



Annual Report 2022



Foundation
„Ancora Salvării”

Flight to new horizons



IMPRESSIONS FROM 2022

The year 2022 started in the hope that we could leave the difficult time of the pandemic and its restrictions behind us and that we would have opportunities to resume our social services with the intensity of the past. We hoped that we would succeed in developing new activities. We were hoping for a

flight to new horizons.

After 24 February, however, everything has changed, especially for our neighbours in Ukraine. That is why we have adapted to this completely new situation. In addition to our usual activities, we helped Ukrainians who came to Romania or Moldova, as well as to those who stayed in Ukraine. We were able to offer a lot of help through many extra financial gifts and goods, including from the Netherlands. That was very encouraging for us! This way we were able to provide a lot of support in the dire situation resulting from the war. This is how we discovered new horizons, but not in the way we would have liked.

Of course, we also continued our social services in Romania. During the year, the centre's license for counselling and support for parents and children with autism in Tg. Frumos ended. In recent years, we have not only received requests concerning autism and related disorders, but we also met families with special requests for help. Our help is also called upon by foster and adoptive families. In addition, we are asked to provide counselling and information to institutions. That is why we have chosen to apply for a completely new license for Information and Counselling Centre Park of Joy in Strunga, Iași County. This is a new license that can make these additional requests for help possible.

We can help where it is most needed and that is why we are pleased to be able to extend the cooperation with the town hall of Tg. Frumos, so that we could again get a room in their Multifunctional Social Centre.

Participants of the centre in Tg. Frumos were able to register at the Centre in Strunga, which most of them did. This is because counselling of people with autism and their families will be one of the services we provide in Strunga.

We also continued our work in Moldova by visiting participants, organising social activities, and renovating the camp lodge. We have also started setting up the independent foundation Ancora Salvării Moldova, as required by the new legislation in Moldova.

People from Romania, Ukraine, and Moldova, as well as others who speak Romanian, can visit our online platform www.nevoispeciale.ro. This site is regularly updated with new information and documents. There are now also some documents in Russian.



ROMANIA

- ◆ This year we organised various activities that ensured that our aid could continue. In chronological order:

- In March and April, three shipments arrived from the Netherlands. Many of those relief items were donated to Ukraine.
- Since March, we are a partner in the ‘Voice of the Community’ project, together with the Bethany Foundation and the Association of Romanian Literature, in the provincial town of Târgu Frumos. The participants also came from neighbouring municipalities. In this project, we offered the following: counselling on human and civil rights, workshops on effective communication with the authorities, and legal consultations. The aim is to help citizens to participate in their communities.
- In July, we organised a week of camp days for children from the Strunga region, and in August for adolescents from the region.
- Hester, a children’s physical therapist from the Netherlands, has offered rehabilitation evaluations to see what adjustments people with physical or multiple disabilities need in order to function as independently as possible: on 12 August at the Star of Hope Centre in Dorohoi, and on 16 and 17 August at the La Timp Association in Iași.
- Because we did not have the orthopaedic aids with us in August, they were distributed in the Dorohoi region on 4 October, according to the rehabilitation evaluations.
- There was a party on 30 September and 1 October, because we celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Ancora Salvării Foundation. We celebrated this in the form of open days at the Park of Joy in Strunga.
- In preparation for the validation process of C-BiLLT, a meeting was organized on 12 May with students from the Special School in Pașcani, and on 20 June and 4 July with participants from the La Timp Association in Iași.
- A presentation was given on 9 December at the Special School Sf. Andrew in Gura Umorului about the way in which the C-BiLLT method is used in the Netherlands. We also used some fragments of the videos we made with their students on 4 October. There were also special education teachers from Suceava province.
The C-BiLLT (Computer-Based instrument for Low motor Language Testing) has been specifically developed to assess spoken language comprehension in non- or hardly speaking children with (severe) motor disabilities, for example because of cerebral palsy.
- The draft translation of the book *Floorplay* is ready. In September, there was a meeting with the team of authors in the Netherlands. *Floorplay is a development-oriented method for children with various problems, where communication and interaction are insufficiently developed. The child is stimulated through play.*



- In December, our Foundation registered in the Southwest Iași Local Action Group (with an office in Strunga).
- On 10 December, we were involved in the presentation of the book by Loredana Grosu, our first participant in Iași. We are proud of her because she learned to read and type through hard work. She has also made great strides in self-reliance. Moreover, by reading a lot of literature and writing a blog, she independently developed into a writer!



