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On the cover is one of our volunteers, Zina Zabotina. She volunteered for the Kyiv Homeless Soup Kitchen from the beginning of COVID-19 and during the most restricted quarantine. Zina participated in hot meal distribution for 110 days. During that time, public transportation was not available, and Zina had to find a different way to reach the homeless every day. Because they had no home, could not quarantine, practice good hygiene, and social distance; therefore the homeless were exposed to the most risk. Zina however, was not afraid. Her courage and mercy for those most in need was exemplary. Zina Zabotina is continuing her call to be a volunteer of the Mission.



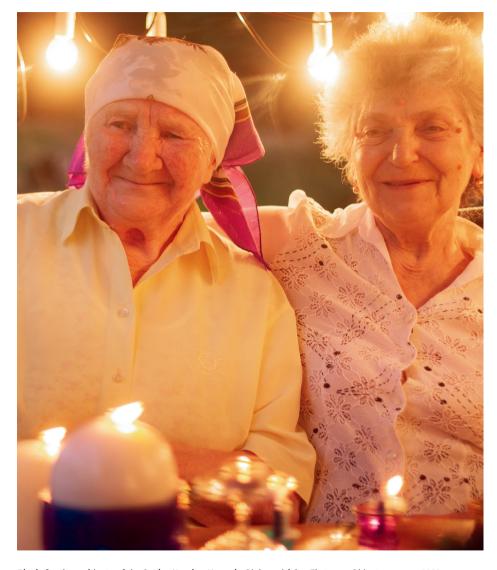
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Picnic for the residents of the Senior Nursing Home in Oleksandrivka, Zhytomyr Oblast, summer, 2020

## **ABOUT US**

Caritas-Spes Religious Mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine is one of the 48 members of the Caritas Europe Federation and Caritas Internationalis Global Confederation, including 162 Catholic organizations. In Ukraine, Caritas-Spes is present in all the regions, having its National Office and seven regional branches operating in each diocese of the Roman Catholic Church (RCC).

Caritas-Spes Ukraine promotes social justice through works of Christian charity. Our activities are aimed at combating poverty, establishing peace, and restoring human dignity—regardless of faith, skin color, nationality, or political or ideological beliefs.

**Our Mission** 

Cherish merciful love and hope in actions

**Our Vision** 

Building the civilization of love, justice, and peace, aiming at the reduction of poverty the promotion of justice, and the renewal of human dignity in all regions of Ukraine

**Our Values** 

Respect for every human person and solidarity with humanity

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#### **MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER**

In 2020, the pandemic skewed Caritas-Spes' plans and divided the year into three phases: before, during, and after the pandemic. As a result, the quarantine restrictions along with social distancing requirements reduced our opportunities to serve the community. However, the pandemic provided us with an opportunity to think differently about how we work and enabled us to devise alternative ways to support our projects and reach and assist people. We did this by working online, changing our methods of care that we provide, and looking for alternative methods of conducting outreach. The important thing is that help for people in need did not stop.

Under these circumstances, we gained new value for our personnel, those who carry out the Caritas Spes Mission, its members, and all of those who were ready to support others during times of uncertainty and fear. Every year brings new and different challenges, and we are grateful for each year as it presents itself and the value in it is unveiled; although it may bring monumental changes to our organization and everyone around us, we still persevere. Caritas-Spes will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2021, and we are grateful for all the people who have shared their love and mercy with us in various circumstances and different trials over the years. We thank God and all our benefactors for their support, especially during COVID. Let us look forward with hope and God's help during the next years of our ministry. I sincerely bless everyone for their service, dedicated work, support, and acts of mercy shown towards our ministry.

Bishop Stanislav Shyrokoradiuk
 Founder, Former President, and current
 Consulting Advisor to Caritas-Spes Ukraine



## REPORT ON 2020 BY THE PRESIDENT OF CARITAS-SPES FATHER PETRO ZHARKOVSKYI

Catastrophes, pandemics, wars, and natural disasters are a challenge for everyone — especially for large organizations — but they also open people's hearts to help those in need. 2020 was a dramatic test of our endurance as an organization. "Do not be afraid!" These words of Pope Saint John Paul II constantly echoed in my soul throughout the year to my mind. During this year of uncertainty, please keep the following maxims in mind:

Do not be afraid, for there is life after death.

Do not be afraid of trials, for they will make you stronger.

Do not be afraid of responsibility, for you will gain wisdom with it.

