



Annual Report

2022

FARA 
o familie pentru cei fără

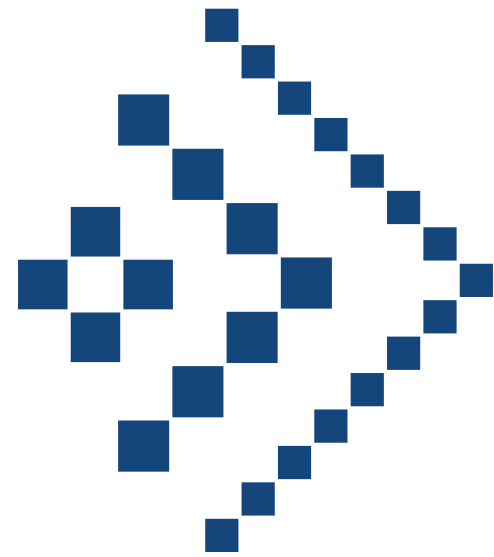
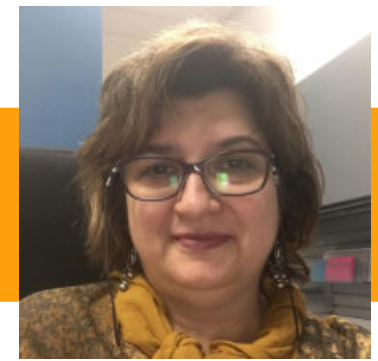




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1. Message from the EXECUTIVE TEAM



In 2022 we continued the process of organizational transformation started two years ago. Over the past two years we worked hard to become an organization

with a stronger voice and visibility able to translate over 30 years of experience of working in Romania into better programs to improve lives for those who were previously denied it, whether through poverty, disability, or social exclusion. Despite the many challenges, both personally and professionally throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, you all have continued to show up for children, youth, people with disabilities and families, and for that, we want to thank you.

Reflecting on the past, we remember that at the beginning of this change journey we started with an honest acknowledgement of how hard the work will be, how much capacity and discipline the organization will need along with the individual professional commitment of all members of FARA family to build resilience and sustainability in our work. Now is a good time to take stock; to reflect on where we've been, what we've done, and where we're at.

By its nature, change creates disruptions, tensions, and uncertainties. As with any change process, our experience has also been a difficult journey which involved a steep learning curve, out-of-box thinking, lots of reflection and analysis, creativity, innovation, and the need to rapidly adapt to new ways of how we talk and do our work. Probably, the most meaningful learning so far is that we are now more aware of the importance of creating a safe environment filled with trust, free of stereotypes, friendly, and positive, so that both staff and beneficiaries can express what they think without fear of being judged or misunderstood.

Multifaceted transformational change as is the case of our organization needs to be appropriately scoped, resourced, and most importantly, integrated. Every initiative must be linked to every other initiative, that is why we placed a great importance on synergies among various programs. Everyone worked very hard to reposition programs and services and maximize their impact on the well-being of our beneficiaries. We are all striving for demonstrating professionalism, excellence and high quality of our interventions. We worked hard to sync our ideals with the realities of operations – people, resources, and an increasing demand for services due to the magnitude of poverty, disability, marginalization, unequal chances, discrimination, and limited access to opportunities and community resources.

We trust you have a sense for how hard the organizational transformation will continue to be. The unforeseen obstacles we will face will test our endurance and optimism. Do the necessary work to prepare yourself and your programs for this continued journey. The one obstacle you can best prevent from derailing transformation is yourself.



Fundatia FARA is striving for continuous improvement of quality of services and excellence in service delivery. That is why we allocated time and resources to properly review the impact of our programs, the intervention models and the rapidly changing needs of our primary beneficiaries – children in the protection system without parental care, children with disabilities, children affected by poverty, abuse, exploitation, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of violence, and adults with disabilities. We are proud to report that united in a common cause a team of 100 dedicated professionals provided services and supports to an average of 1,150 unique beneficiaries monthly. We all touched their lives for better in ways that it is difficult to capture even by the most experienced evaluators. We offered emotional support and guidance to help them find the best solutions to their circumstances, build their individual resilience, and make better decisions for their lives. We celebrated and had fun together with our beneficiaries during our creative events and recreational activities. We provided material and financial support whenever resources were available and needs were identified. We exposed them to learning opportunities, new creative and innovative projects, and multiple activities that focused on giving them a chance to have their voice heard and considered. We facilitated access to specialized services when our competencies were not sufficient. We worked, laughed, and cried together with our beneficiaries each time life struggles came into our way.

On February 25th, Fundația FARA created the Solidarity Team for Ukraine to provide essential material support and psychological assistance to the Ukrainian refugees, children and families transiting through Vama Siret, Suceava. This humanitarian project started with the provision of basic material support (personal hygiene kits, disinfectants and COVID prevention kits, warm clothing, footwear, food, first aid kits, over the counter medical supplies. The assistance rapidly expanded to help the Ukrainian refugees settled in Rădăuți, Fălticeni, Iași, Jijila, Constanța, Popești Leordeni, Bucharest, and Ploiești. Our staff, volunteers, partners, and donors played a major role in bringing hope and support to over 12,200 refugees dealing with loss, panic, anxiety, fear, trauma, and desperation and fighting for their survival on the Romanian territory, and for many more in Ukraine.

On the note of gratitude, we would like to take a moment to thank each of you for everything you are doing to support our people – staff, volunteers, partners, and foremost, our beneficiaries and their families. Regardless of where you work in Fundația FARA or what you do, ultimately, your work contributes to the health and robustness of our organization. Your work is critical to our overall success as an organization. At every turn, everything we do, should in some way contribute to a better life for the vulnerable people we serve. Let's focus on being accountable for our actions and be the FARA family that we are seeking to be. We are all part of the best possible group of professionals to make their professional dreams a reality through actions and good faith.

