

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Foreword

Dear collaborators and supporters of the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation,

I address you with a profound sense of gratitude and an optimistic outlook on the direction our foundation has chosen. The past year has been a period of **consolidation** and maturation for the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation, a time during which we have clearly defined our goals and improved decision-making processes, ensuring that every step we take contributes to fulfilling our mission.

While we have diversified our activities, the core mission of **supporting education** remains unchanged. We firmly believe that education is the key to progress and personal development. The projects initiated in the past year, with the support of our trusted partners, reflect our commitment to facilitating access to quality education.

At the same time, we are aware that the challenges in our community are manifold, and we cannot remain indifferent to the suffering of those facing serious medical issues. Therefore, we have taken on the responsibility to provide support in this direction, guided by **compassion** and the desire to bring a positive impact into the lives of our fellow citizens. Consequently, we continue to stand by and support both humanitarian needs and cultural projects in the community.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasise the vital role of **volunteers** and donors in the activities of the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation. Without the dedication and unwavering support of volunteers, many of our actions would not have been possible. Also, the trust of **donors** in how we manage and utilise resources motivates us and compels us to act with the utmost responsibility and efficiency. Together, we are confident that we can bring significant and lasting improvements to the **local community**.

Thank you all for the support and trust you have bestowed upon us. I am honoured to be part of this journey with you. We invite you to join us in building and bringing about positive changes in the Suceava community in 2024!

With respect and gratitude,

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Ionuț-Andrei Cioban

President, ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation

Context

The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation was created with the intention of doing good for the community of Suceava. Even before the foundation was established, the ASSIST community worked to bring hope and joy into the lives of those who are less fortunate. Currently, we are focused on providing support for the ongoing needs of our community, particularly in the areas of **education and culture**. We are committed to addressing both basic and long-term requirements in these fields.

We rely on the **support** of our donors and volunteers, ensuring that all funds donated are used **responsibly** to achieve our goals.

Our mission is to support the **development** of the Suceava community by promoting charitable actions, **educational excellence**, and cultural activities.

Our goal is to provide maximum benefits to the local community through every campaign we support. We concentrate on areas such as **education, health, and social assistance**, with the aim of providing opportunities and enhancing the **quality of life** for people.

We are proud to be a reliable pillar for the Suceava community.

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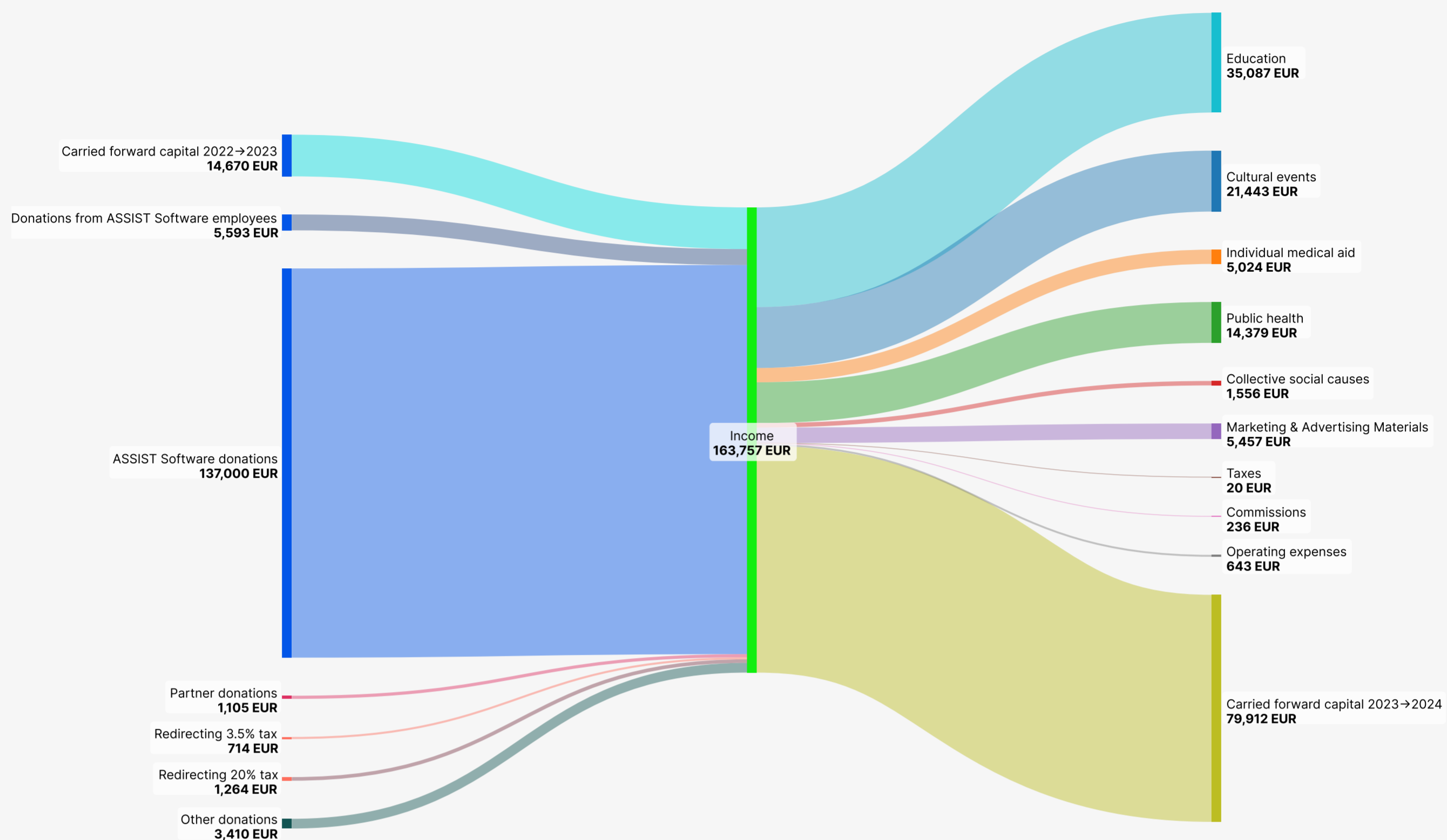
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2023 at a glance