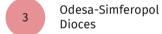
Every year we live through is an experience. It is important to remember to look ahead with faith and hope. This year of difficulties and trials became for many an opportunity to manifest in themselves charity and love of neighbor. During times of difficulty, people demonstrate charity and humanity in a special way. On behalf of Caritas-Spes, I thank everyone who has helped us help those in need. It was a time when each human being provided support to one another, fulfilling his or her highest mission: to serve and to love.

Father Petro Zharkovskyi
President of Caritas-Spes Ukraine









Kharkiv-Zaporizhia Dioces

> Kamyanets-Podilskyi Dioces

6 Mukachevo Dioces

7 Lutsk Dioces



#### **ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2020**

- Provided 120,000 people with assistance
- Implemented 100 projects
- Supported charitable initiatives in the amount of: **72,654,980** UAH



Ms. Larisa Galadza, Ambassador of Canada, volunteered for the Soup-Kitchen for Homeless Project in Kyiv, spring-summer 2020

#### **KEY EVENTS OF 2020**

#### STRUCTURAL CHANGE OF CARITAS-SPES UKRAINE (CSU)

- A governing body was created.
- The governing body was approved by the Ukrainian Roman-Catholic Bishops' Conference.



The Management Board was approved at the 54th Plenary Meeting of the Roman-Catholic Bishops' Conference in Lviv, November 2020

#### INTRODUCTION OF A SAFEGUARDING SYSTEM

- The Mission's Code of Conduct was created.
- A Safeguarding Officer was appointed.
- All CSU structures were involved, including staff, volunteers, and co-workers.

- Documents, which regulate both external and internal communication of the Mission, were created and adopted.
- CSU formed a corporate structure for the organization and created a corporate CSU handbook.
- The corporate organization website was updated.
- CSU conducted communications training for managers at the regional and diocesan levels.

#### **OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE**

An Action Program was implemented in seven regions and provided long-term support aimed at overcoming the consequences of COVID-19.

- This was conducted by the distribution of food packages for elderly people at risk.
- It also included distributing food, sanitary products, medicine, and clothing to the homeless.
- The program also supplied sanitary products for doctors, priests, and social workers.



Medical assistance for the homeless, Kyiv, summer 2020

#### STRENGTHENING NETWORK CAPACITY

- Memorandums between the National Office and local structures CSU were signed.
- Quarterly strategic meetings of CSU directors were held.
- A preparatory document for the Strategic Plan has been created.

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- Project teams in the regions of Ukraine continue to be formed (over 350 participants from 15 oblasts).
- The 11 best social projects received microgrants.
- The II Annual Social Initiative Forum was held.



All-Ukrainian Online Forum with an audience of over 600 people. Kyiv, November 2020

#### **KEY CHALLENGES**

- Due to the pandemic and therefore the inability to fully launch children's camps, CSU recreation centers have suffered significant financial losses.
- Most social enterprises did not work during quarantine and some were run at only half-capacity.

# MAIN PROJECTS AND ACTIONS OF 2020

#### **COVID-19 ASSISTANCE**

- 7 regions
- Provided 20,000 hot meals and 5,815 food and hygiene kits and500 cash grants/ vouchers were distributed in seven regions
- (\$) Expenditures: 3,541,620 UAH

Donors: Renovabis, Wilfried and Martha Ensinger Stiftung Foundation, Caritas Polska, kleine herzen, Franz Reitbauer, General Consulate of Poland, and individual benefactors

#### STRENGTHENING LOCAL SELF-ORGANIZATION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN UKRAINE

- 11 projects
- **⊘** 15 regions
- \$ Expenditures: 1,388,000 UAH

Donor: Renovabis

#### RENOVATION OF THE CENTER ST. JOSEPH DAY CARE CENTER IN LYUBAR

- \$ Expenditures: 347,000 UAH

Donors: Bistum Trier, Bistum Hildesheim, and Bistum Goerlitz

#### **FOSTER HOMES AND ORPHANS**

- 16 Foster Homes
- 144 children and 5 regions
- \$ Expenditures: 2,193,387 UAH

Donor: kleine herzen

#### SUPPORTING CHILDREN CENTER IN ZHYTOMYR AND ST. JOSEPH DAY CARE IN LYUBAR

- **◯** 300 beneficiaries
- (\$) Expenditures: 492 700 UAH

Donors: Bistum Berlin, Bistum Bamberg, Bistum Eichstatt, Caritas Polska

#### **POLISH CULTURAL SUPPORT**

- √ 50 events
- **◯** 10 parishes participants
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,369,609 UAH

Donor: Caritas Polska

#### MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

- Indicators: better management, policies development, and strengthening the capacity of the finance department
- \$ Expenditures: 1,654,044 UAH