The Executive Leadership Team of 2022

Roxana Carmen Girip & Regina Bulai





a family for those without

Fundația FARA was founded in 1991 with the mission of transforming the lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children, young people and families living in poor communities in Romania. The name of Fundația FARA draws attention to the difficulties they face, **without** family, **without** parental love **without** resources and support, **without** equal opportunities for education and opportunities, **without** hope and confidence, **without** smiles.

2. About FARA

Core Programs

actions to build the future

#inclusion #resilience #individualizedplan
#engagement #accountability

A FAMILY FOR LIFE

We provide safe accommodation in a family type environment, psycho-social assistance, non-formal education and socialization for adults with disabilities.

THERAPY AND REHABILITATION

We support both children and parents in the therapeutic process.

TACKLING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

We provide school-by-school educational support, non-formal education, psycho-social and material support, social inclusion activities for disadvantaged and/or marginalized children and their family members.

A FAMILY FOR THOSE WITHOUT

We provide residence, psycho-social assistance, non-formal education and socialization in a family-type home, St. Nicholas, in Suceava, for children and young people from the protection system, lacking parental and family support and care.

YOUTH PROGRAM

We provide integrated services and psycho-social and educational support for young people leaving the protection system and vulnerable young people in the community preparing for independent living.



Advocacy

DARE: Development, Skills, Resilience and Equity for an independent life for people with disabilities

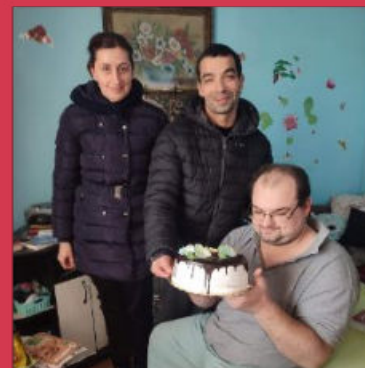
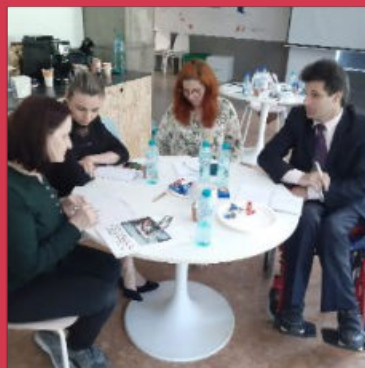
Main Funder: Active Citizens Fund Romania (EURO 149,996)

Parteners: Pro ACT Suport Association (EURO 64,529) Rehabilitation Foundation Hope (EURO 27,743) International Organization for Democracy and Human Rights Norway (EURO 12,220) and Fundația FARA (EURO 45,514)

Project Budget: EURO 196,606.

Implementation: March 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023

Beneficiaries are people with disabilities who have gone through the experience of institutionalization and who decide to build their destiny in the community, as well as people with disabilities who live in the community. This project provides individualized support tailored to their needs, helps them to develop autonomy and the ability to responsibly build an independent life in community where they pay their rent, utilities, maintain their home, cook, develop a social support network.



The DARE project addresses the continuing shortage of services for people with disabilities, both in the residential system and those at risk of (re) institutionalization. It is aligned with the objectives of the 2021-2027 National Strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities. Key components are:

- Promotion of flexible standards for regulating the functioning of social services for adults with disabilities;
- Piloting a new service - the Supervised Independent Living Service (STIS) to increase resilience and social inclusion and reduce inequities. This service is intended to provide a safety net for people with disabilities in search of autonomy and a fulfilling life in the community.
- Intensification of advocacy activities to increase the visibility of life experiences of people with disabilities
- Coordination of resources by capitalizing on the experience of non-governmental organizations, professionals, and people with disabilities for social inclusion.
- Increase participation of people with disabilities in making decisions that affect their lives.

Key Achievements

- ❖ Project launch with 50+ professionals, people with disabilities, mass-media and decision makers
- ❖ Promotional and informational materials (500+ kits) STIS pilot (assessments, 1:1 support, counselling, access to specialized services, skills development training) with 7 beneficiaries from FARA over 6 months in 2 locations (Suceava and Popești Leordeni)
- ❖ Dedicated Facebook page, DARE NET Group and landing pages on the websites of the 4 partners
- ❖ Communication and Advocacy Conference in Constanța with 42 participants (professionals, people with disabilities and decision makers)
- ❖ 16 NGOs included in the capacity building opportunities
- ❖ 15+ Workshops ,debates and know- how transfer from Norwegian partner, including people with disabilities, authorities, other NGOs (140+ participants)



@DAREpentruviataindependenta

Advocacy



SafetyNet: Training, Networking and Best Practices for safety, security and quality of services for children

Main Funder: French Embassy and The French Institute in Romania (EURO 5000)

Parteners: FARA Charity UK, Dacris

Project Budget: EURO 12,800

Implementation: August 1st 2022 – 30 June, 2023

SafetyNet is an advocacy project aiming at creating an international network of professionals in the field of protecting and promoting children's rights.

Key components are:

Create a virtual platform targeting professionals from Romania, France and other EU and non-EU countries in the field of protection of children's rights and prevention of any form of child abuse, exploitation, and neglect.

Create a space for dialogue, exchange of experience, and debates to promote sharing of knowledge, information and best practices among children, youth and professionals working in the national and international sphere of child rights.

- SafetyNet Newsletter in Romanian, English and French
- Webinars
- Workshops
- Advocacy Conference

Stimulate children and youth participation in advocacy activities to prevent and eliminate all forms of abuse, exploitation, neglect and violence, and to have their voices heard.

