



The noble mission of charity has guided us for 25 years in the service of the poor, vulnerable, marginalized. And we, at Caritas Moldova, aim to continue on this path by working, dreaming, giving and helping, regardless of obstacles, times, challenges.

2018 - 2019

ANNUAL REPORT



LOVE, ATTENTION AND CARE



+ANTON COȘA

THE BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH IN MOLDOVA

"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to thy name give glory" (Ps 115: 1) From the beginning of its existence, Caritas Moldova has received from its founder a clear and unequivocal mandate, that of serving the poorest of the poor, all those who are on the margins of society, forgotten and neglected by all, and in such way to show them the gentle and loving face of God, who "is love" (cf. 1 Cor 4:16), in all the acts of charity it promotes. Its beneficiaries are numerous and different: children, youngsters or elders, families in difficult situations, sick people or people with various addictions. Approaching them with love, attention and care represents for each collaborator more than an employment contract, but especially a mission of the soul and a vocation of joy from which they receive light, as Pope Francis says very nicely in the Encyclical Lumen: "For how many men and women of faith the sufferers were mediators of light!" (No. 57) Charity, God's love for those who have had less luck in life is the motivation for which the Caritas Moldova team, both at the central level and in its various structures in the territory, makes considerable efforts every day to help those in need, to ease their problems and give them new reasons for hope. And in the two years that are the subject of this activity report, Caritas Moldova, in collaboration with partners from the country and abroad, has implemented numerous projects of great importance. Of course, there would have been room for more, but the short time and the limits of material possibilities did not allow this. However, a big and sincere thank-you should be brought to both the partners and the Caritas Moldova team for all the good things that have been done. May God reward each one a hundred or even a thousand times more!

"The two years of activity that are the subject of this report have shown that the noble mission entrusted by our Founder was still as complex as it was necessary, full of challenges but also rewards. From the practice of this period we have learned that we must fight for each of those who have no other chance for a normal life than through us, with our help, we have learned that we must be responsible, professional, dedicated, empathetic and, above all, we have learned that we must be better humanly, spiritually, socially. We have learned that looking with love, attention and care to the poorest of us is more than an activity, it is a mission of the soul and a vocation of joy. Charity, God's love for our less fortunate fellow human beings, is the reason and motivation for which the Caritas Moldova team, both at the central level and in the territory, has made and will continue to make daily efforts to be close to those in need, their problems, their hopes. I thank the team of the Caritas Moldova Charitable Foundation, donors and national and international partners for making all these extraordinary things possible, for helping us offer love, attention and care to the poorest of the poor. May the good God help us to continue to change destinies in the years to come!"



EDWARD LUCACI

THE PRESIDENT

Founded in 1995 by His Excellency, the Bishop of Chisinau, Anton Coşa, the Caritas Moldova Charitable Foundation is a component part of the Catholic Church of Moldova, a member of Caritas Europe and Caritas Internationalis. Caritas Europe is based in Brussels, consists of 49 member organizations and operates in 46 European countries. Caritas Internationalis, based in the Holy Vatican City, comprises 168 national Caritas organizations that work and contribute, on all continents, to the fight against poverty, inequality, national and local development, thus being one of the largest structures dedicated to charity around the world.

MISSION

The mission of Caritas Moldova is to support those who are in need, to promote social equity and defend human dignity through Christian charity.

VISION

The mission of Caritas Moldova is to exercise Christian charity in support of those most in need, to promote social equity. Caritas Moldova aspires to create a community based on solidarity, focusing on the promotion of human dignity, the common good, truth and freedom. defend human dignity

VALUES

Caritas Moldova is an organization made of a motivated and responsible team that is guided by Christian values and principles, such as human dignity, solidarity, compassion, voluntarism, integrity, transparency and universality.

BETTER ONLY TOGETHER!



