

The Barsan Foundation was established in 2016 with a mission to promote the well-being of rural communities and impoverished families in Eastern Europe. This year we achieved our goals by distributing funds to three successful projects. We increased both our incoming donations and outgoing grants, accomplishing more than any previous year. Thank you for your commitment to our mission and your support of our initiatives. **Planning is underway for 2022 projects focused on the millions of refugees fleeing Ukraine to Eastern Europe countries.**

## Summer Camp Project (\$5,000)

While the COVID-19 pandemic was still affecting social interactions, approvals were granted to open a summer camp in Lotrioara County, near Sibiu, Romania. In July, 36 children (7-13 years) from financially challenged families in rural villages attended a weeklong camp. For most of them, it was their first camp experience and a chance to make new friends. Under the direction of volunteer camp counselors, activities included practicing basic hygiene, eating nutritious meals, learning how to be courteous and polite, playout outdoor games, getting exercise, and creating craft items. By week's end the children were so happy and many asked if they could stay the whole summer!



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See the musical video on our website.

It's sure to bring you a huge smile.

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[www.barsanfoundation.org](http://www.barsanfoundation.org)  
**to read reports and view**  
**videos of our projects.**

**And please consider making**  
**a donation for 2022!**



## School Bags Project (\$3,500)

Just before school resumed in September, volunteers (including 3 high school students) purchased 100 school bags, notebooks, writing supplies, pencil cases, abacuses, artistic items, and snack bars. They packed the school bags with items for kindergarten children and elementary school. The team filled their cars and headed to the rural villages where the fun began.

The children were encouraged to look inside their bags. Volunteers heard many of the children shout "WOW" and "thanks." Items like watercolors and designer pencils had never been seen before. You and read the report and view a project video on our website.



## Winter Holiday Giving (\$2,700)

For the fifth year, funds were provided for winter holiday packages to more than 50 families. Fuel (wood) food items, clothing for cold weather, and toys were delivered in mid-December to promote a spirit of holiday joy. The deliveries were especially valued because the pandemic continues to make life difficult for poor families.

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