SafetyNet

FORMARE, NETWORKING ȘI BUNE PRACTICI PENTRU SIGURANȚA,
SECURITATEA ȘI CALITATEA SERVICIILOR PENTRU COPII



❖ Key Achievements:

- ❖ SafetyNet launch conference (20+ participants, guest speaker – children's representative who shared children's perspective on zero tolerance for abuse, exploitation, violence and humiliating treatments in the school and community).
- ❖ Brochure on Zero Tolerance of Abuse, Exploitation, Violence and Humiliating Treatment at home, at school and within the community.
- ❖ 65 highschool youth from the TPTE program and St. Nicolae's House, students of the Social Assistance University and teaching staff participated in a seminary "The Voice of Children" focusing on issues faced by children and teens in the residential system, in the community and in the family, organized in partnership with Stefan Cel Mare University in Suceava.
- ❖ 15 teenagers from the TPTE program participated in a debate on "Social involvement of teenagers to prevent humiliating treatment of socially vulnerable children." The meeting took place in Baia and the guests were representatives of the National College of Social Workers from Romania, the Territorial Structure of Suceava
- ❖ Awareness event to mark the Child's Rights Day organized in collaboration with the Suceava National College of Food Industry, Club Holtis 115
- ❖ Round Table involving 20 high school students supported through the TPTE program. Participants shared experiences on how to socialize in high schools, express opinions, encourage talents and prevent marginalization.



@SafetyNET2022



Advocacy



Build – Grow – Aspire Program

Build knowledge, develop skills and resilience, and open windows of opportunities for vulnerable children and youth through Education, Empowerment, Safeguarding and Participation

Main Funder: BCause Foundation

Partners: FARA Charity UK

Project Budget: EURO 41,780

Implementation: 1st January 2022 – 31st March 2024

ASPIRE aims to improve quality and access to services for **91 vulnerable children, youth, people with disabilities, families and impoverished communities**, with the funding being directed to:

- Prevent school drop-out and improve academic performance.
- Build resilience through independent life skills development.
- Helping vulnerable youth to start living independently.
- Combat poverty through education and continuous support.
- Increase employability and support the development of skill sets required for jobs in a technological driven work environment.
- Provide free of charge therapy for children with disability.
- Support the development of healthy lifestyle.
- Amplifying beneficiaries' voice in decisions about housing, care, health, safety, education, leisure, finance, and employment.



❖ Key Achievements:

- ❖ Counselling (57 families) and material support (57 backpacks fully equipped for school)
- ❖ Support with transitioning from elementary to high school (14 students)
- ❖ Support to reduce inequalities and social exclusion through education (100+ students)
- ❖ Promote volunteering (5 new volunteers and 10 volunteers youth with disabilities)
- ❖ 6 safeguarding capacity building workshops (40 unique beneficiaries, students and 30 teachers)
- ❖ 19 skills development workshops on various topics (civic responsibility, volunteering, empathy, traditions, self-awareness, self-advocacy, social competences, digital competences, etc.) for 60 unique beneficiaries
- ❖ Safeguarding awareness and information (7 sessions, 22 teachers, 12 program staff members and 100+ children)
- ❖ Exchange of best practices between the Fundația FARA and Pluse Foundation, Concordia Bulgaria and Kids Foundation
- ❖ "I Decide for Myself" drawing contest for people with disabilities (20 participants, 25 drawings)
- ❖ 12 workshops for youth people with disabilities (20 unique beneficiaries)



**100+ students, 20 youth
with disabilities, 57
families, 30 teachers and 5
vulnerable communities**

Humanitarian Aid

SRU: Solidarity with the Ukrainian Refugees

On February 25th, Fundația FARA created the Solidarity Team for Ukraine to provide essential material support and psychological assistance to the Ukrainian refugees, children and families transiting through Vama Siret, Suceava, Romania searching for help in the camps and mobile centers for refugees in Suceava county or aiming to reach their destination elsewhere in Europe or in North America.

Our staff, volunteers, partners, and donors played a major role in bringing hope and support to over 12,200 refugees dealing with loss, panic, anxiety, fear, trauma, and desperation and fighting for their survival on the Romanian territory, and for many more in Ukraine.

This humanitarian project started with the provision of basic material support (personal hygiene kits, disinfectants and COVID prevention kits, warm clothing, footwear, food, first aid kits, over the counter medical supplies. The assistance rapidly expanded to help the Ukrainian refugees settled in Rădăuți, Fălticeni, Iași, Jijila, Constanța, Popești Leordeni, Bucharest, and Ploiești.

Humanitarian aid was also provided to people of Ukraine in their own communities in the middle of the war. Fundația FARA has been a major ally of important public and non-governmental entities supporting the Ukrainian refugees.



3. Impact & Results

Fundația FARA **grows together** with its beneficiaries. **We believe in people**, their ideas and their ability to push their limits. **We value partnerships** for a common cause to amplify the impact of our initiatives.



49314 hot meals
26159 snacks



8862
hours of support
with homework



22690
hours of
counselling
and therapy



1154
core program
beneficiaries

12000+
Ukrainean
refugee
beneficiaries



100 specialists
working at FARA

700+ creative
activities



680 hours of
independent living
counselling



7000+
packages





homes for
life



Purpose: To create a loving and supportive family life for adults with disabilities who spent their childhood institutionalised, or deprived of parental and family care, and need lifelong care and support.

