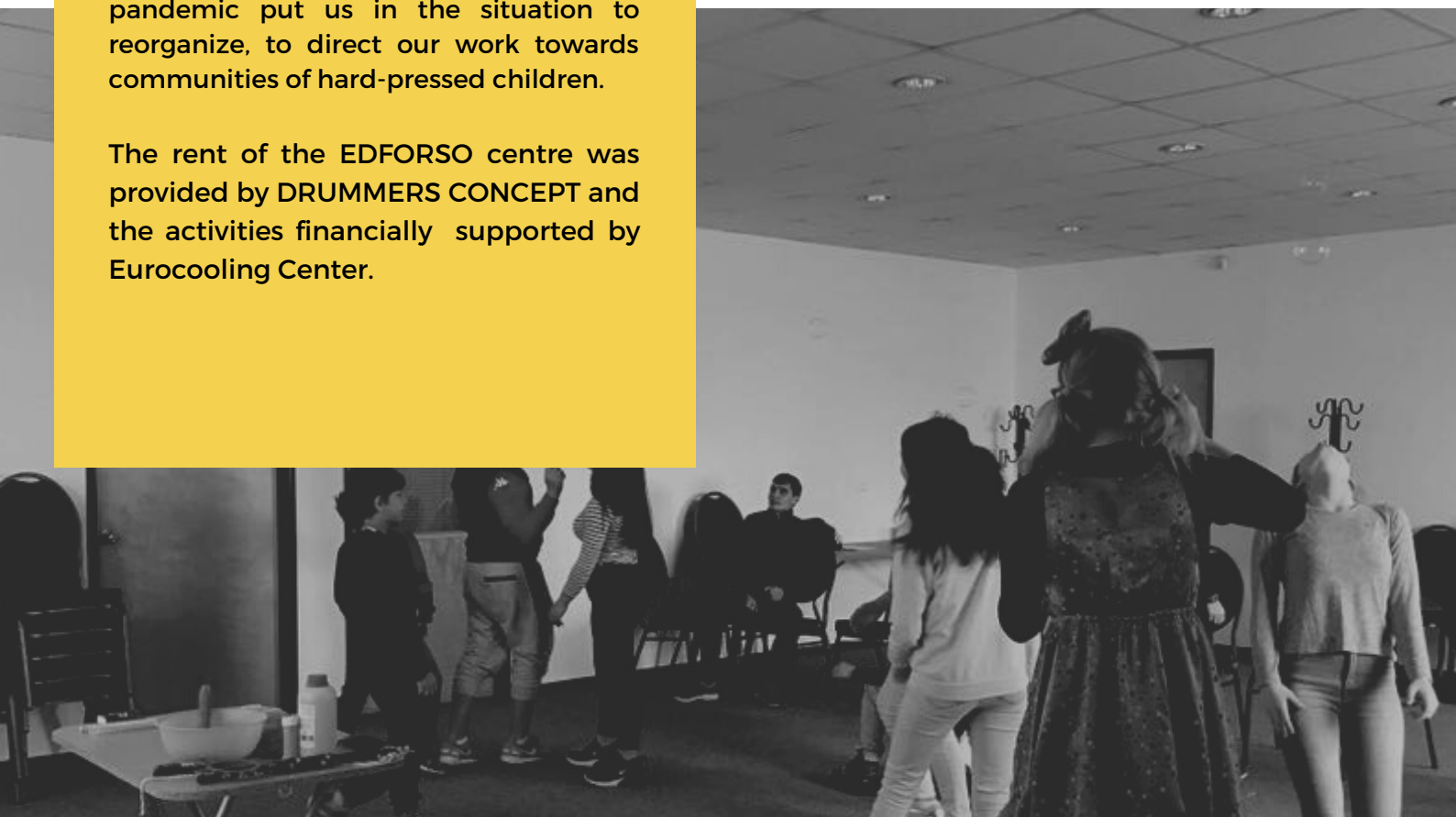
Trainers: Jean Baptiste Manitou and Iulia Sorescu.

2020 was a challenging year. The pandemic put us in the situation to reorganize, to direct our work towards communities of hard-pressed children.

The rent of the EDFORSO centre was provided by DRUMMERS CONCEPT and the activities financially supported by Eurocooling Center.



