



# IWA

The International  
Women's Association  
of Bucharest

IWA BAZAAR MAGAZINE • 2022

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## From the President of IWA

Magic! Outstanding! Spectacular! Were the exclamations used for describing the atmosphere of the IWA Christmas Bazaar 2022!

The involvement of the diplomatic and expat communities was impressive: 62 countries sharing every inch of the National Library Hall, breaking down borders, with kindness, empathy and smiles as a common language.



All the country coordinators worked constantly during the year, assuring sponsors, organizing teams, providing their support before and on the day of the bazaar.

Emails, dozens of calls, messages, online and off line meetings were methods of persuasion that were hard to resist :)

I would like to express my warm congratulations to all those who made the 30th edition of the IWA Christmas bazaar a great success. Marina Coanda Bundac gracefully used her magic wand to interconnect and unify the whole world in the spirit of the Bazaar. Under her large smile you could feel the drive, the force and the power of connecting people. Her impressive experience as the Bazaar Chair for a decade was an asset for the outstanding result.

The woman behind the scenes, IWA Vice President, Gillian Adamson did all the communication for the bazaar, assuring that each country was well represented. The Adamson family proudly coordinated the Ireland table, welcoming guests at the lucky green stand.

Monika Puiu and I had dozens of sponsorship contracts to sign and I don't know what would've been done without Mihaela Vizderluk's support. Monika spent all day in the Treasurer's room with our accountant Codruta, checking and counting all the proceeds.

Iulia Meritosu not only led the "army" of cash collectors invited by Georgiana Pogonaru, but also she and Marina left the building last. They both assured that every chair and table was put back in its initial position and the library was ready to receive students.

The stage was covered by a multitude of costumes, vibrant colours, instruments and flags like a magical kaleidoscope. Ximena Reyes and Carmen Barta were the charismatic show women who assured each country had its own performance on the stage, and not only :)

The flag parade was an unforgettable moment that is well imprinted in our hearts.

We were overwhelmed by the support of the local community, people that were calling us daily asking: How can I help? What can I do for the Bazaar? There were hundreds of volunteers before and on the day of the Bazaar. Their enthusiasm and determination were the guarantee of a successful event.

Cristina Lazar was not only the charming leader of the teenage volunteer team that assured the logistics pre and on the day of the event, but also the France Country Coordinator.

We invited 11 NGOs to sell goods for their own benefit and with Dana Niculescu's strong support they got good visibility and promotion. The amount gathered was impressive.

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The press coverage on the day of Bazaar was assured by the Romanian Country Coordinator, Nicoleta Candea, who also brought us two important partnerships with Ministry of Culture and The Peasant Museum. Romanian members, under Nicoletas's coordination, used all their resources to assure that the host country is well represented! Silvia Bontas, Nadia Mosanu and Carmen Mosseshon were her active helpers days before bazaar. My family's support and their consistent donation is also a reason to be grateful for.

I'm so proud of all IWA community members and friends, who did their best in a shared humanitarian mission!

The magic of Bazaar started before the day, with the presale event generously hosted by Mrs Eleonora Durante Mangoni, at the Italian Ambassador's residence and it continued for weeks after the event.

We personally delivered the unsold items to several charities. Immediately the day after, together with Alona Meyrose, the German country coordinator, we visited 82 Ukrainian children offering them packages of sweets and toys left from the German, Italian and Palestinian tables.

H.E Stefan Tomasevic, Ambassador of Serbia, together with Marina Coanda and I, personally delivered boxes of sweets for the children of SOS Village of Children.

Marina and I continued the Santa's journey at the charitably event hosted by the Romanian Chamber of Senat, 'Mos Craciun la Senat'. Hundreds of underprivileged children from all over Ilfov, Prahova and Dambovita Counties were gladly invited to feel the spirit of joy. We were happy to treat them with the unsold goodies from the Moldavian table.

Christmas was a merry time for all the abandoned children from Casa Lidia, who received treats from the Serbian table, food from Romanian and Italian tables and new winter clothes.

Sandy Sivri, our Greek Fairy, together with Georgiana Pogonaru (Iceland's Country Coordinator) delivered unsold cleaning and hygiene products to Casa Shalom.

Food, drinks and lots of water from the Greek stand was offered to homeless people and to the poorest families around Bucharest through Senior Samaritean Association.

Nicoleta Candea was visiting the poor community of Caldarusani village offering toys and sweets for children.

Our friends from Help the People, who take care of individuals with mental disabilities, were also happy to receive goodies from the Greek and Italian tables.

Seven charities (Casa Papa Giovanni, Carmelita's Sisters, Pro Act Support, Help the People, Mia's Children, Touched Romania, ACSIS) received bright new kitchen items, e.g. irons and vacuum cleaners, through the consistent contribution of Irina Pavlova and Seb Company.

Thank you Eleonora Durante Mangoni, Sandy Sivri, Silvia Bontas, Ximena Reyes for coordinating it.

Last but not least I would like to thank all our partners and sponsors for making this day so special!