20 adults with disabilities
in St. Mary Home and Elisabeta Home

60 adults with disabilities
from Vadul Moldovei and Cacica
communities

13 strategic partners
Local authorities, CSR &
NGOs

Key results

Ongoing support

- 7000** hours of ongoing support by program staff
- 52** group counselling sessions for PD and family members
- 168** training sessions for independent living skills
- 62** sessions of technology-enhanced educational activities
- 172** specialized therapy sessions
- 300+** creative educational activities
- 805** gardening hours (occupational therapy)
- 200** medical interventions

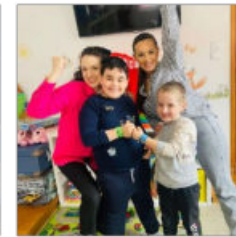
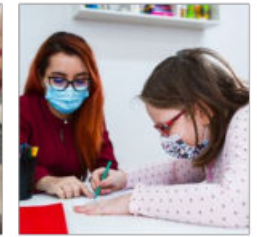
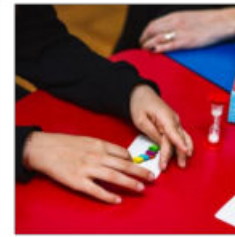
Community outreach

- 90** people participated in **23** community awareness actions
- 50** beneficiaries participated digital information sessions
- 10** joint activities with children from FARA's Therapy and Rehabilitation

"2022 was a full year, which from the very beginning put us in front of a tragedy for which we were not prepared - the war in Ukraine. In the first months of the year, we responded to the urgent need of our neighbors, being part of the opening of residential and emergency services for refugees. It was a year in which we worked with many partners, in which together we reorganized and developed services for adults with disabilities through services in the community, in consultation with authorities, PDs and NGOs."

-Carmen Netedu, Program Director

#integrABILITY





Purposes: To provide children with disabilities from low-income families with free speech and psychological therapy, physiotherapy, and other creative forms of therapy to help them overcome the limitations of their disability, facilitate inclusion in mainstream education, and improve their functionality at home, school and in their community. To provide information, trainings and supports to family members and professionals to enhance their understanding of child's disabilities, their pace of development, and pathways for rehabilitation

Raphael Center, St. Teresa Center,
Emanuel Center
312 unique children

9 teachers
465 parents

10 strategic partners
Local authorities, CSR & NGOs

Key results

Free therapy services

- 183 initial assessments
- 1082 periodic assessment
- 448 individualized therapeutic plans
- 21716 total therapy hours
- 747 online therapy hours online
- 55 children who benefit from one to one therapy
- 188 children who benefit from hybrid therapy

Information, training & support

- 490 counselling sessions for parents in person
- 21716 feedback sessions for parents in person
- 1 hands on speech therapy and stimulation workshop
- 55 educational kits

"Our story started about a year ago when I joined the "FARA Family", that's what I call it.

My son Alex was diagnosed with hyperkinetic syndrome a year ago when I started therapy. At first it was very difficult, she couldn't work with him at all because he was very agitated, uncooperative, refusing any activity and any task, no matter how easy and simple. But with a lot of patience and a lot of work on the part of the psychologist, the good results began to be seen.

Today I'm talking about a sociable, cheerful, communicative Alex, much, much more attentive, more obedient and with greater concentration in everything he does. All these hours of therapy make me believe today with all my heart, that soon, with a lot of work and perseverance, he will be 100% recovered."

-Alex's Mom



tackling poverty
through
education



Purpose: To prevent school drop-out, fight against poverty, promote social inclusion and integration, and support growth through education, community involvement, and access to opportunities.

TPTE Suceava, **660** children, high school and University youth and their families

TPTE Ilfov, **192** children, high school and University youth and their families

15 strategic partners
Local authorities, CSR & NGOs

Key results

Support for educational performance

- 100%** school promotion (elementary and highschool students)
- 4500** hours of support with homework/after-school activities
- 53** sessions of technology-enhanced educational activities
- 100** equipped schoolbags
- 352** creative/educational activities
- 144** educational sessions for children's empowerment
- 365** children involved in Children's Voice opportunities
- 9** youth who exited the protection system received financial support to help them transition into independent living
- 60** vulnerable youth received **250** social vouchers (100lei/voucher) to help with education costs

"When you are a member of the FARA team, you know that you are part of the "gear for the production of good". It's a privilege. At the same time, you consciously take on the ride in an emotional carousel that comes with hours and hours of searching for the best solutions, embracing change, working hard, consolidating what you've learned so that you could pass it on, sometimes in the form of know-how, sometimes in the form of care or a smile."

-Eca Croitor, Program Director

Family support

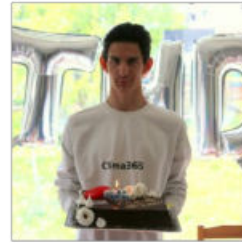
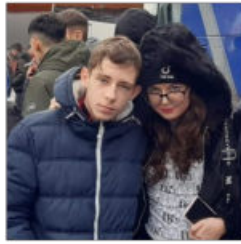
332 counselling hours

354 information sessions (jobs, free courses, access to specialized medical services, educational guidance).

7 family members received help for employment

53 families throughout the country received in-kind and financial support, including referrals to specialized services

24 families received gardening articles and household tools



a family for
those without



Purpose: To create a loving and supportive family life for children who are temporarily or permanently deprived of parental care and support their growth in a safe and nurturing environment through education, independent life skills development, and participation in decisions affecting their life.

11 children and teenagers
with ages varying from 9 to 18 years.

3 children eligible to start family reunification & social reintegration process

7 strategic partners
Local authorities, CSR & NGOs

Key results

Ongoing support

- 100%** school promotion (elementary and highschool students)
- 4362** hours of support for homework
- 631** school visits/feedback sessions
- 115** sessions of technology-enhanced educational activities.
- 8070** hot meals, **4989** snacks & **174** special meals (Birthday, Easter, Christmas, etc.)
- 192** counselling/therapy
- 1544** hours of individual emotional support provided by the program staff
- 437** visits with family/friends
- 151** days spent by 8 beneficiaries in their family of origin during holidays

Resilience & children's voice

- 6751** non-formal sessions on topics regarding independent living skills
- 269** opportunities to express opinions, make decisions, advocate for themselves, volunteer, develop civic responsibility and contribute to awareness campaigns

"I'm happy! I feel fulfilled and grateful! Why? Due to many things. I thank God for all that I have! I'm healthy, I have an almost normal life, even if I don't live with my parents. I live in a family-type house with ten other children who have become part of my life, and this makes me happy. With the help of the people who take care of us, this house has become a beautiful place, a place that I can call "home"."