Education

→ We support Safety Education in the Digital Age

On **International Safer Internet Day**, we joined forces with important local partners and offered people support in increasing online safety.

For 2 hours, we were present in Iulius Mall Suceava, where we held **useful discussions** with adults and children. In addition to the information shared, we provided support materials suitable for all age groups.



→ We have equipped Suceava Elementary School no. 3's computer lab with robotics equipment.

We are delighted to have made this **investment** in educating young people, and we express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to this noble cause. Now, the students of Secondary School No. 3 can unleash their **imaginations** and create diverse and exceptional robots.

From the total investment of **€1.835**, we purchased hardware equipment and robotics building elements.

The community of Suceava responded quickly to the fundraising campaign.

As a result, on April 6th, we had the pleasure of equipping the computer lab of **Secondary School No. 3** with cutting-edge robotics equipment.

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→ We modernized a SMART classroom at the "Nicu Gane" Fălticeni National College



Thanks to the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation, students at "Nicu Gane" National College, in Falticeni, now have access to a modern SMART classroom equipped with state-of-the-art technology. This initiative came after an appeal made by the teachers to modernize the classroom, and our volunteers and donors responded promptly and generously.

The classroom has been creatively renovated and decorated, and the technological equipment donated by ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation will make a difference in the students' learning process. The donation provided was worth a total of **€2.100** and consisted of high-quality devices:

- Audio system
- Two TVs
- Laptop
- Printer
- Graphics tablet
- Video projector

By using this modern equipment, teachers can provide **engaging and practical lessons**, and students can learn **interactively and interestingly**.

ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation aims to support the development of youth and education in the Suceava community. This project provides a beneficial solution to the locals.

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→ We awarded the students from the "Safety education in the digital era" program

In April, students who completed the "**Safety Education in the Digital Age**" course received their certification. Volunteers were educated on online risks and **prevention of cybercrime**.

The project will continue with information sessions in high schools and general schools as this educational program is carried out in partnership with:

- Suceava County Police Inspectorate
- Suceava Probation Service
- Suceava Organized Crime Squad
- University "Stefan cel Mare", Suceava – University Library
- EDU MAX Personal and Professional Development Centre
- French Alliance Suceava



→ L-am susținut pe Adrian Hânțăscu în atingerea excelenței în robotică

Adrian Hânțăscu este una dintre persoanele care prin muncă și perseverență a devenit exemplu pentru tinerii care doresc să exceleze în ceea ce fac.



