

# Annual Report 2022

# Humanitarian Foundation ASSIST





## Foreword

*Dear donors, volunteers, and members of the local community,*

*We, at the ASSIST Foundation, would like to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your invaluable contributions, impact, and involvement in the past year. It is through your generosity, compassion, and dedication that we are able to continue our mission of promoting education and innovation in our community for the betterment of the society of tomorrow.*

*As an organization, we are driven by passion and kindness, and it is the same spirit that we see in our volunteers, who tirelessly give their time and energy to make a lasting impact in our community.*

*Our life as a foundation started by witnessing the local community respond with urgency and kindness to support Ukrainian refugees, managing to put Suceava on the world map of humanitarian help. We are humbled to be a part of this effort.*

*It is the same kindness and commitment which has been the driving force behind our other initiatives, whether it is about supporting excellence in education, promoting technology in schools, supporting cultural events or helping provide better healthcare services for individuals in the local community.*

*Together, we make a lasting difference in the lives of so many and it is all thanks to the dedication and commitment of our donors and volunteers. We could not have done it without you!*

*Let us look forward now, as we continue our work in the coming year by joining forces together to make a positive change in our community, bring hope into people's hearts and put a smile on the faces of those who need it the most.*

Andrei Cioban

President of ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation

## Introduction

ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation was founded out of the desire to do good in/for the community of Suceava. Ever since the foundation was established, the ASSIST community has been striving to bring hope and joy into the lives of the less fortunate. Today, we are dedicated to providing support for the needs that frequently arise in our community, both basic/immediate (food, clothing or medical care) and long-term, especially in the areas of education and culture. We are proud to be a trusted pillar for the Suceava community, working closely with other local organizations and foundations to make a real difference in people's lives and in the development of disadvantaged communities in Suceava County.

Through each campaign we support, we aim to bring as much benefit as possible to the local community. We focus our efforts in areas such as education, health and social assistance in order to provide opportunities and improve the quality of people's lives. We rely on the generosity of our donors and volunteers to achieve our goals and are committed to using all donated money responsibly and efficiently to achieve the best possible results.

### Vision

Our vision is to have a local community united in diversity, with access to quality education for all its members and regular, impactful cultural events.

### Mission

Our mission is to contribute to the equitable development of the Suceava community through charitable action, the support of educational performance and the promotion of cultural activities in the community.

To this end, we want to turn our attention as often as possible to those who need a helping hand. We want to make a positive impact in people's lives and give them the support they need for a decent standard of living / quality of life. Our members and volunteers are committed to our long-term vision and mission. We are confident that together we can build a better community. We are hopeful that our actions will bring joy where it is needed and inspire others to do good.

Together with our many volunteers and donors, we have succeeded in changing lives in 2022, and our vision has been strengthened by 4 fundamental principles:

### **Education and innovation**

We strongly believe that education is the main driver of community development. We want an educated community with access to the necessary learning resources and state-of-the-art technology in Suceava's schools. Therefore, our actions aim to contribute to the equity of the education system, but also to reward educational performance.

### **Passion and compassion**

The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation is the sum of our values. Empathy, altruism and caring for others define our community.

### **Home and community**

Collaboration with other local stakeholders plays an important role in our organization's strategy, as we strive to improve the quality of life in our community together.

### **Kindness and humanity**

We believe that everyone deserves equal support and opportunities, regardless of material or other circumstances. That's why we dedicate our time and resources to helping people in disadvantaged communities who face medical problems or lack access to quality education. We want to give them the chance to build a better future, to have access to state-of-the-art educational resources and, if needed, to medical treatment of the highest standards, without forgetting basic needs.



## History of the organization

The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation was established on February 28, 2022 with the purpose of continuing the charitable campaigns initiated by ASSIST Software. In less than a year of activity, we have managed to grow harmoniously and strengthen ties with other organizations and members of the local community to work together for good.

From the very first days of our establishment, we have offered our support to the refugee crisis in Ukraine. Our members and volunteers visited refugee centers around Suceava to bring them food and other necessary items, but also a ray of hope. Throughout 2022, we conducted several campaigns focused on education, health and culture. In addition to providing humanitarian support for those in need, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation brought joy through technology to schools in the county.

In our approximately 10 months of operation , we have enjoyed gathering over 100 members and volunteers. Each initiative has been a step forward for us as a team and has helped us to grow within the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation.

We are continuing the good deeds in 2023 with fresh strength and high hopes for the local community. Join us on the road/path to do good!