15

DONORS

Offer support and hope

64

EMPLOYEES

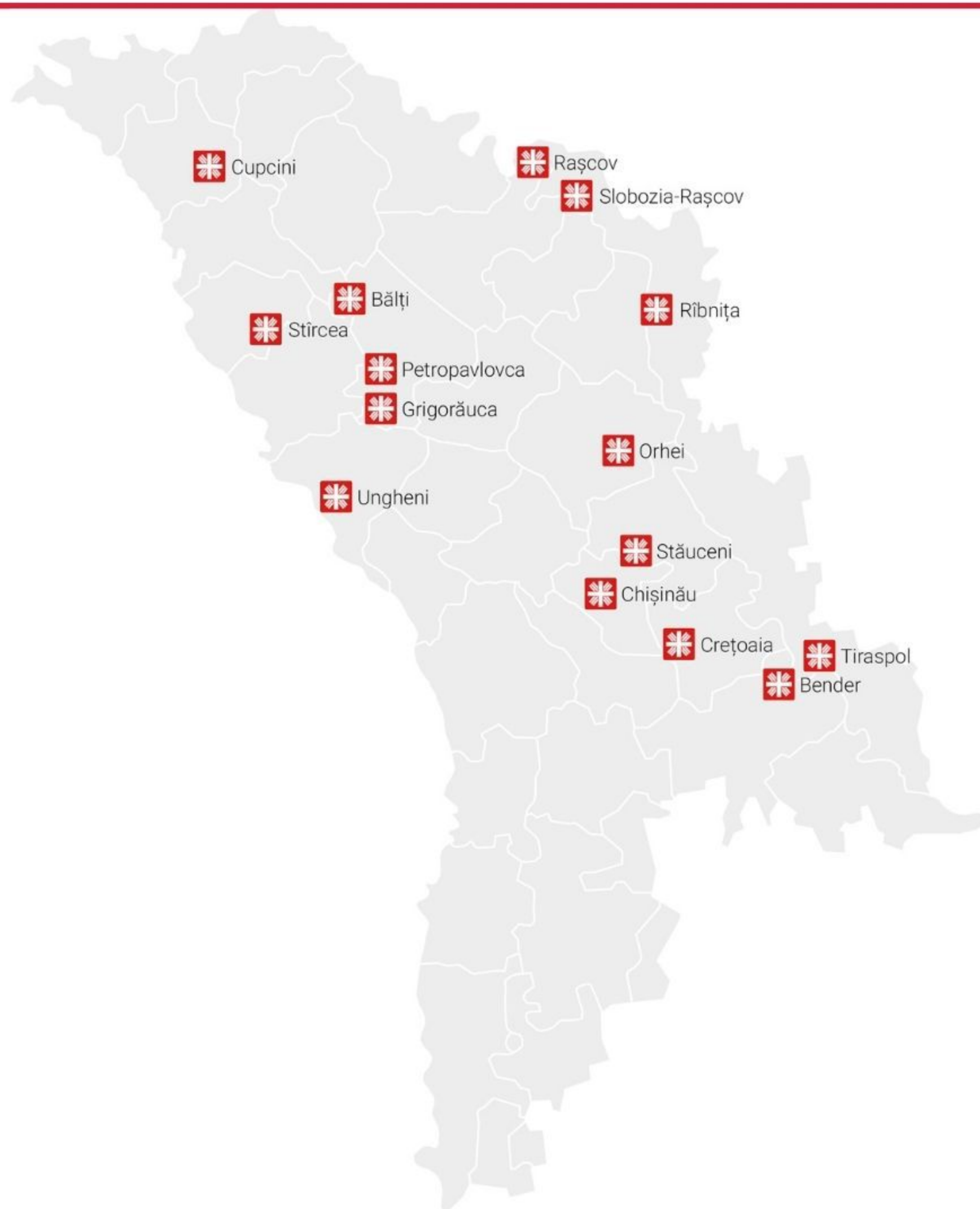
Dedicate themselves
everyday and live through
charity values