Echipa **AutoVortex**, din care face parte și suceveanul Adrian Hânțăscu, a fost medaliată în Coreea de Sud și a obținut premiul I la Campionatul Internațional de Robotică din India.

Adrian și echipa AutoVortex ne-au reprezentat țara cu succes la Campionatul Mondial de Robotică din Houston, Texas, Statele Unite ale Americii. Echipa României s-a facut remarcată și de această dată, întorcându-se acasă cu titlurile de **"Finalist Alliance Award"** și **"Control Award"**.

Pentru a se putea deplasa la această competiție de mare anvergură, Fundația Umanitară ASSIST l-a susținut pe Adrian cu suma de **12.500** de lei.

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→ We organized creative workshops during the Summer School - "Childhood, a world of dreams"

In August, Secondary School No. 1 Suceava organized the 4th edition of the Summer School **"Childhood, a world of dreams"**. During these fruitful days, around **60 students** eager for adventure explored their creativity.

The support of the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation, worth **€2.400** reduced the participation fee to €30 for each child and opened doors to a memorable experience.



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→ We held a cyber security workshop as part of the "La Marginea Școlii" camp

The True Health organization from Suceava organized the "**La Marginea Școlii**" Summer Camp, an adventurous learning experience for young people between the ages of 14 and 24. Participants explored various topics, including health, personal development, effective communication, IT, programming and neuroscience, with entrepreneurs, teachers and specialists.

The week ended with an outdoor movie show under the starry sky, leaving their hearts full of joy and precious memories.

"La Marginea Școlii" meant more than technical progress; it symbolized a **significant step** towards rural development through collaboration and partnership. Participants connected with like-minded peers, **explored various topics, gained confidence and ignited sparks of innovation.**



→ We supported a young woman from Suceava to study at an international university

Karla Mihai

The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation helped Karla Mihai, an exceptional graduate of the "Stefan cel Mare" National College Suceava, continue her studies at the **University of Glasgow.**

Karla is currently doing a Computing Science BSc degree at the University of Glasgow, where the annual tuition fee is £9250 plus a £5400 accommodation fee.

To cover these expenses, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation contributed **€2.000.**



→ We organized a memorable experience for 50 students from "Nicu Gane" National College Falticeni

These students, recognized for their exceptional educational results, benefited from a visit to the Romanian Parliament on December 18th. Our foundation contributed **€400**, thereby ensuring the transportation for this educational experience.



→ We presented the Excellence in Education award to Prof. Dr. Petru Crăciun



Andrei Cioban, President of the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation, took the stage of the "Autumn Symphonies" performance to present the Excellence in Education Award and a cheque for **€1.000** to Professor Petru Crăciun.



One of the special moments of this year's edition of the "Autumn Symphonies" event was the presentation of the Excellence in Education Award to **Prof. Dr. Petru Crăciun**, a remarkable personality. He is a professor of astronomy and astrophysics, Deputy General School Inspector, scientific director at the Cygnus Scientific Society - UNESCO Center and coordinating professor of the "Marin Dacian Bica" National Physics, Astronomy and Astrophysics Camp in Voroneț.

Mr. Crăciun was honored for his unwavering commitment to education and his meaningful impact on students. Through his tenacious work and passion for astronomy and astrophysics, he inspires future generations to explore such fascinating fields.

→ We supported the Conference for Early Childhood Education

The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation joined the conference organized in Suceava by EDU MAX, on November 4th. This conference was addressed to teachers, educators, assistants and other people involved in the educational process of children aged between 0 and 10 years.



More than **370 guests** participated in activities aimed at aligning Romania's education system with **international performance**. The speakers present at the event were from Romania and Great Britain. The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation provided **simultaneous translation** for the workshops held in English.

At the end of the event, we presented a special award to actor and founder of Intext Performance, Chris Connaughton. Presenting the award was Rebeca Valencia, Operations Manager at COPAL Minnesota, who supported the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation through volunteer activities in early November.



Social

→ We sponsored the charity festival "Autumn at Lipoveni"

"Autumn in Lipoveni", organized by Equestrian Dreams, **brought together** generous people who donated to support the opening of the first **hippotherapy center** in the northeast of the country

In addition to the workshops, to support the **"You are not alone"** campaign, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation sponsored the hot air balloon present at the event, with **€1.000**.