## Organizational chart and volunteers



**Andrei Cioban**  
President



**Cătălina Micliuc**  
Vice president



**Petru Cioată**  
Vice president



**Adrian Onu**  
Associated member



**Carmen Dumitriu**  
Associated member



**Daniela Istrati**  
Associated member



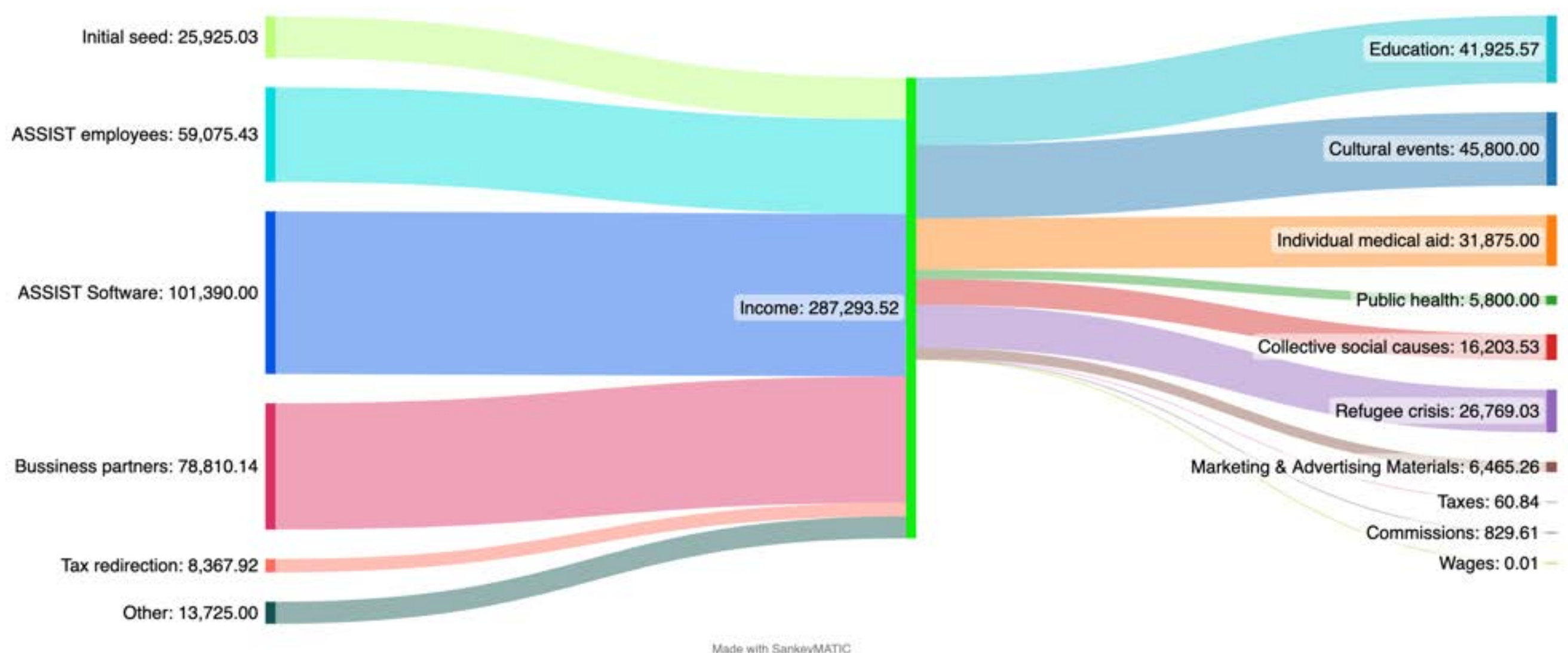
**Mihaela Chistol**  
Associated member

## 2022 at a glance

**Total funds allocated to campaigns – 212.880 RON, out of which:**

- Education– 32.780 RON (15%)
- Health – 43.080 RON (20%)
- Culture – 112.650 RON (53%)
- Humanitarian Aid – 24.370 RON (12%)

## Financial Report – 2022 in numbers



## Campaigns

### Education

Education is one of the priority directions of the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation. Our mission is to provide students in Suceava with access to state-of-the-art technological resources and devices necessary to benefit from a quality education. We also aim to support the efforts of teachers and educators in the personal and professional development of young people in our community. We support initiatives aimed at adding value to the local education system. To make this possible, the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation allocated no less than 32,780 RON in 2022 for campaigns aimed at education.