Donors: CRS, Caritas Polska

### SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN KHARKIV

- 1,000 beneficiaries Kharkiv and Kharkiv Oblast
- (\$) Expenditures: 572,550 UAH

Donor: General Consulate of Poland

#### **SAFEGUARDING SYSTEM**

- 32 centers and 48 social services
- Regulations and policies
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,873,800 UAH

Donors: Kindermissionswerk ,Die Sternsinger', CRS

#### **PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT**

- 83,000 printed materials that information about HIV/AIDS and PRO-LIFE
- (\$) Expenditures: 56,540 UAH

Donor: US Bishops' Conference



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- 1,003 large families were reached
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,244,342 UAH

Donors: kleine herzen, Bistum Münster, Wilfried and The Martha Ensinger Stiftung Foundation

SOUP KITCHENS FOR THE POOR, HOMELESS AND ROMA

- ↑ 16 centers
- 233,610 hot meals and more than 300,000 social services
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,724,590 UAH

Donors: IWCK, Caritas Polska, Vaticano, Bethlen Gábor Alap, Kárpátaljai Ferences Misszió Alapítvány, and individual benefactors

#### COMMUNICATION AND PR DEVELOPMENT

- 32 CSU centers and 48 social services
- (\$) Expenditures: 694,000 UAH

Donor: Caritas Austria

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIFTED YOUTH

- 187 students
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,011,505 UAH

Donors: Wilfried und Martha Ensinger Stiftung, Crossing Borders, Bethlen Gábor Alap, Kárpátaljai Ferences Misszió Alapítvány, S.A.R.ASharing America's Resources Abroad, and individual benefactors

#### SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT THE CSU RECREATION CENTERS OF YABLUNYTSIA AND OLEKSANDRIVKA

- Wastewater cleaning and filtration systems were renovated
- (\$) Expenditures: 2,798,555 UAH

Donor: Caritas Paderborn, MHP, and USCCB

## INCLUSION CENTER FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE VILLAGE OF ZARICHANY

- Indicators: electrification and heating system
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,735,000 UAH

Donor: Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart

## PURCHASE AND RENOVATION OF THE HOUSE FOR SINGLE MOTHERS AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- ✓ Indicator: property of 0,651 ha, three buildings with the total area of 820 m²
- (\$) Expenditures: 10,826,400 UAH

Donor: Kirche in Not

## ODESA CENTER OF SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR HIV PATIENTS

- More than 1 000 persons, including 400 HIV- positive children, more than 100 HIV-positive pregnant women
- \$ Expenditures: 2,429,000 UAH

Donor: Caritas Austria

#### **ASSISTANCE OF FORMER CONCENTRATION CAMP PRISONERS AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

- 8 regions and 40 individuals
- \$ Expenditures: 558,670 UAH

Donor: Maximilian-Kolbe-Werk

#### **RETREATS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND PARISH YOUTH**

- \$ Expenditures: 520,500 UAH

Donor: Kirche in Not

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER "HOUSE OF HOPE"**

- More than 150 beneficiaries
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,620,490 UAH

Donor: Kindermissionswerk, Die Sternsinger'

#### **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL WORK**

- **⊘** 13 charity events
- (\$) Expenditures: 1 388 000 UAH

Donor: Renovabis

#### **SUMMER CAMP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

- **40 beneficiaries from Volyn Oblast**
- \$ Expenditures: 158,579 UAH

Donor: an individual

#### **PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR CHARITY SOCIAL CENTER IN ODESA**

Expenditures: 555,200 UAH

Donors: Renovabis, Caritas Polska, Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart

#### NADIYA PROJECT — SUPPORT FOR SINGLE **MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN**

70 beneficiaries

(\$) Expenditures: 1,249,200 UAH

Donor: Kindermissionswerk ,Die Sternsinger'

#### **FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING DUNAIVTSI FOSTER HOME, KHMELNYTSKYI OBLAST**

- 10 children-beneficiaries, living in the home
- (\$) Expenditures: 150,000 UAH

Donor: Ginger Foundation

#### **SUPPORT FOR PRIESTS OF CSU**

4 priests

(\$) Expenditures: 374,760 UAH

Donor: Kirche in Not

#### **PURCHASE OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR ST. LUKE MEDICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTER**

- Equipping Otolaryngology, Ultrasound, Ophthalmology, Gynecology and therapy exam rooms
- (\$) Expenditures: 800,250 UAH

Donor: Hilfswerk Liechtenstein



#### ACTIONS

## MATERIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR THE CHARITIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CARITAS SAINT MARTIN (CARITAS-SPES ZAKARPATTYA)