At the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation stand, over **130 children** enjoyed face painting done by our volunteers and created thematic art together under the guidance of two teachers from the **Natanael Suceava High School**.

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→ We donated over 100 schoolbags with supplies to students from underprivileged rural communities

On September 1st, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation joined the EUROACTIV Association, the EduMax Association and the FARA Foundation in the **"Bring the Children to School"** campaign.

More than **100 schoolbags** equipped with school materials and sweets reached children from disadvantaged backgrounds in Preutești and Basarabi, emphasizing the importance of education and integrating these young people into the school system.

During the event, police officers talked to students and parents about the **importance of education** in developing young people and promoted crucial messages to **eliminate discrimination**.



By participating in this project, these children have received educational resources and confidence in their potential.

→ We celebrated Children's Day at the Children's Festival

This year, children from our community were invited to **EduFortress 2023** - Festival of Childhood, an event dedicated to celebrating them and childhood. The EduMax Center for Personal and Professional Development hosted a festival at Suceava's Citadel - a location steeped in **history and stories of brave heroes**.

The most **adventurous** tested their courage and skill with VR glasses. Virtual reality allowed them to take on the persona of their favourite character and **experience their superpowers** firsthand.

Visitors at the **ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation** booth were greeted with colourful balloons, sweets, and smiles. At the face painting workshop, volunteers prepared a variety of superhero designs for children to choose from.



To preserve the memory of this day, we set up a photo corner where children could take pictures next to a panel featuring the most popular superheroes and various themed props.

→ We helped the Easter Bunny to bring gifts to the children of FARA Foundation in Falticeni



The Easter Bunny sent our volunteers with gifts to the children of FARA Foundation. The little ones welcomed us with open arms and were excited to spend time with us. It was **an experience full of colour and smiles!**

ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation provided the children with **interactive games** and other necessary elements in the learning process. The excitement created by this activity urges us to return to them with love.

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→ **We collaborated with the InBUSINESS Association for the "Săftița" charity concert**

Bucovina is coming together to support its community, promote development, and assist those in need. This was evident during the "Săftița" concert, on April 21st, which was part of the charity event **"Notes of Hope"**

The event was organised to support **children with autism and their families**, who are trying to give the little ones access to the best therapies. The participants in this event were all members of the Association for Autism Intervention (AIAS). In addition, two cases of children in need of humanitarian aid were presented, and through this event organized by In Business, the necessary assistance will be given to these children.

ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation joined the initiative of the InBUSINESS.club Suceava Association, in partnership with the Municipal Theatre "Matei Vișniec" Suceava and the Art College "Ciprian Porumbescu". We participated in the organization of the show with **€210** and offered gift vouchers to the students of Ciprian Porumbescu College who performed on stage.

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→ **We organized a treasure hunt for students from Baineț Secondary School**



On May 6th, 30 children from Baineț had an adventurous and fun day thanks to the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation and **Hope 4 Humanity Association**. The organizations took the kids to the Bucovina Village Museum where they participated in many entertaining activities. Guided by a museum staff, the children had the opportunity to discover the fascinating story of traditional houses and they were encouraged to discover their own cultural identity.

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→ We provided educational support to children from disadvantaged backgrounds

In collaboration with the EUROACTIV Association, we organized a special initiative aimed at helping children from less privileged backgrounds in our county. These young people joined the "**Build the Future Together**" project within the Summer School. An EduMax representative assisted the children in workshops, focusing on future skills.

Moreover, at the end of the summer school, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation surprised **50 children** with fully equipped school bags for their educational journey.



The session started with a get-to-know-you activity, followed by a team-building exercise. Concepts such as **competence, ability, aptitude, and knowledge were discussed.**

Afterwards, participants engaged in group exercises focused on key competencies for future professions. This allowed them to **explore** how they could adapt to the demands of the labour market. The session ended with a **self-reflection exercise** where the children explored the competences they aspire to acquire.

→ We helped schools become more friendly and welcoming



At **Baineț Secondary School**, the only one in the village of Musenița, school dropout has proven to be a serious problem over time. Despite the teachers' best efforts, children easily drop out in favour of work.

In order to support the development of the local community through education, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation, along with other organizations and community members from Suceava, organized a campaign called "**Well-being in School**." This project involved setting up a relaxation and reading corner and beautifying the interior walls of Baineț Secondary School, which has around 80 students enrolled. The work was carried out from January to March 2023.



