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### PRESS RELEASE

Maria Ward Social Center, together with generous people, donated 26 tons of food, sanitary and hygiene products for over 400 children and more than 250 elderly people during the COVID-19 pandemic. .

In the last month, the Maria Ward Social Center helped over 400 children from over 150 vulnerable families and more than 250 elderly people, including from the Homes for the Elderly in Bogdănești, Sucevița and Solca and the Children from the St. Stelian Rădăuți Special School, St. Leontie Rădăuți settlement, Universul Copiilor Rădăuți Family House.

Approximately 26 tons of food, sanitary and hygiene products, medicines and baby products (diapers, milk, etc.) were donated to beneficiaries from 14 localities in Suceava County: Rădăuți, Burla, Bilca, Vuliva, Costișa, Frătăuții Vechi, Frătăuții Noi, Volovăț, Voitinel, Solca, Siret, Arbore, Sucevița, Bogdănești.

All this was possible with the help of many companies and organizations from the counties of Suceava, Botoșani, Neamț and Ilfov, Bucharest, people from the diaspora, but also simple, old people who from their pension donated food, money and what they had in the pantry.

"The local community but also those from afar showed that they care. We appreciate the efforts of economic agents who, although facing difficult economic situations, they have helped us in a sustained and considerable way. Above all, they donated from their hearts. An old woman came to the gate and told me "I also brought some money from my pension". An elderly neighbor came with a bag of food saying "I took out of the pantry a few jars of jam and zacusca to feed the children". A young woman came and donated a sum of money to us and said: << The elders of the village collected this money and sent me to give it to you. I am their messenger >>, "says Sister Felicitas, coordinator of the Maria Ward Social Center. "The pandemic has made friends, mobilized good people, opened hearts and moved borders. He showed us all that we can do so much more!" it continues.

The Maria Ward Social Center will continue to support those in need, with food and sanitation, hygiene and baby products, and will run an education program for students: "Where there are shortages, there is violence, especially in the blankets. poor society, in which lack of education has its say. We want to prevent such events. At the same time, children should not feel hungry and the lonely and helpless elderly should not feel abandoned," says Sister Felicitas.

In line with the mission of giving children wings to fly from their precarious social condition and discover a better world, the Center will run an educational program adapted to current restrictions to bring children to "online school". So far, we have made considerable efforts with children to prevent school and family dropout. We do not want all this to be lost now," concludes Sister Felicitas.

Those who want to support the activities of the Maria Ward Social Center can do so by donating to the accounts Asociației I.S.E.A.: Cont lei: RO61BTRL06101205I84616XX, Cont euro: RO36BTRL06104205I84616XX, SWIFT: BTRL RO 22XX, CIF: 24234750