



Barsan Foundation 2019-2020 Report

The Barsan Foundation is committed to distributing funds to worthy projects consistent with our mission. In 2019 the Board reviewed proposals and allocated \$4,000 to the Petras Foundation. In 2020 the Board approved one allocation of \$5,000 to the Rays of Hope projects via the Petrus Foundation. Each Barsan Foundation award was matched with local funds and in-kind donations, such as wood, transportation and deliveries of gifts. All activities occurred over the winter holiday season to ensure recipients were supported with fuel, clothing and small gifts. Special emphasis was put on impoverished families with many children living in mountainous villages outlying Sibiu, Romania. These localities included Vurpăr, Tălmăciu, Copșa Mică, Șeica Mare, Prislop, Cislădie, Târnăvioara, and Axente Sever.

2019 Projects Included:

- Wood fuel was provided to 12 families.
- A heat stove was provided to a community shelter.
- Basic food parcels were delivered to 30 large families, totalling more than 100 children
- Small gifts were provided to 5 families with small children.

2020 Projects Included:

- More than 37 tons of firewood was delivered to families needing fuel.
- Large food parcels (85 lbs) were provided to 20 families with major financial problems and smaller food parcels (42.5 lbs) were delivered to 20 other families. Together, these food parcels reached 130 children.
- New shoes were provided to a family.
- Two families were given funds to cover medical needs of a child.
- Funds were given to two elderly people for personal hygiene items.





Special thanks to our volunteers who helped with preparation and delivery of gifts, including Petru Morosan, Adrian Clep, Sorin Vestemean Sr., Sorin Vestemean Jr., Lucian Vecerdea, and others.



The 2020 winter deliveries were especially critical because the COVID-19 pandemic made lives even more difficult for poor families.

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