**We donated an interactive whiteboard to the Jean Bart School in Suceava.**

Outdated infrastructure is a real impediment to the development of young people. In recent years, technology has proven its benefits in the education system and in the training of young people. As a result, we decided to equip a classroom at Jean Bart School with an interactive whiteboard, which supports teachers with support materials and interesting functionalities for students.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



**We have equipped the robotics lab at a school in Ipotești.**

In a rural community on the outskirts of Suceava, children of different ages have found a common passion – building robots. The students' desire to learn more and the potential to develop a profession in this field led the teachers of the Ipotești school to offer the students a space dedicated to robotics. The coordinator of these activities, Mrs Daniela Lungoci, has been deeply committed to this initiative to train young people, but the lack of technological resources significantly limits access to information and activities. As a result, we responded to her call to equip this robotics lab with an interactive whiteboard, 22 tablets and a laptop, at a cost of 19,500 RON.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)







**We donated a playground for the children of HELP Autism Suceava.**

Children with special needs need special learning conditions. They discover the world through play and interactive activities. The outdoor play area at the HELP Autism Suceava Center had outdated equipment that could no longer be used because of the risks the children could be exposed to. Thus, we wanted to bring joy to both children and coordinators by providing them with a play complex, worth 3000 RON, where children can have fun, relax and learn safely.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



**We awarded the Excellence in Education Prize to teacher Costan Costica.**

On 8 September, we had the honor to award the Excellence in Education Prize to Mr. Costan Costica, a physics teacher at the "Stefan cel Mare" National College in Suceava, for his impressive professional achievements. During his 50 years in the department, he managed to prepare 65 students for the National Physics Olympiad out of which 9 won first prizes, 8 won second prizes and 9 won third prizes. 5 of his students participated in the International Physics Olympiad, also resulting in medals and prizes. We are deeply impressed by the achievements of Professor Costan Costică and congratulate him for all the dedication and passion he has shown in his career as a teacher.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)





**We supported the Early Education Conference organized by EduMax.**

This was attended by early childhood and primary educators from all over the county. The theme of this edition was "Education Comes from the Heart" and focused on the importance of human values such as empathy, compassion, trust, courage and humanity in the learning process.



Education goes beyond the cognitive aspect and must ensure the complete and holistic development of children, based on the connectivity between mind, body and spirit.



**We awarded 66 students from Vasile Lovinescu College in Falticeni.**

These students have distinguished themselves through exceptional results in curricular and extracurricular activities, such as Olympiads and competitions. Their efforts were rewarded with prizes and scholarships worth 1700 RON from the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation. We hope that these young people are an example to the community and will inspire more young people to dedicate themselves to education.



## Health

**We donated blood for Ukraine**

We gladly joined the humanitarian efforts of the Romanian Ministry of Health. Donation is essential to ensure blood needs are met in emergency situations and to help save lives. Our volunteers have been mobilized since the very first days to donate blood for Ukraine.

[Read more about the campaign \*\*HERE\*\*.](#)





**We supported the treatment of Tudor, a child with leukaemia and Down syndrome.**

At just 6 years old, Tudor is facing health problems that are hard to bear even for a grown man. But his strength to keep fighting the disease showed us that he is a true hero. The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation started/organized a fundraising campaign to support some of his expensive treatments in Italy. Together we managed to support Tudor's treatment with total donations amounting to 10,780 RON.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



**We supported the therapy of Fabian, a child with autism.**

To cover her child's treatments and needs, Fabian's mother lovingly prepares homemade biscuits which she then packages and sells online. To support this cause, in the spring we bought 600 biscuit packets worth 7000 lei. These were then distributed to ASSIST Software employees and their families.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



**We donated blood on World Blood Donor Day at the Suceava County Blood Transfusion Center.**

27 volunteers from the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation joined the fourth edition of the "Donate blood. Be #PrideDonor" campaign. This campaign ran from 10-15 June and resulted in 81 lives saved.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)





**We offered 20 free breast consultations and 20 free breast ultrasounds to women in Suceava.**

We joined the fight against breast cancer with a donation of 5800 lei, initiated by artist Sabrina Seserman and Hereditas Clinic. The campaign was kicked off with an opening, where each donor received a painting in exchange for their donation. It was a great joy to support this cause and come to the aid of women in the community of Suceava, whose material deprivation prevents them from receiving basic medical services.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)





**We supported the surgery of Diana, a student with malformative scoliosis and diabetes.**

Diana is a young girl from Suceava who, despite serious health problems, has extraordinary academic results. Unfortunately, one of her ribs was in danger of puncturing her lung, which is why she required emergency surgery. Our donors mobilized quickly to raise as much money as possible. We were able to support Diana's surgery with 19,500 RON.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



**We have equipped the Pediatric Ward of the St. John the New Suceava County Hospital.**

Through the donations collected during the Christmas Charity Concert, we were able to support the treatment of children in the hospital.