-Sorina

24/24h
care &
supervision





The year 2022 was marked by the closing of the residential component of the program (transit centres for care-leavers youth). Support for independent living component was integrated in all core programs targeting vulnerable children and youth living with their families affected by poverty, children with disabilities from the community, young people with disabilities from our Homes for Life, people with disabilities from families/communities affected by poverty, and children/youth in alternative care (St. Nicholas Home). Activities provide beneficiaries with a learning experience in a supervised environment where they are exposed to opportunities to develop independent living skills.

11 years of activity
331 youth in 2 transit centers

100 youth graduated from high school, university and vocational training

9 youth included in post-service monitoring following the closure of the program

Key results

24 young people were involved in digitalization training courses meant to develop their knowledge and raise the changes of a better employment.

44 young people supported in 2022

24 young people reached independent living

11 youth found jobs and moved on their own

5 youth were transferred to other NGOs

4 youth enrolled in university studies



"Of course, the transformation process is not an easy one, sometimes we are overwhelmed by ambivalent emotions, other times by the pride of work done from the soul, other times we become vulnerable, but we try not to abandon the "ship" until we anchor at the final destination.

We are sure that what happened in our story was not accidental, and in this way authentic bonds were embroidered, and our values will be continued by those who have harmonized with them."

- Elena Niculescu, Manager



Solidarity
with the
ukrainian
refugees



Purpose: To provide basic material support, psychological and emotional assistance to children and families affected by the war in Ukraine.

12,000+ *refugees assisted in Romania and Ukraine*

Key results

- 225** refugees housed in our transit centres
- 625** children received toys, clothing and school supply
- 12** convoys in partnership with other organizations
- 3900** people from war zones in Ukraine who received 15 tones of goods
- 2800** Ukrainian Refugees in the camp received in kind humanitarian aid
- 99** children participated in social interactions /play dates
- 20** refugees reunited with their families, overseas
- 5104** refugees received assistance at the borders
- 485** adults and children were able to access medical services
- 231** refugees received emotional support/ psychological help
- 2500+** refugees settled in community received financial and in-kind support

"Right now, I feel safe here, at FARA, but I still miss home.

The most difficult thing about my coming to Romania is the fact that I had to say goodbye to my father. Since then, I live every day in terror at the thought that I will never see him again. I try to keep hope alive.

I hope the war ends soon and I can see him again, hug my father, friends and grandparents who are left behind."

-Mariia, 16 years old refugee from Dnipro, Ukraine

4. Innovation & Creativity

To be innovative means to break the barriers of the unknown and expand our horizons. To do so, it takes a lot of skill, dedication, and creativity to come up with new ideas. Creativity allows us to see things differently. It allows us to identify when something might be possible in the first place when others are “blind” to it.

In our work we aim to turn our creative aspirations into tangible realities through new program ideas. In this way we make sure we stay true to our goal of making a difference in the lives of our beneficiaries. Social innovation can make us think more creatively and be more effective in addressing complex issues.

In 2022, Fundația FARA leveraged CSR support to promote and apply innovation in how we work with vulnerable children and people with disabilities to promote educational performance, resilience and zero tolerance against discrimination, abuse, exploitation, bullying and humiliating treatment at home, at school and in the community, and to take a step further and complement traditional therapeutic processes with something that is out of the ordinary



Carrefour Academy

Health, Education and Therapy for children and young people with disabilities



158 Beneficiaries

- ❖ 8 adults with permanent disabilities, residents of Casa Elisabeta, Cacica, Suceava county;
- ❖ 12 families (60 people) who take care of at least one disabled person from the Cacica community
- ❖ 90 children with disabilities who benefit from specialized services in the Day Therapy and Recovery Emanuel Center in Suceava.

With the funding and support of Carrefour Romania and its volunteers, Fundația FARA started the project "Carrefour Academy. Health, Education and Therapy for children and young people with disabilities" having three main directions:



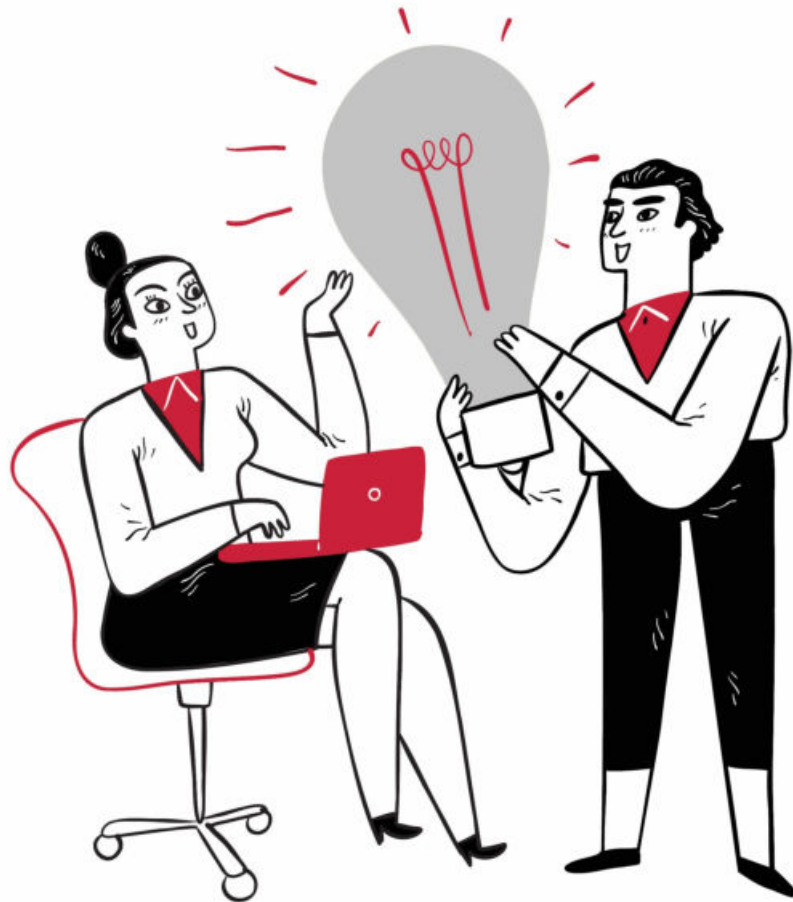
Establishing therapeutic gardens by planting and growing vegetables, perennial and aromatic flowers, we build places of peace and for the study of plants. We organize, together with nutritionists, psychologists and paediatricians, informational and educational activities so that healthy food is part of the usual therapeutic program, to achieve well-being in all aspects related to the physical and mental health of our beneficiaries.