300

VOLUNTEERS

Take part and bring joy

NATIONAL COVERAGE



GRIGORĂUCA

Children's summer camp

BĂLȚI

Children's summer camp

Social Assistance

DARE

Young Caritas

STÎRCEA

HELP / SAFE

RÎBNIȚA

HELP / SAFE

Children's day center

Children's summer camp

Young Caritas

RASCOV

HELP / SAFE

Children's day center

Children's summer camp

Young Caritas

SLOBOZIA RASCOV

Preschool education center

Children's summer camp

Young Caritas

PETROPAVLOVCA

DARE

Children's day center

Children's summer camp

CHIȘINĂU

Young Caritas

HELP / SAFE

Juvenis

Children's summer camp

Social Assistance

STĂUCENI

HELP

St. Stephen's night home

Children's day center

Children's summer camp

Young Caritas

CREȚOAIA

Social Assistance

Children's summer camp

UNGHENI

Children's summer camp

ORHEI

Children's summer camp

BENDER

HELP

Children's summer camp

Workshop for children

Young Caritas

TIRASPOL

HELP

Temporary placement center for children

Children's summer camp

Young Caritas

Love

"If you do not love your brother, you cannot love God."
(Pope Francis I)

Children's day center

Through "Children's day centers" we contribute to reducing the vulnerability of children on both banks of the Dniester River by increasing opportunities for learning and development, integration and socialization of children from socially vulnerable families, so that each child can have the necessary support to fulfill their dreams. The aim of the "Children's day centers" Project is to provide free assistance during the children's day, so that parents have the opportunity to find a job and to be able to provide the material conditions necessary for raising children. Based on the needs of children, we focus on ensuring children's right to life, safety, care and protection, so that they can thrive and become independent members of society.

The day care and temporary placement center Petrușka

The project "The day care and temporary placement center Petrușka" implemented in t. Tiraspol, aims at family reintegration and social integration of children from socially vulnerable families. The project provides day care and temporary placement for children at risk, social apartments and scholarships for vulnerable young people to help them continue their studies; social assistance and psycho-social counseling for families at risk of abandonment / institutionalization of children, improving the quality of life of children; educational activities, food, supplies and clothing needed for children.

DARE (Dream, Achieve, Realize, Express)

The DARE Regional Program: "Dream Achieve Realize Express - Education and social innovation in Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Romania for a good life for our children", is implemented in 2 localities: Bălți municipality and Sîngerei district, Petropavlovca village. The vision of the program: we want our children to grow up and become happy and responsible adults, able to realize their full potential in life. We want to give them the courage to fight for their dreams, and when they run into obstacles, to not give up, but try again. The program believes that children Grow and Achieve better results in a stimulating environment that meets their individual needs and potential, and creates spaces for dreams, expressions, needs, etc. Children need a supportive environment, in which parents, caregivers and teachers have the skills and abilities to provide Love and Support, interacting with them and encouraging children in a positive way that helps them develop stable emotional relationships. Last but not least, the organizations involved need to develop their capacities to ensure the Impact and Sustainability of the surrounding social ecosystem, and to produce long-term impact through sustainable interventions.

Summer camp/ Workshop / Social theatre

Through the projects "Summer camps for children in Moldova", "Creative workshop for children in Bender / Tighina" and "Theater that unites us in solving common problems", in a fun format, through recreational and educational activities, contributed to the social integration of children from disadvantaged families and institutionalized children on both banks of the Dniester River. Within the projects, skills for defending children's rights were developed, as well as artistic skills that helped their self-knowledge and helped them overcome communication barriers.

2018 RESULTS



1.243 children

benefited from social or educational services kindly provided by Caritas Moldova



5.856

organized activities



69.484

warm lunches



6.426

cases of night shelter offered to children and young people



13

summer camps for developing marginalized children



1

social theatre



1

workshop



149 parents

benefited from psychological counseling and took part in **155** specific activities



10 families

Benefited from material help for reducing the risk of institutionalizing children



19 tineri

have developed abilities and knowledge for an independent life

2019 RESULTS



1.331 children

benefited from social or educational services kindly provided by Caritas Moldova



6.085

organized activities



83.817

warm lunches



6.118

cases of night shelter offered to children and young people



13

summer camps for developing marginalized children



2.373

handmade crafts made by children



1

social theatre



139 parents

benefited from psychological counseling and took part in **178** specific activities.