Culture

→ We supported the 10th edition of the "Autumn Symphonies" cultural event

ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation was the main partner of the "Autumn Symphonies" cultural event organized by Rotary Club Suceava-Bucovina. Over 10,000 spectators attended the concert and enjoyed an impressive musical experience with numerous special moments. Renowned artists such as countertenor Cezar Ouatu, soprano Maria Miron-Sîrbu, soprano Mădălina Stan, pianist Liana Maureș and baritone Iordache Basalic took the stage.

A premiere for Suceava County was the **drone show** offered by the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation. Various shapes were depicted in the sky of the city, which highlighted the musical notes.



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→ We supported the Matei Vişniec International Theater Days Festival



In May, Suceava has become a true cultural centre, hosting the prestigious International Festival "Days of the Matei Vişniec Theatre". This event brought together numerous theatre groups, writers, directors and theatre lovers, creating a vibrant and inspiring environment.

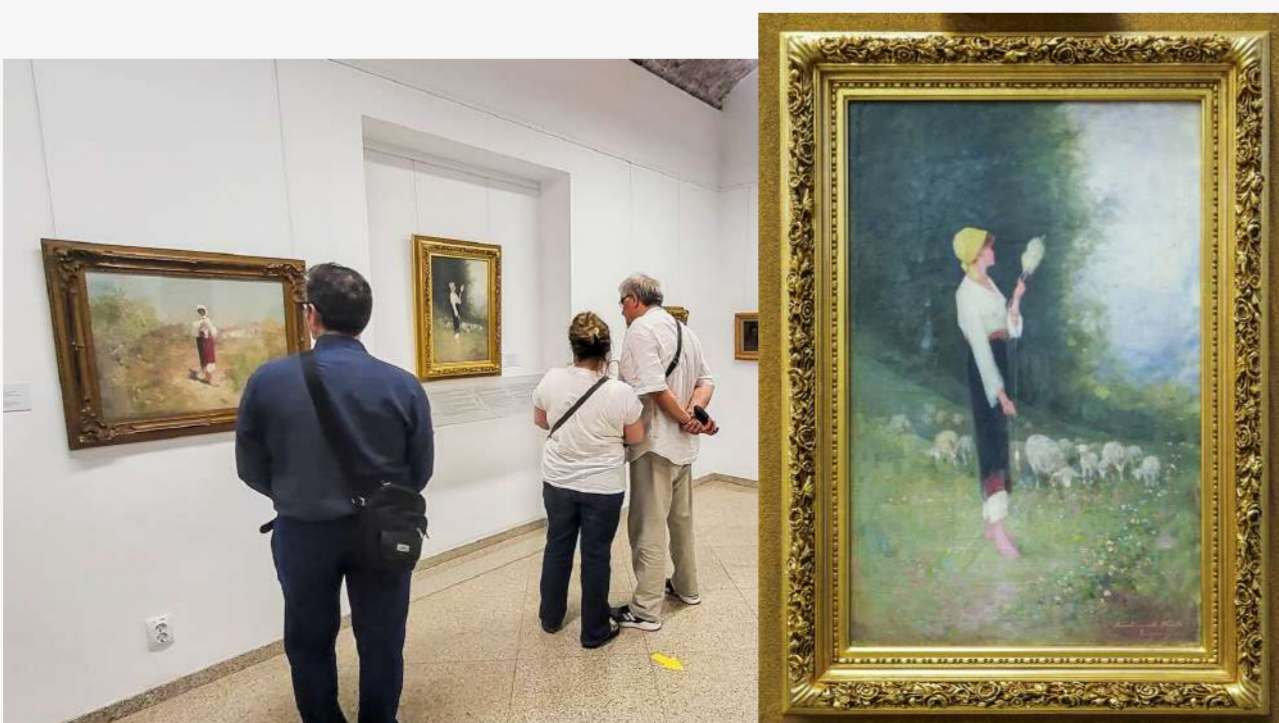
The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation is dedicated to promoting **culture** and **education**. As part of our commitment, we sponsored the event with **€2.000**.

We are proud to contribute to the support and promotion of cultural events that bring joy and inspiration to the general public.



→ We restored and ennobled with a new frame the painting "Pastorița" by Nicolae Grigorescu

As a sign of admiration for the master's work, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation purchased a special Grigorescu-type frame for the "**Pastorița**" painting.