COUNSELING CENTRE FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND THEIR PARENTS IN TG. FRUMOS, COUNTY IAȘI

Until 27 November, we worked in this centre with an average of twenty-four families. We also collaborated with special schools in the region.



Every week, we had personal development activities for children and youngsters with autism or related disorders. There were monthly support groups for their mothers.

Special activities:

- On 8 April, we celebrated Autism Day. There was the official (online) book launch of the Romanian translation of *This is Autism* by Colette de Bruin. The author was also present online. Earlier we had given an introduction for teachers and parents: on 1 April at the Special School in Pașcani and on 4 April at the Special School “Trinitas” in Tg. Frumos.
- On 16 April, we celebrated Easter.
- By invitation of the Special School Trinitas in Tg. Frumos, we had weekly meetings with parents in May.
- 1 June was International Children’s Day. We organised an event at the Park of Joy in Strunga with games and music. The next day, a group from the Special School Trinitas came to the Park of Joy.
- On 9 June, there was an extensive presentation of the book *This is Autism* for teachers at the Special School in Pașcani.
- From 14-16 June, the team of our centre followed the course ‘Competent Care in Trauma’. This course was organised by the Alliance “Romania without orphans” (abandoned children) – Iași branch. We chose this course because more and more foster or adoptive families call on us for their children with disabilities, disabilities which are often the result of trauma in the first months of their lives.
- We organised a summer program for children with a disability in the Park of Joy in Strunga. It was a socialisation program.



COUNSELING AND INFORMATION CENTRE „PARC OF JOY” IN STRUNGA, COUNTY IAȘI

- The first group of participants was registered on 28 and 29 November (fourteen from the Centre in Tg. Frumos, but also six new families).
- 7 December: support groups for foster or adoptive mothers of children with disabilities.
- On 14 December, a group of students from the Special School „Trinitas” and a student of Integrative School „Ion Creangă”, Tg. Frumos came in Strunga and we made Christmas ornaments.
- On 15 December, there was a presentation of the book *This Is Autism* at the University Ștefan cel Mare in Suceava. The author, Colette de Bruin, was present online at the beginning.
- On 21 December we celebrated Christmas.



MOLDOVA

We made home visits every (two) months. We organised social activities at our office address or in the city park for the more than fifty families we serve.

- ◆ On 15 January, a Christmas party was held at the Vifania church in Bălți, organised by volunteers.
- ◆ On 12 March, we celebrated Mother’s Day at the Vifania church in Bălți.
- ◆ Easter was celebrated on April 16 at the Vifania church in Bălți.
- ◆ On 11 June, 10 July, 28 August, and 24 September, we organised social activities in the city park.
- ◆ From 3-10 August, together with children’s physical therapist Hester, we organised rehabilitation evaluations to see what adjustments people with physical or multiple disabilities need to function as independently as possible. From 8-10 October, we distributed orthopaedic aids from our storage in Romania.
- ◆ On 10 October, there was a meeting at the Faculty of Alecu Russo in Bălți to make arrangements on our joint activities. A second preparatory meeting was on 16 December. The first public meeting will be on 3 February 2023.
- ◆ 29 October, a Thanksgiving celebration was held at the Vifania church in Bălți.
- ◆ From 18-20 November and from 16-18 December we visited new families, who come to the celebration on 29 octomber.
- ◆ On 26 and 27 December, we sang Christmas carols to families from the city of Bălți and the counties of Rîșcani and Glodeni.



„ANCORA” CAMP LODGE IN SADOVOE, BĂLȚI CITY AREA

- The renovation of the camp lodge continued, a large part of which is already completely ready for use.
- On 26 June, from 18-22 July, and on 5 and 6 August, camp days were organised at the Vifania camp.