14 families

benefited from material help for reducing the risk of institutionalizing children



27 youngsters

have developed abilities and knowledge for an independent life

Attention

"You, dear young people, are not the future - everyone likes to say: 'You are the future.' No, you are the present, you are not the future of God, you young people are the present of God. He calls you into your communities and cities to go in search of elders, adults, to stand up and speak out together to fulfill the dream that the Lord has dreamed of. "
(Pope Francis I)

Social assistance provided to vulnerable people

Through the support provided to vulnerable people we have contributed to reducing social risk for families with many children, single parents, people with disabilities, homeless people, lonely elderly people in extreme poverty, through their social inclusion and improving their socio-economic situation to overcome the complicated situations they face. Their access to education, accommodation, medical and social services was facilitated.

"Support for vulnerable students in the Republic of Moldova"

The project supports young women from socially vulnerable families in Moldova to facilitate their access to education in higher education institutions in our country. The beneficiaries of the project are young women studying at universities in Chisinau and do not have the financial resources to rent an apartment or any other accommodation options. The young women come mainly from rural areas, from families who have financial difficulties and are not able to ensure to continue their own studies. Within the project, students benefit from accommodation, care and cultural / educational activities, training, socialization, counseling, development of independent living skills to prevent migration and marginalization of young women, but also benefit from increased chances of integration into the labor market, thus becoming active members of our communities after completing their studies.

Volunteering

Volunteering is the essence of the Caritas Moldova Charitable Foundation and everything we do - it could not work without the help of volunteers. They are a vital part of our foundation, bringing energy to projects and change in the community. Through the volunteer program, Caritas Moldova aims to involve the community, through information, support and their involvement in social activities and in the formation of responsible behaviors towards the problems faced by our fellow human beings. During the year, Caritas Moldova volunteers were included in: providing help for lonely elderly people, participating in charity campaigns, solidarity actions with people in need, activities for children from "Noah's Ark", day center in Stăuceni commune, office activities, volunteer training activities, volunteer motivation actions, volunteer's newspaper, animators in summer camps.

2018 RESULTS



336 volunteers

took part in charity events and social assistance

1 Volunteer's annual festival



10 young women

have benefited from accommodation and specific activities within the home offered by Caritas Moldova.

16 activities have taken place with the involvement of youngsters as volunteers

2019 RESULTS



300 volunteers

took part in charity events and social assistance

1 Volunteer's annual festival



14 young women

have benefited from accommodation and specific activities within the home offered by

51 activities have taken place with the involvement of youngsters as volunteers

"The lives of the elderly [...] help to shed light on the scale of human values; it helps us to see the continuity of generations and wonderfully proves the interdependence of God's people "
(Pope John Paul II)



„HELP”= „SAFE” – Helping the lonely elderly

Made with the financial support of Caritas Vienna and the Austrian Development Agency in partnership with the NHIC, medical and social services are provided for people suffering from incurable diseases in difficulty or risk caused by: chronic or incurable disease, lack of income or low income, homelessness or precarious living conditions, as well as sick elderly people. This project is implemented through the Medical and Social Centers in Chisinau, Stăuceni commune and Stârcea village, Glodeni district. The project "Medical and social care at home" implemented in the village of Rascov, Camenca district and in the town of Râbnîța, within the Medico-social Center provides specialized support and assistance to prevent situations that endanger the safety of people receiving services, such as providing medical and social care at home to vulnerable people on the left bank of the Dniester.

"Always Young" day care center for the elderly in the city of Rîbnîța

Maintains and improves the quality of life of the elderly and lonely. Ensuring a healthy and dignified life, inclusion by participating in community cultural events, food security and promoting well-being for people of all ages are priorities in this project.