The exhibition marked the return of some masterpieces by the father of Romanian modern painting to Suceava 41 years after his last major exhibition.

This special exhibition showcases **77 artworks** signed by Grigorescu, gathered from 7 museums across the country, from the regions of Transylvania, Muntenia, Dobrogea, and Moldova.

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→ We sponsored the series of events "Concerts on Siret"

ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation sponsored the "Concerts on the Siret" event, offering €400 for the opening cello concert.



The cello concert took place in the native setting of the sculpture and **contemporary art workshops** of **Victoria and Marian Zidaru** from the Art Farm.

This concert is one of a series that supports the restoration works at Casa Enescu in Mihăileni, where an emergency intervention site was opened. Every note played contributes to this wonderful project!

Adrian Naidin conquered the audience with an **exceptional cello performance**, bringing works by Bach, Mozart, and his creations before the audience.

→ We supported three local authors in publishing their books



In an experience that combined poetry, painting and music, we had the pleasure of sponsoring the launch of the volume of poetry "**heart**" by the artist Andreea Juduc, known as Lady V.



The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation also supported the printing of the book "**Media Discourse and Institutional Communication**", a PhD thesis in philology by Alin Găleată, spokesperson of ISU Suceava.

Last but not least, the funds of the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation also supported the printing of a book written by Prof. Florin Moraru, a monograph on the **history of the "Stefan cel Mare" National College** in Suceava, a true educational pillar of the Suceava community.

→ **We supported the 60th anniversary performance of the Arcanul USV Ensemble**

In April of this year, the Arcanul-USV Cultural Educational Association, from Suceava, celebrated 60 years of artistic activity. On this occasion, they organized a memorable anniversary show, and our foundation had the opportunity to sponsor the event.

The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation is actively involved in **promoting the culture and development** of the local community, which is why we contributed with joy and enthusiasm to organising the anniversary show. We shared the audience's excitement, and felt the joy that filled the crowded hall even before the start of the show.

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Health

→ **We financially supported expensive medical treatments**

Corina Cîmpan

Corina Cimpan, an endocrinology resident, was diagnosed with a grade 4 brain tumor and neurofibromatosis. Corina is a mother of two children aged 2 years and 4 months respectively.

The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation contributed **€1.000** to support Corina.

Ionuț Stavnic

Ionuț Stavnic is a 24-year-old young man from Suceava studying for his master's at the Cluj Napoca Faculty of Art and Design, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer, having metastases in the lungs and liver.

To complete the treatment, a total of 36,000 EUR is needed, of which **€4.000** was covered by the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation.

→ We donated blood on World Blood Donor Day

Every year, on June 14th, the global community celebrates **World Blood Donor Day**. It is a special occasion to recognize and celebrate the generosity and courage of blood donors worldwide. The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation volunteers mobilize in this regard every year, some even more often. In addition to donating, we also motivate those around us to join this campaign, promoting the message and the act itself.

Through their **dedication and altruism** this year, **19 volunteers** of our foundation saved almost **60 lives**. Because many people don't know exactly what the donation process entails, one of the foundation's volunteers made a video explaining the steps. It presents the steps, starting with the main conditions that any donor must meet and ending with the reasons why **we encourage you to become a donor**, too.

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→ We organized a Charity Christmas Concert to equip ISU Suceava with CPR manikins.

On December 8th, the St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Suceava was host to an evening of story-telling wrapped in a symphony of generosity.

This concert had a charitable purpose, namely the collection of funds for the purchase of three sets of CPR manikins for three subunits of ISU Suceava.

On top of that, ISU Suceava is starting the "Lifesaver for Passion" program, which gathers **1000 volunteers** from Suceava who support medical staff in saving lives. These volunteers will not only assist in emergency situations, but will also play a crucial educational role. They will be involved in schools as part of the "Scoala Altfel" Week and leadership classes, giving students the opportunity to learn and practice first aid.

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Each of us has the power to change our local community for the better.

A simple act of altruism, a helping hand in times of need, or a donation – all of these are building blocks for a better future.

