

Community Action Romania (CAR) 1062573

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2019

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 2019. These activities were effected through CAR's counterpart, Pro Community Romania (PCR), which is a Romanian charity managing the aid in Romania.

Three of the trustees and several supporters of CAR visited Romania at different times during 2019, to encourage, support and observe our counterparts (PCR), and were pleased by the progress being made and the careful distribution of aid.

Looking back over 2019 it has been a year of challenges and delights. Over the course of the year (with thanks to our partners and supporters we have been able to provide:

- New desks and educational supplies with art and craft material and the children in the kindergarten with their exercise and workbooks
- With the tractor bought in 2018 we were able to help poorer families collect wood and provide over 6 loads to other families that could not afford any supplies
- Support to the church in Carand and its work with women and children
- Food aid and compassion to over 34 families each month
- Contribution to medical expenses for those in need
- Christmas community engagement continued with meals and gifts to the poorest in the community and the children.
- A childrens Christmas party with around 100 children from the village
- 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 to hospital/doctors on journeys. This year totalled more than 2,200 miles.
- A car for pastor Daniel to be able to meet his needs and parishioners
- Direct support to fund Pastor Daniel, Vetuta, Danny and Sarah to be able to support the church and community full time

In addition

- Work with the youth of the village has continued to expand and they have also be engaged in community work, such as clearing the forest of litter. Bicycle rides are a frequent activity.
- A womens group has continued to develop
- This year Danny facilitated a leaders training event and has started establishing links with other church leaders to share the message and continue serving the community

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 seems harder for us to raise funds than it used to be, our small charity continues to be blessed with the best income over the last three years (up 31% on 2018) . As a

result our bank balances remain stable with only a reduction of 4% over the last year and more than four months operating expenditure remaining in reserve

It is worth noting that administration costs remain at a level less than 3% of total Payments and is more than covered by gift aid meaning that every penny we receive goes directly to the good causes.

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The trustees Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees

And signed on their behalf by R N Edwards – Chairman