5 WORKSHOPS to strengthen independent living skills.





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# #HUMANITARIAN AID DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

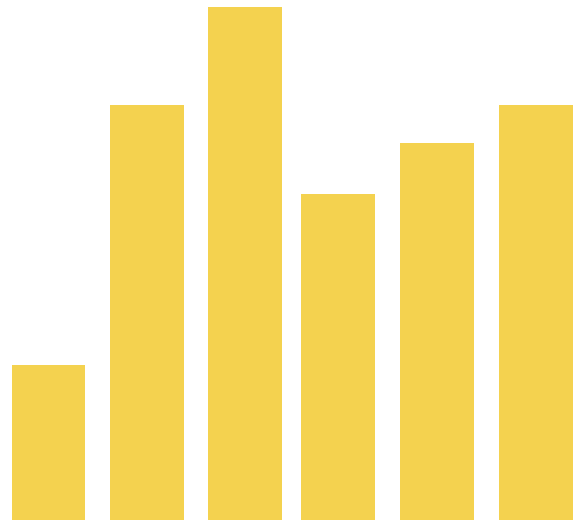
We joined the programme to help children at risk of hunger, pure poverty. The "Mentor In Romania" programme was initiated by our partners.

We have helped 1500 children in situations of pure poverty. We provided them with sanitary hygiene products, food and clothing.

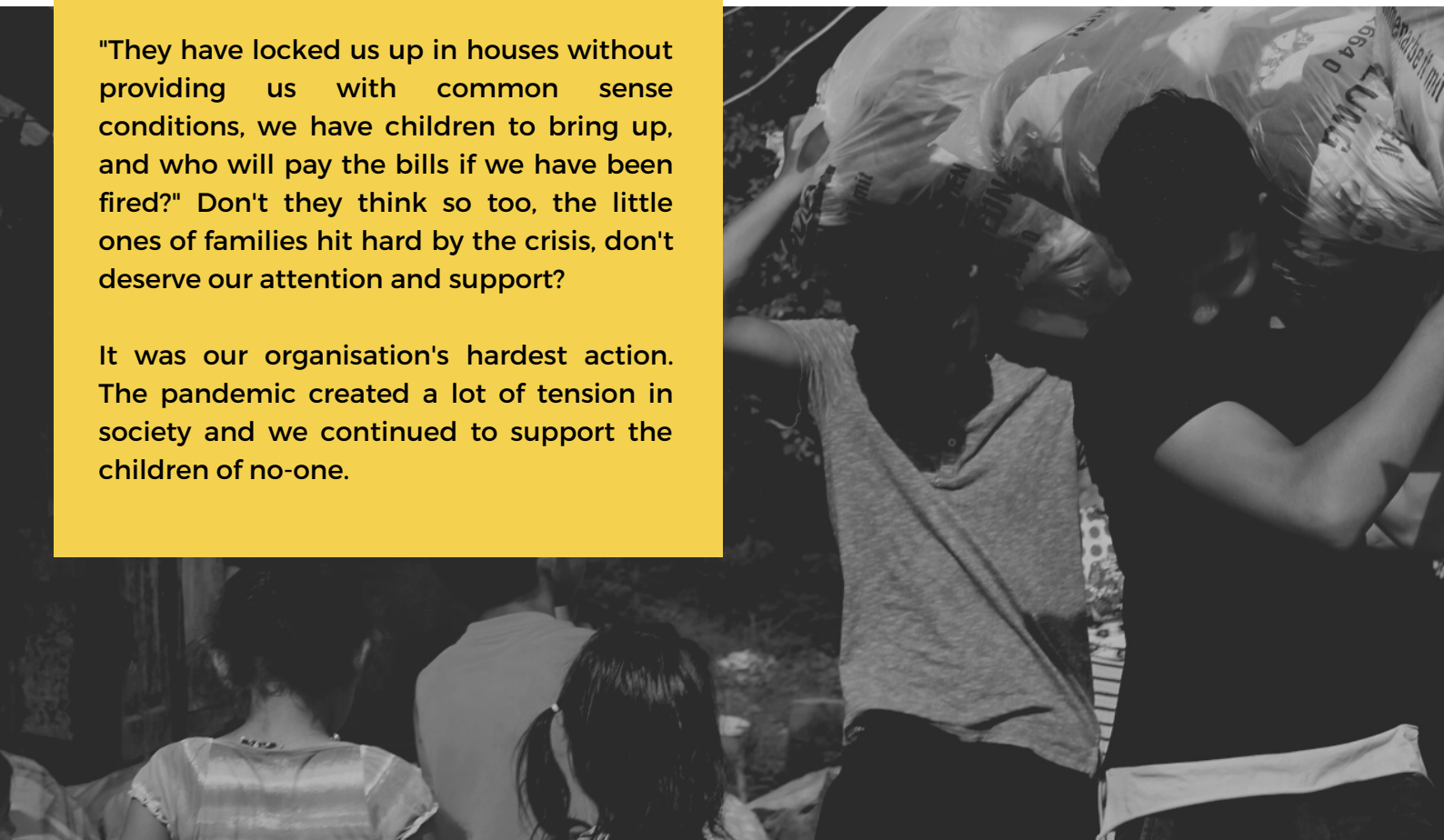
We went to poor children in Sector 5, villages in Ilfov County, Sibiu and Giurgiu. Unfortunately, the lack of public or private social communities has made it difficult to help children living in extremely poor conditions. Several families with whom we collaborate have called us, and their messages were extremely touching:

