

THE DELIA FOUNDATION

Dear friends,

The year 2020 is likely to be etched in our minds for a long time to come. From the unprecedented impact of the covid-19 pandemic with lockdowns culminating into a global recession to political unrest in parts of the world.

On the other hand, this past year has been a stark reminder of what is most valuable: time with our families and loved ones, rebuilding, and making our unions stronger, reconnecting with old friends, finding peace in a time of turmoil, and finally, witnessing kindness through sharing and helping others. It is this display of sharing with others that have restored my faith in what can be achieved when we come together. Although we cannot diminish the anxiety and hardship many have and will experience in these times, this year has also been an opportunity to weave that common thread that binds us together - through service.

Our team has worked countless hours every day to serve our communities. This has been accomplished through the hard work and resilience of our staff, board members, children, and their families. While our Delia's Learning Center in Barlad, Romania was physically closed for four months, our teachers and psychologist were in daily contact with children using FaceTime and offered foster parents and parents guidance on learning activities. When permitted, teachers met students at home and in the park to continue the very important connection needed for children with special needs. One especially bright spot in 2020 was the launch of our Autism Program, which was crucial as many of our autistic kids are prevented from attending school.

Our strong relationships within the community enabled us to collaborate with non-profit Good News For Romania in delivering nutritious food to impoverished families. We also provided sanitizing supplies to the government-run orphanage, helping to protect at-risk children who are especially vulnerable to Covid-19.

The Ripple Effect, a year **in Review**



We have been touched by those who donated from far and near through the Global Giving platform.

The grassroots fundraising made me think of the words of Bette Reese **“If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.”**

We continue to be excited about setting the bar higher with our work and values. We hope that you will remain by our side as we execute our plans to grow and strengthen our organization in 2021.

With Gratitude,
Laura Larkin Founder and Board President

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KEY OUTCOMES



Education



27 students between the ages of 3- 13 attend Delia's Learning Center

We moved into a new, larger facility to assist more children when the pandemic is behind us. We continue to offer two sessions each weekday.

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)

training was provided for one of our teachers as part of a new Autism Program

Hygiene & Sanitizing



Handwashing and sanitizing became more crucial in 2020. Our Wellness Director educated parents and children on new Covid-19 hygiene protocols.

Anti-bacterial cleanser was purchased for the entire local orphanage to protect 125 individuals living and working in close proximity.

PPE was purchased for the Center, along with thermometers and sanitizers to help in the fight against Covid-19.



Nutrition & Yoga

480 hours were spent learning and teaching Yoga for The Special Needs Child, a new program introduced this year

Over 1400 mini meals and 900 fresh juices have been served

Emergency food boxes and bulk food supplies were delivered to families in rural areas in coordination with Good News For Romania



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Last year, your generous gifts and support helped to further our mission and made a long-lasting and life-changing impact on our children, and our learning center and communities. Here are a few of the highlights.



Family Nutrition and Wellness Program

- With the continuation of our healthy habits program we provide mini meals, fresh juice and healthy snacks.
- Provide nutrition education to families
- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency food boxes



Empowering Students

- ABA therapy and techniques employed to help our children with autism improve their communication skills and behavior
- Educational tutoring with individualized learning plans and low student:teacher ratio
- Life skills training to put children on the path toward independence
- Personal development guided by our psychologist who holds a masters in educational psychopedagogy and two additional teachers



Improving Lives for the Most Vulnerable

- Yoga for the Special Needs Child program offered a fun way to reduce the stress that many of our children felt due to the pandemic, especially those unable to communicate verbally
- Physical exercise offered according to each child's ability
- Whole body support
- Medical assessment as needed

YOUR IMPACT

Transforming Kids



Planting Seeds, Harvesting Change



RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

During the unprecedented pandemic with Covid-19, our Delia Foundation team has made it a priority to keep our students and teachers safe during this time.



AREAS OF FOCUS

Prevention: Buying, distributing sanitizing products for the Government run orphanage, protections implemented for our staff and children who attend the center.

Sustenance: Provision of food and other essential supplies for the children attending Delia's Learning Center, and families whose livelihoods have been severely affected by the pandemic.

Sustainability: The continued care and guidance for special needs children attending our center; assisting them with emotional, physical and mental wellness

IMPACT

We have made a tremendous impact locally in Barlad and outlying village communities. We have distributed sanitizing provisions and emergency food boxes to those in need.

Yoga for the Special Needs Child



Nutrition & Hygiene Program



ABA/Educational Tutoring



PARTNERSHIPS and Grant Partners

We have been honored to work with many partners and continue to create new lasting partnerships

Good News Romania

Association of Delia's Friends

Child'sLife

Myosotis

Village of Hoceni -Mayor

Barlad, Romania - Mayor & Vice Mayor

Isa Foundation -[https://](https://www.isafoundation.net/mission/)

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Global Giving - [https://](https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/autistic-children-with-no-families/)

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FINANCIALS



Total Income \$47,811

Donations	\$27,769
Assoc Delia's Friends	\$4,042
Grants (Isagenix, Global Giving)	\$16,000
SBA Covid Grants (not included in above number)	\$25,000



Total Expenses: \$47,460

Program including teacher salaries	\$32,821
Utilities /Taxes	\$3,090
Rent	\$6,600
Supplies/Food	\$4,329
Training	\$620





New members to the Team



Rares Andrei Onel
 President
 ASOCIAȚIA PRIETENILOR
 DELIEI BÂRLAD



Costel Florea
 Board Member
 ASOCIAȚIA PRIETENILOR
 DELIEI BÂRLAD



**Mihaela Vrinceanu
 Cirjontu**
 USA Board Member



Gabriel Onel
 USA Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TEAM

Laura Larkin
 Executive Director &
 Founder

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 Executive Board
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 Executive Board Vice
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 Cirjontu**
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Creating compassionate
communities on each end of
life's spectrum.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