Candle Workshop in Khust, and Hungarian speaking pre-schools in Solotvyno, Bushtyno, Velykyi Bychkiv, and Kobyletska Poliana, and a school bus in Yasinianskyi

- More than 74 people received annual salaries as well as payment for travel costs and utilities
- \$ Expenditures: 7,639,327 UAH

Donors: Bethlen Gábor Alap, Kárpátaljai Ferences Misszió Alapítvány

#### PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL BUS VELYKYI BYCHKIV – SOLOTVINO SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$ Expenditures: UAH 105,152

Donor: Bethlen Gábor Alap

#### ZAKARPATTYA PROGRAM "SUPPORT IN CRISIS"

- With a total of 5,967 people in need:
- 2,401 persons received food packages, 2,215 persons received medicine, 235 persons received firewood or briquettes for winter, 548 families were helped with utility payments, 462 adults received diapers, 106 persons were supported in various needs, such as funeral services, medical treatment, etc
- \$ Expenditures: 3,648,359 UAH

Donors: Bethlen Gábor Alap, Kárpátaljai Ferences Misszió Alapítvány, and private donors

#### PHENYLKETONURIA PATIENTS SUPPORT

- 79 children
- Expenditures: 104 100 UAH
- S Donor: Wilfried and Martha Ensinger Stiftung Foundation

#### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SICK**

- 48 beneficiaries (including 43 adults and 5 children)
- (\$) Expenditures: 341,750 UAH

Donors: Kárpátaljai Ferences Misszió Alapítvány, Caritas Znojmo

#### **ACTION "WINTER SHOES"**

- 771 children received a pair of winter shoes
- (\$) Expenditures: 1,256,140 UAH

Donor: Caritas Paderborn, Wilfried and Martha Ensinger Stiftung Foundation, Kirchen gemeinde Lehnerz St. Elisabeth

#### **ACTION "CHRISTMAS ANGEL"**

Donor: kleine herzen

#### PREVENTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT

- 4 retreats were held for 67 people with substance abuse issues (28 preventive)
- lectures for 7 schools and 840 school children
- (\$) Expenditures: 277,600 UAH

Donor: Franz-Hilf-Franziskaner für Menschen in Not

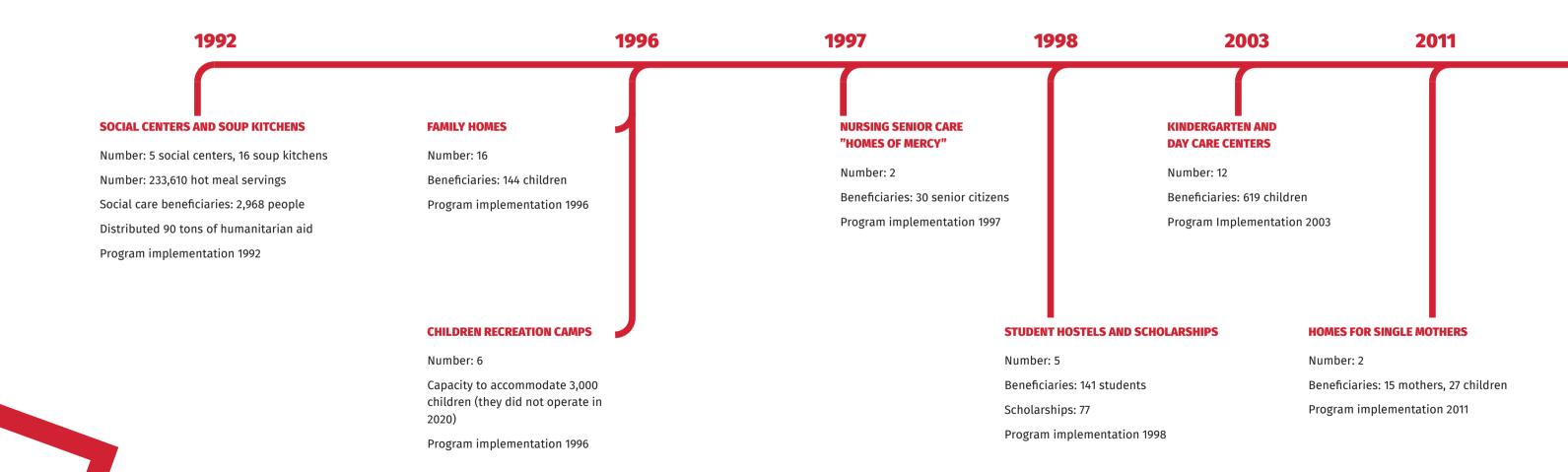
#### **ACTION "SKI VACATION IN AUSTRIA"**

Donor: Parliament of Austria



## **ON-GOING PROGRAMS**

\* CALCULATIONS ARE PRESENTED AS OF 2020



## WHAT ARE WE PLANNING TO DO NEXT?

A special dedicated approach is needed to carry out the service of merciful love in Caritas-Spes' Religious Mission since it has been entrusted with the social services of the Church. The organization's management should be guided mainly by the Holy Spirit, not only by professional skills, for the Spirit gives life and enthusiasm to work.