Children and young people with disabilities participated in cooking workshops, gathering medicinal plants, and preparing them to be used in natural therapies.

Main activities

- ❖ building therapeutic gardens,
- ❖ supporting the study and collection of medicinal plants and their preparation for use in natural therapies
- ❖ providing access to nutrition education, cooking workshops, and occupational therapy through cooking and gardening
- ❖ encouraging professional activities in the garden/greenhouse and compost preparation

„Through our involvement, we want to promote the need for a more empathetic society, and together with our partners, give every child the chance to live an independent and joyful life. Moreover, in Carrefour Romania we value the development of an inclusive environment both for our colleagues and for the vulnerable communities that need our support, through social responsibility projects with a positive long-term impact, such as the Carrefour Academy - health, education and therapy for children and young people with disabilities.”



Alina Gamauf,
Member of the Executive Committee,
Carrefour Romania.

Brico Dépôt

Community Center
Popești Leordeni

Brico Depot and the Foundation with the same name joined efforts and worked together with FARA's community to renovate and modernize the multifunctional Community Centre. The vision is that this service will have the following areas of activity:

- ❖ Preventing school dropout through formal and informal education (after-school program, workshops, summer school, experiential learning projects using technology)

- ❖ Developing of independent living skills for different categories of beneficiaries (children with disabilities, children from poor families, people with disabilities, young people) through Do It Yourself workshops

- ❖ Developing the skills and resilience of parents of children with disabilities to improve parents' understanding of their child's disability, their pace of development, rehabilitation pathways, etc.

- ❖ Providing timely support to vulnerable families in the community through mobile teams

- ❖ Creating a resource center for professionals to promote the rights of children and persons with disabilities, reduce marginalization and discrimination, and support social inclusion.

- ❖ Piloting a respiro service for children and people with disabilities

The purpose of the multifunctional center is to offer integrated, personalized services to ensure equal opportunities for vulnerable children and young people and people with disabilities

100 beneficiaries



" Fundația FARA has been a solid partner of the Brico Depot Foundation since its establishment, and together, through the projects supported and implemented, we work towards a common goal: improving living conditions and the quality and safety of life in disadvantaged communities. The year 2022 was a year in which the collaboration with the FARA Foundation materialized in renovation and rehabilitation projects of the Therapy and Recovery Day Center for disabled children as well as the Multifunctional Community Center in Popești Leordeni, in support offered to refugees from Ukraine consisting of accommodation, food and essentials, advice and legal support. We are also happy that Brico employees actively participated in supporting the children and young people protected in the FARA centers, by getting involved in volunteer actions or in the second editions of the internal fair "Give the gift of a good deed", offering gifts and material support for a decent living. "

Georgiana Brehuescu,
BricoDépôt Foundation Manager &
Advisor in Community Investments,
Brico Dépôt Romania.



Healthy Food Connect aims at capitalizing on rurality as an opportunity for agricultural practice through micro-farming, education, occupational therapy, and encouragement of healthy eating and production of home-grown vegetables, fruits, and breeding poultry.

The project helped to cultivate 1000 sqm vegetable gardens, 100 sqm greenhouses, plant 100 trees, build 2 coops and populate them with 25 hens and 3 roosters. It also helped 15 low-income families with gardening materials and logistical support to ensure information sharing, building capacity, and hands-on experience.

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Healthy Food Connect

Key Achievements:

- ❖ Developing cognitive and practical skills for 75 vulnerable children and young people through non-formal education and hands-on experiences
- ❖ Increasing self-management capacity for 30 young adults. 30 young adults who own land learned how they can cultivate it to produce food for their families and received information and guidance to streamline the agricultural work
- ❖ Two Nutrition Workshops held by specialists for persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Meetings and debates regarding good practices, personal experiences working land around home and difficulties encountered, planning for next year for 45 participants.
- ❖ Creating logistical support for greenhouse and farming in the households.
- ❖ Piloting AGRO-Mentoring.

Beneficiaries 1248

„We are happy that together we can form a responsible community and have the opportunity to really make a difference among those who need the basics: food, education, therapy.”

Corina Dospinoiu
Sustainability Director
Auchan Retail Romania



Future4all

Removing barriers, empower the young generation, build the future

Fundația FARA is lining up behind Lenovo's mission through this proposal that aims to provide a collaborative solution for reducing inequalities, accelerate digital inclusion for all, and connect people who are not connected, particularly in rural areas.

FUTURE4ALL explores this educational concept in combination with incorporating arts, local traditions, stories and hands-on projects, using emerging technology and traditional tools to engage to create compelling learning and artistic experiences inspiring digital connectivity, skill development and individual ability to apply new skills to unfamiliar challenges.