Night shelter for homeless people "Saint Stephen"

Gave those who remained on the street a chance to change their lives. People in difficulty came to the home, being accommodated for a certain period, until solving the specific problems they faced (material, financial, cultural, legal and administrative, relational, occupational, health), also benefited from activities for the development of independent living skills and professional skills.

2018 RESULTS



554 beneficiaries

have received medical assistance



5026 visits

to home



700 visits

to the Centre



4.944 meals

were offered to the elderly



200 sesiuni

of psychological counseling offered.

2019 RESULTS



250 beneficiaries

have received medical assistance



15.769 visits

to home



1.083 visits

to the Centre



5.115 meals

were offered to the elderly



6.852 kg

of washing and returning the clothes of elders

4

teams that are 24/7
near those in need

8

medical assistances
always on duty

4

social assistances
that help poor people
everyday

Campaigns

The primary role of the campaigns organized by the Caritas Moldova Charitable Foundation is to raise public awareness and, especially, to educate society about the need for Christian charity, in order to obtain support in carrying out our programs. During the years of activity, through social programs for those in difficulty, Caritas Moldova has successfully intervened where the state did not have the resources to do so.

The surprise in the box

The aim of the Campaign: to collect gifts and distribute them to socially vulnerable children across the country

Donate against poverty

The aim of the Campaign: to collect food and hygiene products for people in extreme poverty, for lonely bedridden elderly

Help me prepare my school bag

The aim of the Campaign: to prevent school dropouts among disadvantaged children and to motivate them to continue their studies.

They're also ours

The aim of the Campaign: to raise funds to support socially vulnerable children in the Transnistrian region, beneficiaries of day centers in Tiraspol, Sloboda-Raşcov, Raşcov, Rîbnița.

Christmas movie night

The aim of the Campaign: to collect financial resources to support the Children's Day Center in Petropalovca village, Sîngerei district.

Lisnic Barber Shop

The aim of the Campaign: donation of financial resources through which 138 Christmas gifts were purchased for children from socially vulnerable environments.

2018 RESULTS



100

children got
boxes with
needs



577

food bags



14.090

MDL collected



100

school bags offered
to children

2019 RESULTS



138

children got
Christmas
presents



1.164

food bags



7.775

MDL collected



106

school bags offered
to children

2018 Finances

Caritas Moldova is constantly concerned with preventing and combating poverty, supporting vulnerable families and supporting less fortunate people through medical, social and educational activities.

INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS

Donations offered by our external partners who are particularly concerned with improving the standard of living, education, professional, health of the poorest of our fellow human beings.

12,5 mln. MDL

STATE DONATIONS

Donations from institutional partners to provide home care services for the sick and lonely elderly.

206 k MDL

FUNDRAISING

Donations offered by those who want to bring a change in the lives of the poor.

138 k MDL

DONATIONS OF GOODS

Donations made by people with big hearts.

103 k MDL

LOCAL DONATIONS

Donations made by people with kind hearts.

64 k MDL

Beneficiaries

The generous donations have been redirected to change the lives of those who believe in us, who make our mission, that of charity, a noble mission, which changes destinies, which creates normalcy, which offers chances.

70%

Of the donations offered are redirected to marginalized children



25%

Of the donations offered are redirected to the lonely and sick elderly



5%

Of the donations offered are redirected to vulnerable families



**TOTAL
13,01 mln. MDL**

2019 Finances

Caritas Moldova is a vector of change, responsibility, dedication, love, attention and care for the less fortunate of us.

INTERNATIONAL DOANTIONS

Donations offered by our external partners who are particularly concerned with improving the standard of living, education, professional, health of the poorest of our fellow human beings.

8,5 mln. MDL

DONATIONS OF GOODS

Donations made by people with big hearts.

331 k MDL

LOCAL DONATIONS

Donations made by people with kind hearts.

292 k MDL

STATE DONATIONS

Donations from institutional partners to provide home care services for the sick and lonely elderly.

274 k MDL

FUNDRAISING

Donations offered by those who want to bring a change in the lives of the poor.