Emilian Bandzar, a 7 -year aid recipient under the project "Assistance to Romas", Roma camp, Pavshyno Village, Zakarpattia Oblast, autumn 2020

The Mission will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2021. It has succeeded in creating a national network of social services. The organization is developing new Caritas Internationalis standards, adopting effective policies, creating methods and procedures. Such steps are necessary to ensure the protection of those who carry out the mission and make sure they are aware of their roles and responsibilities. Next year, we are planning to continue our work to enhance the Caritas-Spes network in cooperation with our foreign partners, start new all-Ukrainian projects tackling domestic violence, complete a three-year project of developing social services in local communities, and work with young people to encourage more volunteer activity. Some statutory changes will also be implemented to improve transparency for more efficient cooperation with foreign donors. A feedback mechanism is expected to be created by the Safeguarding System by autumn of next year in order to receive feedback from beneficiaries and improve the effectiveness of our ministry. Let us entrust God's blessing for our work and all who help us to carry out this mission of charity.

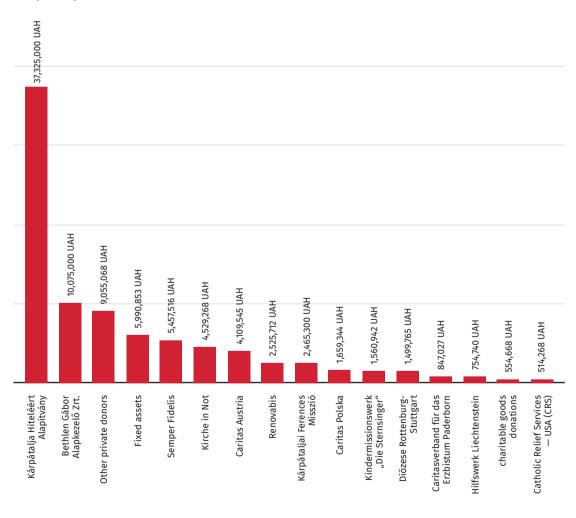
Father Vyacheslav Grynevych SAC
 Caritas-Spes Ukraine's Executive Director



#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

#### **RECEIPT OF FUNDS**

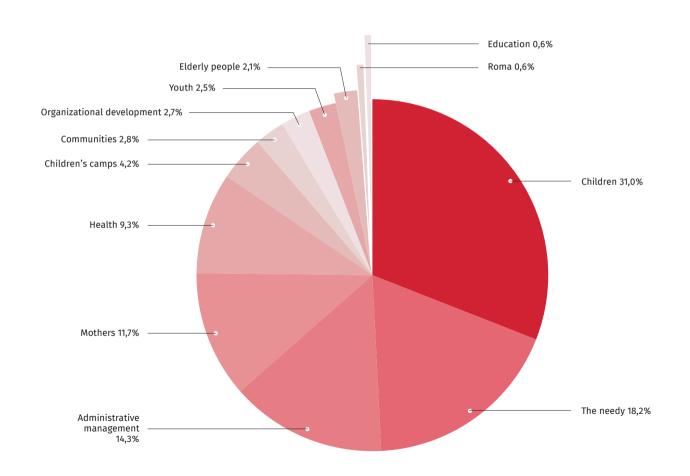
#### **88,924,016** UAH PER YEAR



#### **CARITAS-SPES UKRAINE COSTS**

#### **72,654,980** UAH PER YEAR

Balance of funds per 01.01.2020 — 17,488,100 UAH Balance of funds per 30.12.2020 — 24,880,000 UAH Book value of fixed assets as of 31.12.2020 — 27,405,700 UAH



#### **OUR PARTNERS**



The entire staff of the Roman Catholic Caritas-Spes Religious Mission expresses its profound gratitude to all of its partners, donors, individual benefactors, all Ukrainian and foreign foundations, and charity missions that have provided support to us and helped us to fulfill the Mission's charity activities throughout Ukraine.