"They have locked us up in houses without providing us with common sense conditions, we have children to bring up, and who will pay the bills if we have been fired?" Don't they think so too, the little ones of families hit hard by the crisis, don't deserve our attention and support?

It was our organisation's hardest action. The pandemic created a lot of tension in society and we continued to support the children of no-one.



1500 children were helped with products hygiene, food and clothing.





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POARTA  
GARAJ

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR SUPPORTERS:**

**FUNDAȚIA ANONIMUL  
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REGALUSSO**



# #WE MADE IT

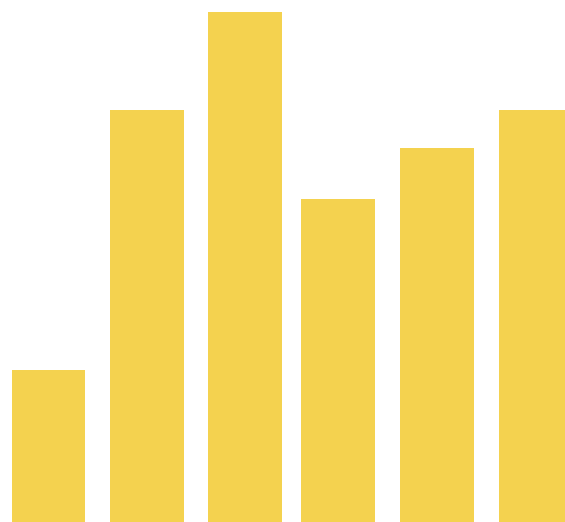
At the Civil Society Gala (Gala Societatii Civile) in October 2020 we were awarded for the #AmReușit (#Wemadeit) project.

As we have accustomed you for so many years, in 2021 the Association Voice of Abandoned Children continues the fight for the rights of children in care, as well as of young people who grew up in the social protection system.

We have managed to bring to the attention of the public, but especially to the public authorities in charge of the matter, 13 interviews, or rather 13 life stories, of young people who grew up in the hell called "child protection", but who have overcome the obstacles and shortcomings.

#AmReușit (#Wemadeit) is the spokesperson campaign of these children, their chance to tell their story, to talk about the traumas caused by a broken system, to encourage the 18,000 children who still suffer within the walls of foster homes, and, above all, to draw the attention of those who have the power to change things.

This campaign has been produced in partnership with the Council for Institutionalised Young People and Pac Pac Studios.



13 LIFE STORIES that have inspired us in our approach to representing, supporting and promoting children - [www.amreusit.voceacopiilor.ro](http://www.amreusit.voceacopiilor.ro)

10%

of the young people manage to become successful and equilibrated adults after leaving the social care system and starting a life on their own.