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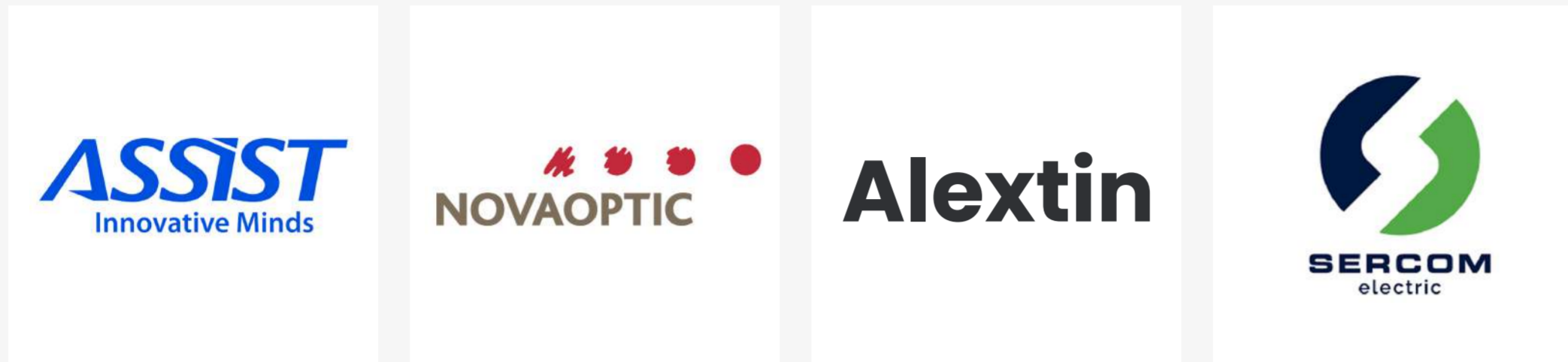
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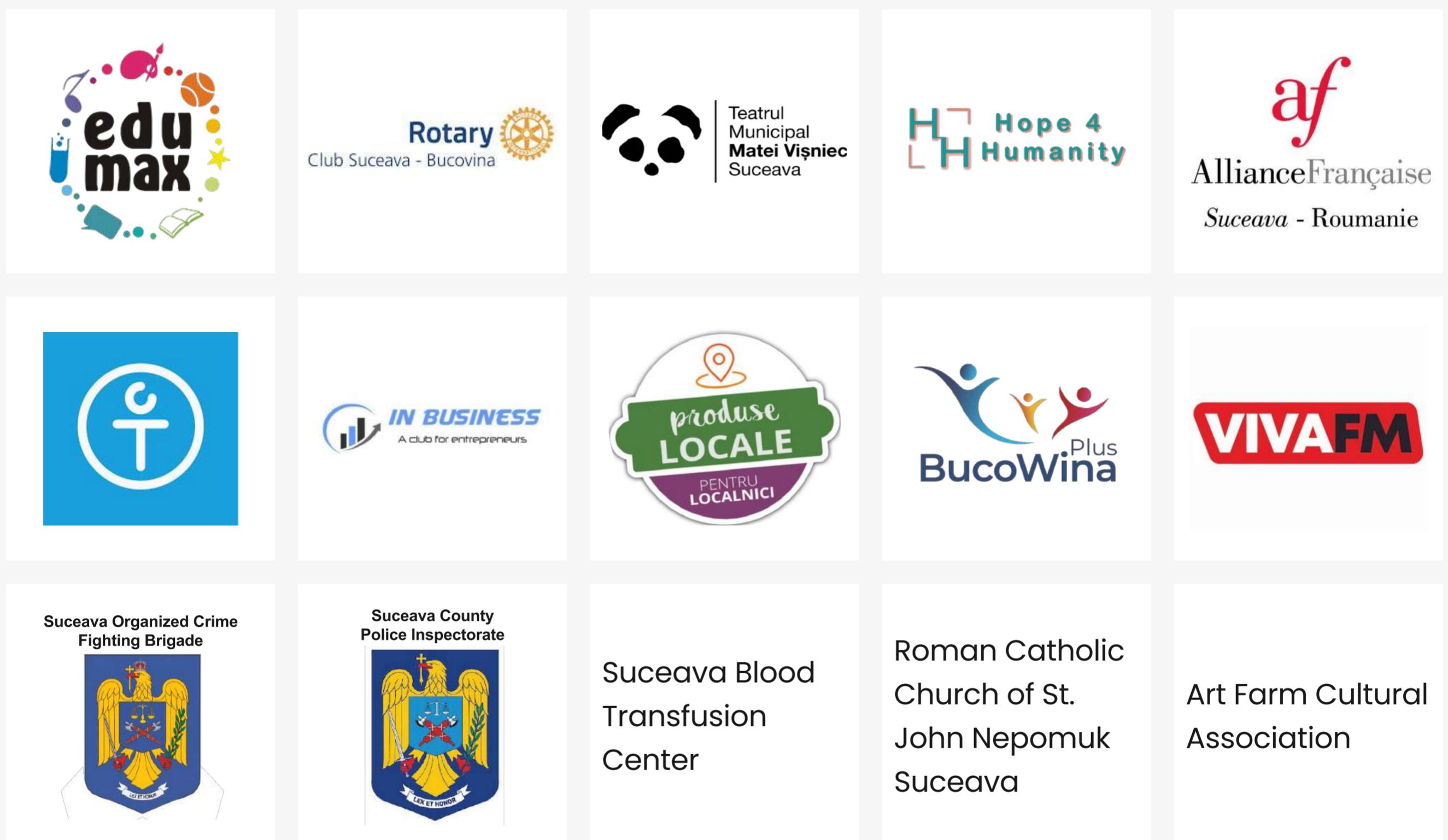