Each donation contributed significantly to the dream of having a pediatric ward equipped with modern technology and sufficient essential equipment. At the beginning of 2023, a total of 75,988.72 lei was spent on medical devices including pulse oximeters, aerosol machines, and secretion aspirators, as well as mini refrigerators for medicines, a food processor and story books for wards, all of which are needed in the Suceava County Hospital.







## Culture

### **We supported a theater show for refugees from Ukraine.**

Together with the "Matei Vișniec" Municipal Theater in Suceava, we brought a smile to the faces of children and parents fleeing the war in Ukraine. Especially for them, we organized a theater performance, staged by the "Olga Kobileanska" Musical Drama Theater from Chernivtsi. The performance, entitled "The Snowman who Wanted to Meet the Sun", was aimed at both young and old. Although the outlook may be different, the excitement proved to be just as strong, and dozens of children brightened our day with their infectious smiles.

As sponsors, we provided the performance and transportation of the actors from Chernivtsi to Suceava and back. In addition, all Ukrainians enjoyed free access to the performance hall on 27 May 2022. To give them back at least a glimpse of the art and life they had before the war, the play was performed in Ukrainian. To make them all feel welcome, the Romanian audience was given Romanian subtitles.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



### **We brought children from disadvantaged backgrounds to the Children's Land Play Festival.**

Together with our partners, EduMax and Bucovina Institute, we had the opportunity to celebrate Children's Day at the Children's Land Play Festival in the "Comoara Bucovina" holiday village! We wanted to offer children a special day, full of fun and unique activities. More than 500 guests, trainers, organizers and volunteers were present at the festival and ensured that everything went smoothly. Children were able to participate in creative workshops, and team games, and at the ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation booth they experienced virtual reality for free through games.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