Apărarea drepturilor individuale/ colective

# PREMIUL II

Vocea Copiilor Abandonați

pentru proiectul

**#AmReușit**



Promovează spiritul civic

# RESEARCH AT NATIONAL LEVEL

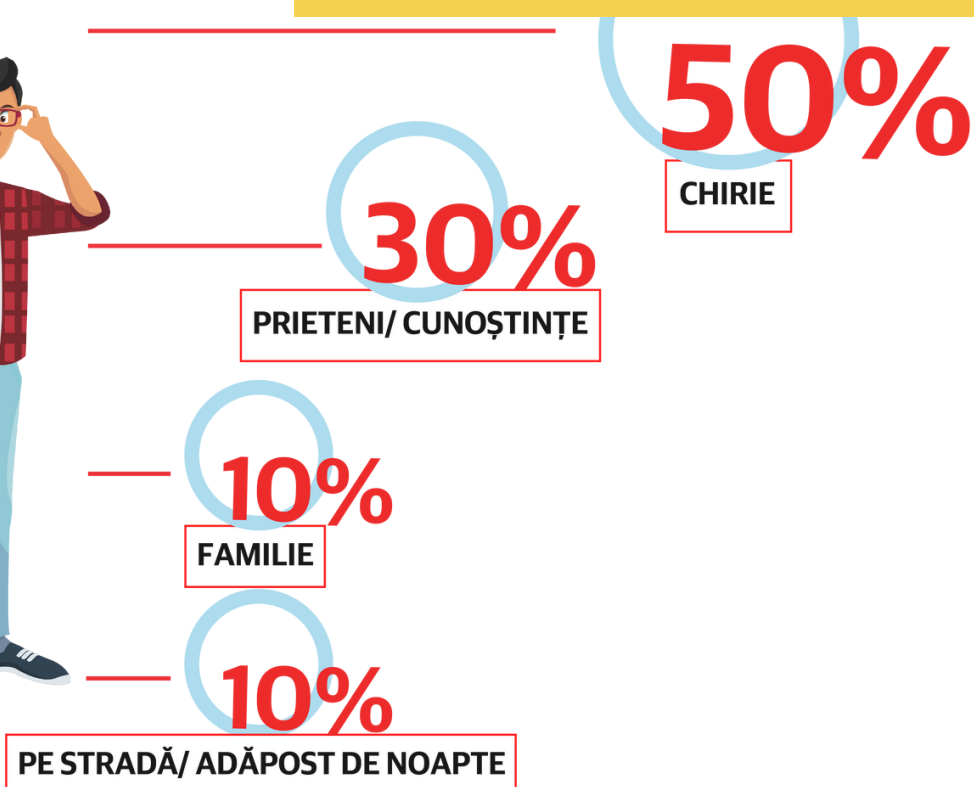
Leaving care, is a national research conducted by PhD candidate Vișinel Balan in the PhD program, sociology field, within the National School of Political and Administrative Sciences, under the coordination of anthropologist Pr. Dr. Vintilă Mihăilescu.

The Association Voice of Abandoned Children, together with Hope and Homes for Children and Vreau să fiu părinte (I Want to be a Parent Association) joined the initiative started by Vișinel.

The research on leaving care looks at how how young people for whom special care has ended in the last 10 years have been prepared for it. Equally important is today's preparation of children in special care.

In 2021 we aim to have a clear perspective on the phenomenon of care leavers.

Thank you to sponsors Hope and Homes for Children and I Want to be a Parent Association.





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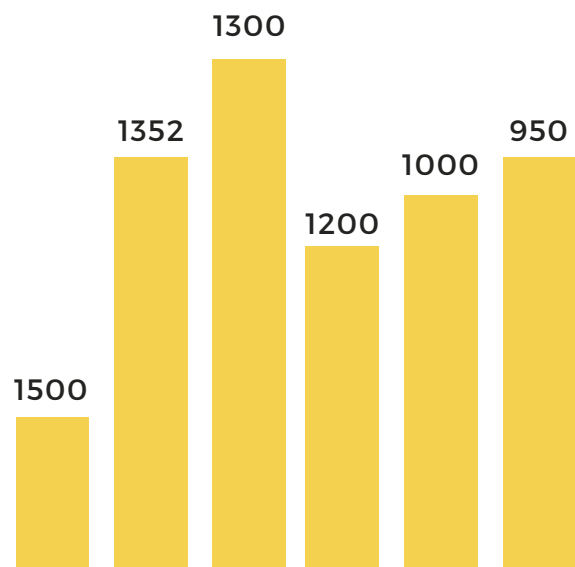
**HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN  
AND I WANT TO BE A PARENT**

# EDFORSO HOME

The end of the year brings wonderful news. We have managed to pay two out of three instalments for EDFORSO social housing. Dear friends, we have huge news. We are extremely excited, and happy, to announce that we have been able to make a considerable down payment - 16,000 euros - towards the purchase of the social housing we have wanted for so long. Our dream came true on 21 January 2021 when we paid the last instalment. Since 1 November 2020 the housing has been available for homeless young people.

We would like to remind you that "EDFORSO Housing" is a living space for homeless young people, whose main aim is to strengthen independent living skills.