267 k MDL

Beneficiaries

The generous donations have been redirected to change the lives of those who believe in us, who make our mission, that of charity, a noble mission, which changes destinies, which creates normalcy, which offers chances.

64%

Of the donations offered are redirected to marginalized children



31%

Of the donations offered are redirected to the lonely and sick elderly



**TOTAL
9,75 mln. MDL**

5%

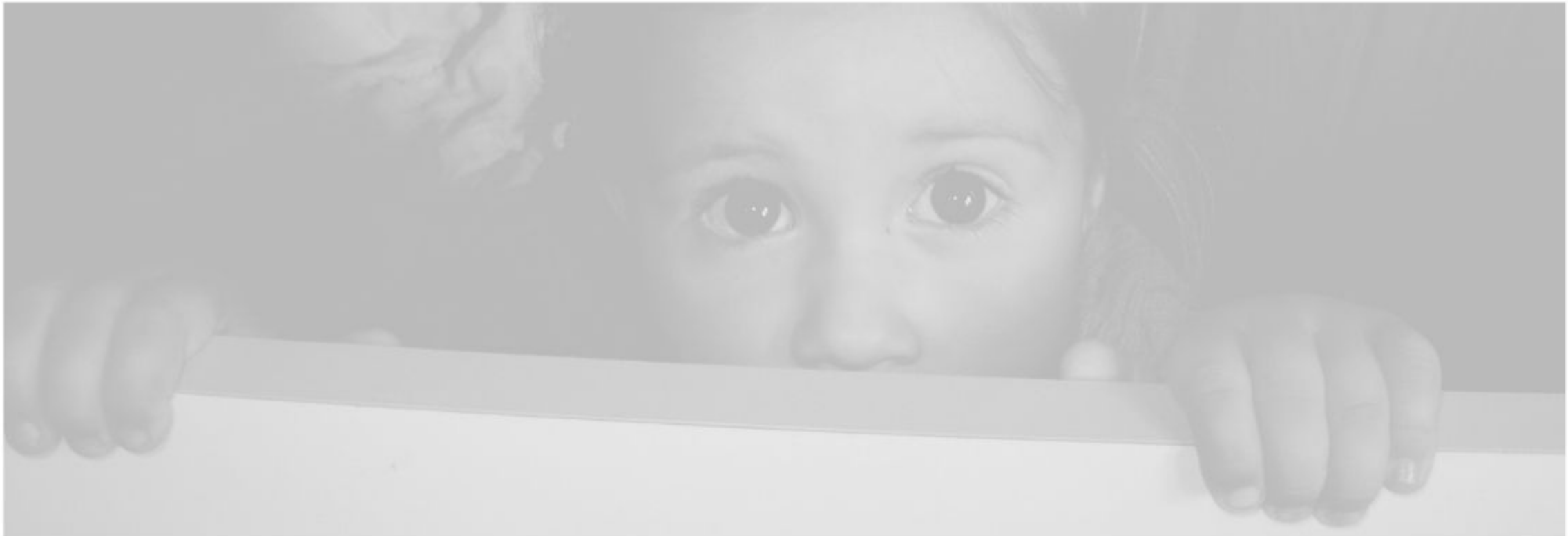
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Trusted partners ♥



Testimonial



"I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the STAFF and DONORS who support the "Speranța" children's center in Râbnița. I benefited from the center's services ten years ago, but I still remember all the love and support I have received there. It was an excellent OPPORTUNITY for MY DEVELOPMENT and EDUCATION. I was helped to study and made many friends. At the moment, I live and work in Moscow. I have a wonderful life, and the center and the parish played an important role in my growth."

A letter received from a previous beneficiary of the children center in Râbnița

Statement 4 Future

To continue for the years that will follow the activities carried out in these two years that are the subject of this report is not only a responsibility of the Caritas Moldova charity foundation, but a common obligation of all those who want to do something for the poor, for the children, the elders and the marginalized young people. We will continue what we started because we understand that, without our love, attention, care and our partners, the poor will be even poorer, the sick will be sicker and the vulnerable will remain without hope.