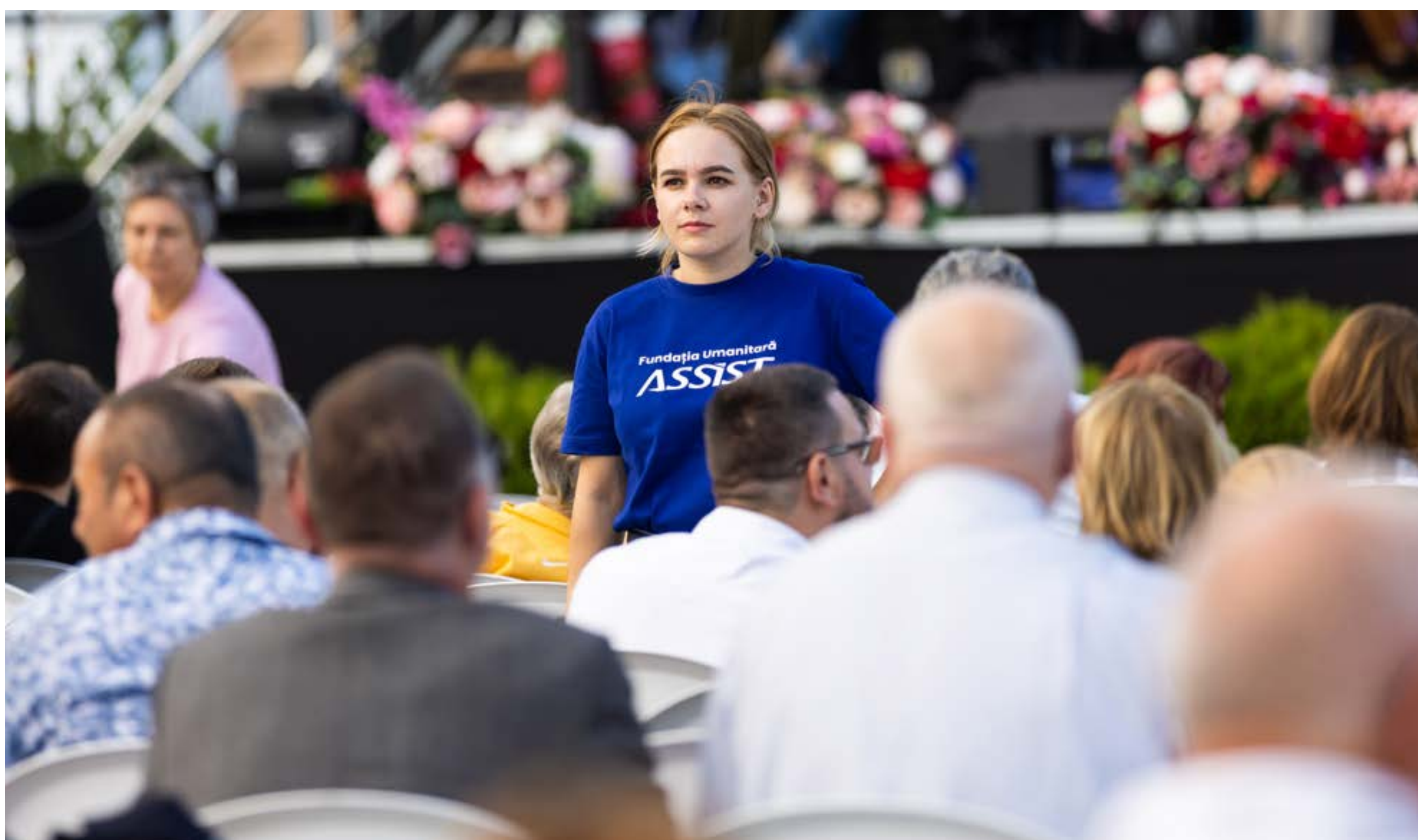




**We supported the opening moment of the "Autumn Symphonies" concert.**

As an official partner in the story of the 9th edition of the cultural event Autumn Symphonies, organized by the Rotary Club Suceava - Bucovina, we supported a special moment in the opening of the concert, performed by soprano Ana Cebotari and the Mundicolor Orchestra. On September 8, we witnessed an exceptional show, on harmonious notes of classical music, light shows and fireworks. The long-awaited event gathered over 7000 participants on the esplanade of the House of Culture in the center of Suceava .

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)





**We held a Christmas Charity Concert for the pediatric ward of the "Sfântul Ioan cel Nou" Emergency County Hospital in Suceava.**

The joy of the winter holidays makes us want to be kinder, more giving and more attentive to the needs of those around us. The ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation set out to spread magic in the local community at Christmas through a Charity Carol Concert. More than 250 people from Suceava joined us on the evening of 16 December at the "St. John Nepomuk" Roman Catholic Church. The aim of the event was to raise funds for the pediatric ward of the "St. John the New" Emergency County Hospital in Suceava, and together we managed to raise an impressive 74,000 lei, of which 2,500 EUR was donated by Novaoptic.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)



## Humanitarian Aid

**We provided humanitarian support to refugees from Ukraine.**

Our volunteers have been with the refugees from Ukraine, supporting them from the border. We joined the massive community efforts, going to Siret Customs as well as to the sports hall in Milishauti, where hundreds of Indian students taking courses in Ukraine have/had? taken refuge. Volunteers have also been present throughout the months of activity in the refugee centers in Căndești, Mănăstirea Humorului, Ilișești and the Zamca area, constantly supplying all that was declared necessary.

We offered our thoughts of encouragement as well as food and hygiene products, water, blankets and sleeping bags, transport to Romania for families with children, and accommodation.



Also, due to the low temperatures in Suceava county, ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation delivered 5 heaters to Siret to equip the unheated tents at Siret Customs, and we donated over 20 packages of clothes, bed linen, sanitary products and sweets to the refugee shop opened at the Planetarium and Astronomical Observatory in Suceava.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)





**We donated backpacks with school supplies for children in disadvantaged communities.**

On September 17, ASSIST Humanitarian Foundation volunteers enjoyed lots of smiles and interactive activities at the "Rhythm and Improv for a Healthy Life" event. Together with Edu Max and Generation TehnoWorld, we brought joy to the 122 children present at the "Arta" Multifunctional Cultural Center in Ițcani. For three hours, children, parents and volunteers took part in creative workshops, rhythm, and improvization and percussion activities. The host and moderator of the event was the well-known actor Orlando Petriceanu, who provided entertainment and fun.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)





**We offered gifts to disadvantaged families at Christmas.**

At the beginning of December, we started a fundraising campaign to buy much needed items for all members of these families. Our volunteers proved to be Santa's helpers, as on 22 December they went around the town and the surrounding area to hand out carefully prepared presents. The total value of the donations came to 16,000 RON. Thanks to those who showed their empathy and donated to this cause, 74 parents and children from Suceava county had a more peaceful and beautiful holiday. We are deeply grateful to those who chose to share the joy of Christmas with the less fortunate.

[Read more about the campaign HERE.](#)





## The power of #together

From the beginning we started with the premise that only by working together with other civic actors we can create the change for the better that we want for the local community. Over the years we have been joined in our mission by sponsors, who have financially supported the Foundation's projects; strategic partners, with whom we have implemented initiatives; and partners, whom we have supported to continue their mission of leaving positive footprints in the community.

### Sponsors



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