UCRAINA

- ◆ Temporary shelter of refugees in Strunga, Romania.
- ◆ Camp for deaf refugees in Sadovoe, Bălți city area, Moldova. Refugee children participated in our social activities in the city park in Bălți.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORTURI

In March and April, two shipments arrived from the Netherlands. Ukrainians from Hust and Kiev came to Strunga to pick up relief supplies. To Odessa and Cernăuți we brought the supplies ourselves with our buses.

CERNĂUȚI (CERNIVITSCHI)

Help provided through churches that speak Romanian (Bucovina region).

Through the Ștefan cel Mare University of Suceava, we have been in contact with the University of Cernăuți, Romanian Language Section, Pedagogical Faculty, about collaboration opportunities in 2023. We gave the university the books we translated to put in their library.

KYIV

Pastor Igor had fled with his family from Ukraine to Suceava. In the first few months, we have been able to offer a wide variety of relief supplies through him for his work at the Resurrection Church in Kyiv, as well as for social activities held through him in Kyiv and nearby communities. He has been to Strunga several times. We also met him at Suceava to offer him medicines, bandages, sleeping bags, bedding, duvets, pillows, winter clothes, food, personal care products, washing powder, pampers, etc. It is nice to mention that he also received a generator from the Netherlands.

ODESSA

Under the responsibility of Association La Răscruce and in collaboration with other organisations, we were able to help in Odessa at the Special Children Association. We helped families of children with special needs and the Love of Christ Church. This church helps people in need, such as newly liberated citizens from the Herson and Nikolaiev region. They also go to the front to support the soldiers there.



HMELNIŢKII

We already knew Vecislav, who comes to the camp in Sadovoe, Bălţi every year with a group of deaf people. We helped them to come this year in July as well. In addition, we also provided a generator so that he can continue their activities. We also met in Cernăuţi to give food packages with paracetamol and vitamins.



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- * Expanding the target groups and services at counselling and information centre Park of Joy in Strunga, including:
 - ❖ activities for people with motor disabilities because we now have a bus with a lift;
 - ❖ support groups for foster and adoptive parents of children with disabilities;
 - ❖ legal assistance for people with (functional) illiteracy by providing information in understandable language.
 - ❖ These ideas emerged from observations of the existing requests for help that we encountered during contacts with our participants and in institutions we work with.
- * Complete the renovation of the camp lodge in Sadovoe, Bălţi city area, and organise the program from May to October at the camp (in addition to the usual activities in Moldova).
- * Intensify cooperation with the universities in Suceava Romania, Bălţi Moldova, and Cernăuţi Ukraine, with the department of social studies.
- * Implementing the *Floorplay* method.
- * Validate the *C-BiLLT* test.
- * Offering more materials on the online platform www.nevoispeciale.ro and translating more information into Russian (and/or Ukrainian).



PARTNERS AND COOPERATIONS



♥ ROMANIA

- ✓ Child Protection Services, Youth Care and Social work, Iași County
- ✓ The town hall in Tg. Frumos
- ✓ The town hall in Strunga
- ✓ Southwest Iași local action Group
- ✓ Special school Trinitas, Tg. Frumos, cluster 3
- ✓ Special school Moldova, Tg. Frumos, cluster 1
- ✓ Special school Pașcani, cluster 3
- ✓ The „Ștefan cel Mare” University of Suceava, Education Studies and Psychology
- ✓ The „La Răscruce” Association
- ✓ The „Vocea Comunității” project with the „Bethany” Foundation and „Association of Romanian Literature”



♥ MOLDOVA

- ✓ The „Vifania” church, Bălți
- ✓ The „Vifania” camp, Bălți
- ✓ The „Alec Russo” University, Bălți
- ✓ Social work from the provinces Glodeni and Rîșcani



♥ THE NETHERLANDS

- ✓ The „Sarfath” Foundation
- ✓ Sponsors: individuals, various reformed churches and organisations.
- ✓ The team of „C-BiLLT” test
- ✓ The team of „Floorplay” method
- ✓ Organisation „Geef me de 5”



♥ ENGLAND

- ✓ The „Mission Direct” Foundation