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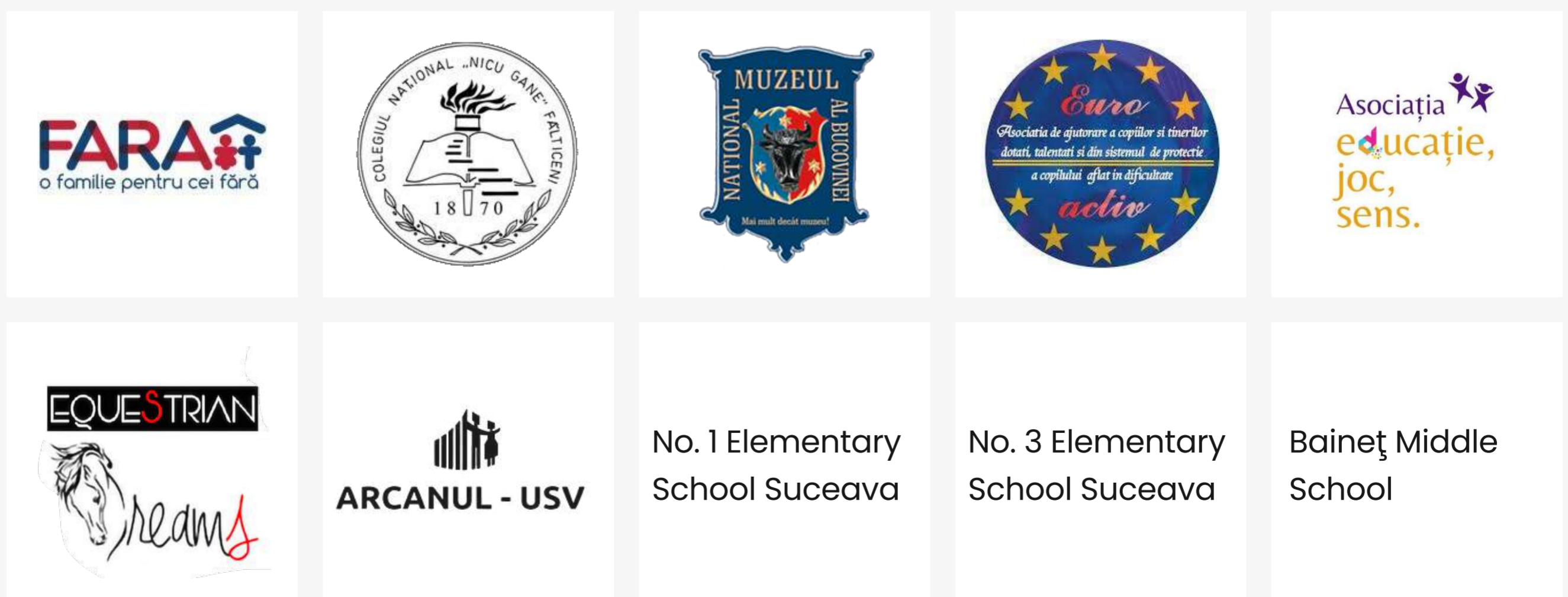
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