In short, for a fixed period of time, we will allow two to three young people to live in this apartment, free of charge. During this time, they must find a job, learn to manage their money and eventually be able to rent or buy their own accommodation. Of course, their whole path to independent living will be monitored by our association. We will give them all the support and knowledge they need to make a breakthrough.



~The number of young people for whom the special protection measure has ended and ended up on the streets in the last 6 years.

## WE ARE OPEN

In November 2020 we have opened the doors of  
EDFORSO HOME



**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

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# THE MARCH OF ANGELS

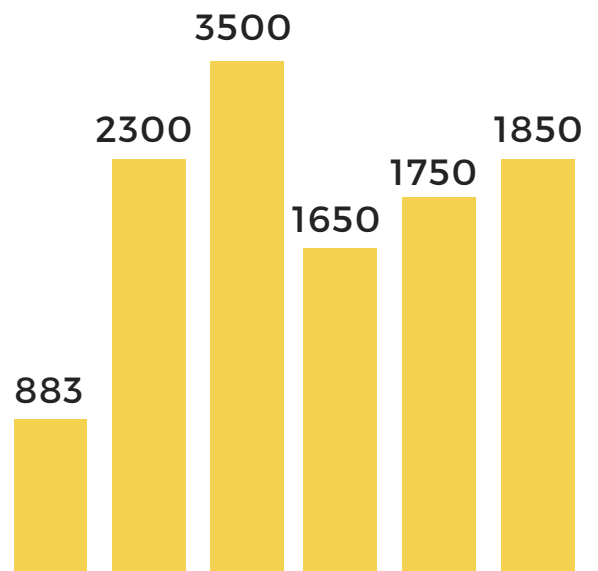
## ONLINE EVENT

From 2016, December 05, until now (2020), we commemorate the passing away of children who died in Romanian orphanages from '89 to the present and we take a stand against the crimes that the child protection system has committed or ignored in the last 30 years.

In 2020, in the context of the COVID 19 pandemic, in an effort to protect the population, we have chosen to organise the event online.

On December 5, 2020, at 20:30, we solemnly marked in front of our computers an exceptional screening of a documentary, entitled **ON THE TRACKS OF A LOST TANAR IN THE SYSTEM.**

The documentary was made with the support of artist/director Bogdan Trandafir.



NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO DIED  
IN THE ROMANIAN ORPHANAGES OF '89  
UNTIL TODAY.







**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**  
**BOGDAN TRANDAFIR**

# SANTA CALUS COMES TO POOR CHILDREN

The magic of Christmas is about love and good deeds.

On the occasion of the winter holidays, with the help of eMAG Foundation, we managed to reach more than 1500 children in Sibiu and Giurgiu counties. The families received food, colouring books, Romanian alphabet books, hygiene products and love.

Together with the elves, for 5 days, without interruption, Santa Claus organized himself so that the little ones from Dumbrăveni (Sibiu county) could enjoy Santa's gifts. Christmas is not about Santa Claus, it's about kindness, humility, forgiveness and the greater good. It's about loving and bringing joy to children in difficult situations. It's about avoiding suffering.

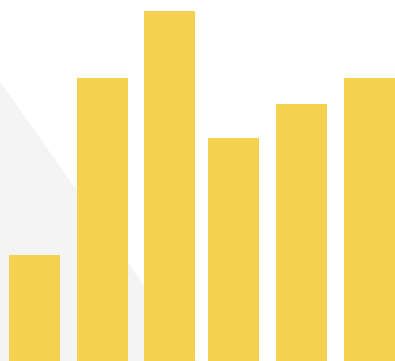
Thank you to the eMAG Foundation for your trust in this community project.





**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

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SUPPORT**



## 3 MAJOR CAMPAIGNS

### EDFORSO HOUSING,

shelter for homeless children/youth

We have paid 16,000 euros in advance and by the end of the year we have to give another 6,600 euros.

**16.000 euro**

### EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC

We have helped more than 1500 children with sanitary products, food and clothes.

**8.300 euro**

### SANTA CLAUS REACHED OUT TO POOR CHILDREN

We helped over 1500 children with hygiene products, food and clothes. The children helped are from Dumbrăveni, jud. Sibiu and 4 communes in the county. Giurgiu.

**11000 euro**

A black and white photograph of a person wearing a full-body white protective suit, a hood, and a face mask. They are holding a small object in their right hand. In the background, there is a chain-link fence and a building. The text is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

**#TOGETHER WITH YOU,  
WE MANAGED TO MAKE A  
CHANGE ALSO IN 2020**

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