Main activities

- ❖ Establish STEAM Learning Incubator
- ❖ Develop experiential learning workshops
- ❖ Support Volunteers – Community relationship building

Key accomplishments

- ❖ LENOVO provided support to establish and setup the first STEAM educational room in Preutești, Suceava
- ❖ 20 mothers and 29 Ukrainian children received humanitarian aid from FARA through LENOVO

140+ Beneficiaries

- ❖ 75 primary school children
- ❖ 25 secondary school children
- ❖ 30 high school and university students
- ❖ 40 people with disabilities.
- ❖ family members
- ❖ professionals in social/medical field and teachers.



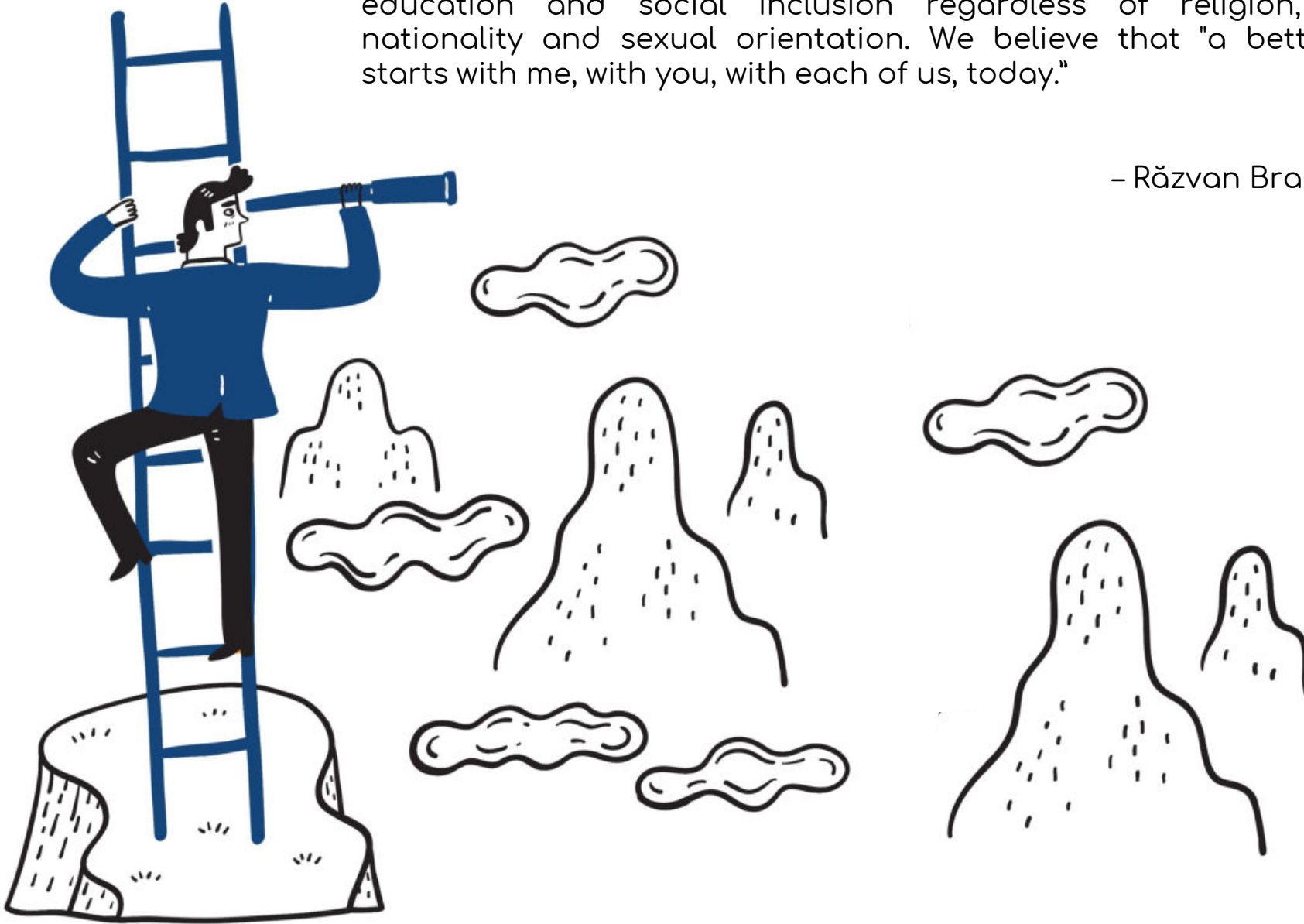
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giving back
moves us all forward

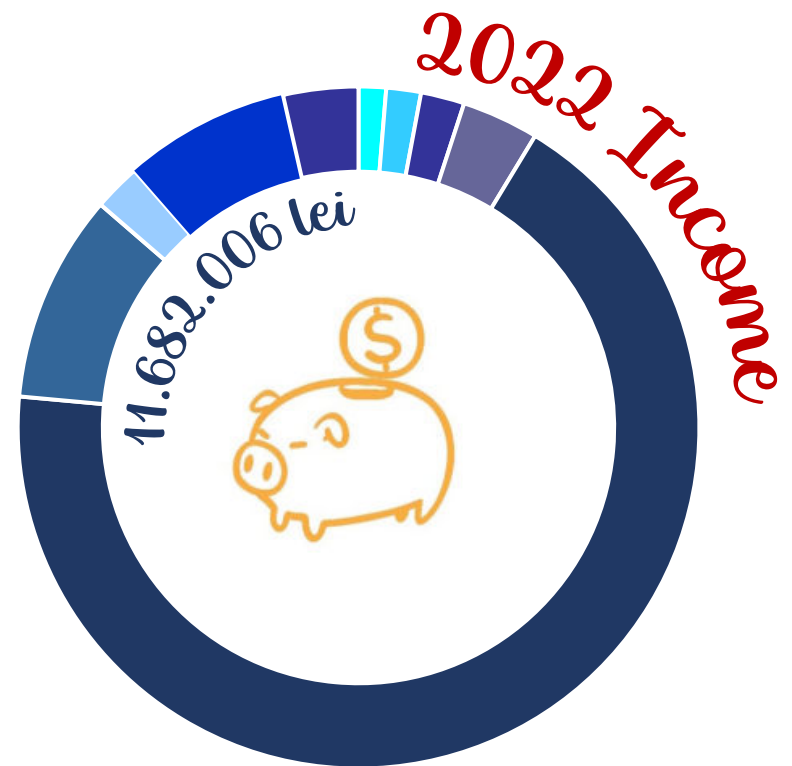
Lenovo



"Lenovo considered that FARA is an essential ally in the fight against school dropout and in supporting education because both parties are based on the same principles: caring for children, the right to education and social inclusion regardless of religion, gender, nationality and sexual orientation. We believe that "a better world" starts with me, with you, with each of us, today."

- Răzvan Bran, Lenovo





5. Financial Report

- Homes for Life
- Youth Program
- A Family for Those Without
- Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Tackling Poverty Through Education
- Administration
- Communication & Fundraising
- Support for Ukrainian Refugees
- DARE - Advocacy for People with Disabilities

- Tax - deductibles
- Donations
- Government (allowances, costs standards, returns)
- In kind contracts
- FARA Charity UK
- CSR
- Grants
- Humanitarian Aid
- Other sources

Homes for Life

1.576.778 lei
272.739,86 GBP

Tackling Poverty Through Education

2.210.321 lei
381.953,68 GBP

DARE

182.333 lei
31.491,92 GBP

Youth Program

986.603 lei
170.665,45 GBP

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

1.872.791 lei
323.546,37 GBP

A Family for Those Without

891.870 lei
154.164,13 GBP

Therapy & Rehabilitation

3.033.703 lei
524.050,05 GBP



Cost per program

6. Fundraising

A 32% increase in local fundraising from 2019 to 2022.

2,5m lei

raised through fundraising campaigns, CSR proposals, private

#support #development
#mobilization #growth
#localresources #partnerships

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In 2021, the funding of 443,370 lei offered by Auchan Retail Romania through **Titi the Beaver** campaign, covered the expenses of the Tackling Poverty Through Education program in Suceava county for a period of 14 months, from February 2021 to March 2022.



FARA 
o familie pentru cei fără

The Hoppity Hop towards Easter campaign was organized to show the children and young people from Fundația FARA that Hoppity the Easter Bunny has not forgotten them. The campaign runned from April 7 to 18, 2022 with enough time to reach the 700+ beneficiaries from each FARA program.



FARA 
o familie pentru cei fără

The Christmas Magic campaign organized for the fulfilment of Christmas dreams took place between 10th of November and 15th of December 2021, for the more than 700 children.

Letters written by our children were sent to donors all over the country, making them Santa's helpers and ensuring that every beneficiary, their brothers and sisters, will receive a wonderful gift on Christmas morning. This year, the Christmas campaign went across the borders of Romania, with donors sending theirs gifts from Germany, France and UK.

7. Partners

By collaborating and uniting with our partners' efforts, resources, knowledge, and experience, we build sustainable bridges over generations and contribute together to the future of each of our beneficiaries.

Thank you to our partners and sponsors who walk by our side on the path of betterment.

Retail

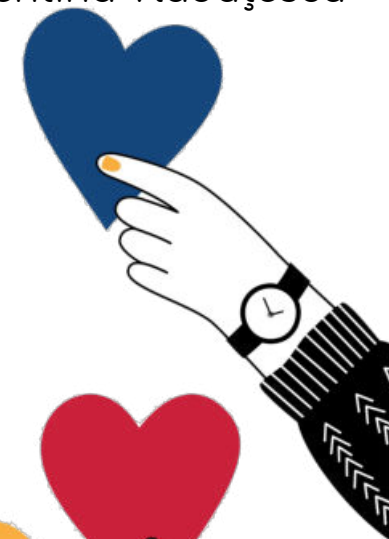


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Paris
Bucarest

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ROUMANIE



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Universitatea
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8. How you can help

*Be the voice
of those without*

❖ Recommend Fundația FARA to an entrepreneur

Write a recommendation, download and share

❖ Fundația FARA's posts on social media pages.
We appreciate every LIKE and SHARE

❖ Promote Fundația FARA in your company or
network of friends

❖ Donate!

❖ Tell people about your experience working with
us

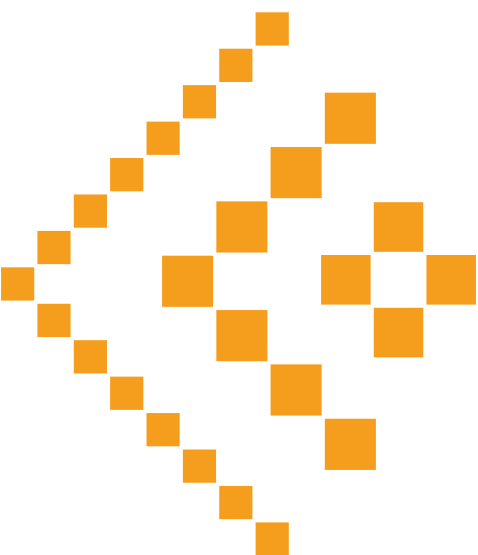
❖ Tell people about the life stories that marked
you

❖ Volunteer!

Stand in solidarity with all
vulnerable children and
youth, and adults with
disabilities supported by
Fundația FARA to ensure the
promotion, respect and
realisation of their rights







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