## IWA MAGAZINE

Bazaar Magazine 2022 edited by Gillian Adamson  
Photography: Mihai Constantineanu, Hadas Eldar

# Awards for IWA Charity Bazaar

## Business Review Magazine Award 2023

IWA Charity Bazaar was awarded Business Review Magazine Award for Cultural Diplomacy, for promoting cultural understanding and building international bridges over the last 30 years!

This prestigious award recognises the outstanding efforts of the diplomatic missions and business community and to the more than 500 volunteers for each individual edition. 1,000,000 EURO plus has been raised for the unprivileged over the years!



## Gala Excelentei Feminine 2023

Chair of the IWA Charity Bazaar, Marina Coanda Bundac, was awarded an Excellence Award for her 10 years of Outstanding Dedication to Promoting Cultural Diplomacy at Gala Excelentei Feminine 2023.

IWA President Delia Sfetcu was on the jury and presented an award to the Ambassador of Slovenia, Lea Stancic, for her exemplary work in enhancing bilateral relations and promoting economic exchange between Slovenia and Romania.



Dear Volunteers, Diplomatic Missions, and Sponsors,

As the Chairperson for the 10th time of the IWA Bazaar, I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your invaluable contribution to the 30th edition of the IWA Christmas Bazaar. It is thanks to your generosity and unwavering dedication that this event has been a resounding success over the past three decades.



With the participation of the diplomatic and business communities, the annual Christmas Bazaar has raised more than 1,000,000 EURO, an outstanding achievement that has made a significant impact on the charities it supports.

The event has consistently brought the world to Bucharest through the colourful display of traditional goods, food and drink, music, performances, and personal interaction. None of this would have been possible without the selfless commitment of more than 500 volunteers at each individual edition. Your tireless efforts have made this multicultural extravaganza a reality and have demonstrated the power of community and the importance of cultural exchange.

Once again, thank you to each and every one of you for your invaluable contribution to this event. Your generosity and commitment have made a significant difference in the lives of those in need, and your support has been a driving force behind the success of the IWA Christmas Bazaar.

Marina Coanda Bundac  
IWA Bazaar Chairperson

## THANKS - WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!



We sincerely thank all participating embassies and communities, the Country Coordinators and their hard-working teams as well as the countless IWA volunteers who sealed the success of Bazaar 2022 with their generous support and dedication.

Unsold items from the Bazaar and products from SEB Groupe were delivered to local charities by members of the IWA Charity Committee



# TREASURER'S REPORT: IWA CHARITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2022-2023

Country	Table Sales Dec.11	Ticket	Total	Direct to Charity	Unsold	Total
ARMENIA	2000		2000			2000
BELGIUM	3985		3985		195	4180
BRAZIL	1703		1703			1703
BULGARIA	4322		4322			4322
CHILE	560		560			560
CHINA	17786	300	18086			18086
COLOMBIA	1880	550	2430	570		3000
CROATIA	2002		2002			2002
CUBA	482		482			482
CZECH REPUBLIC	1000		1000			1000
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	400		400			400
EGYPT	2595		2595			2595
ECUADOR	300		300			300
EMIRATES	-			5000		5000
FRANCE	1845		1845			1845
GEORGIA	2894		2894			2894
GERMANY	6447.7	180	6627.7	18274	20500	45401.7
GREECE	9227		9227		34771	43998
ICELAND	7086		7086			7086
INDONESIA	1485	620	2105			2105
IRAN	400		400	600		1000
IRELAND	4083		4083			4083
ITALY	32089		32089	3595	7500	43184
JAPAN	7330	260	7590			7590
KAZAKSTAN	806		806			806
KENYA	1365		1365			1365
LEBANON	3911		3911			3911
LITHUANIA	5296	300	5596			5596
MALAYSIA	531	100	631			631
MEXICO	200		200			200
MOROCCO	7601		7601			7601
MUNTENEGRO	997		997			997
NUNCIATURE APOSTOLIC (VATICAN)	782		782			782
NIGERIA	-			1500		1500
PAKISTAN	840		840			840
PALESTINE	1265		1265		4765	6030
PERU	300		300			300
PORTUGAL	4516		4516	10000		14516
REPUBLICA MOLDOVA	7160		7160		2300.4	9460.4
ROMANIA	10885	500	11385	31073	2500	44958
SERBIA	4630		4630		3799	8429
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	5000		5000			5000
SLOVENIA	6195		6195		720	6915
TUNISIA	2243.5		2243.5			2243.5
TURKEY	8200	890	9090			9090
UNITED STATES	912		912	350		1262
VENEZUELA	500		500			500
TAX FREE 1	440		440			440
TAX FREE 2 BUJOR	1285		1285			1285
PRIVATE PERSONS AND COMPANIES	-			32103.5		32103.5
Ticket Sales		21741	21741			21741
	187762.2	25441	213203.2	103065.5	77050.4	393319.1

Total value of donations:

RON 413,093.10



# Charity Bazaar Report 2022

## NGO's attended Christmas Bazaar

Renașterea Foundation	Romanian's Children Relief - Inocenti	Fundatia Culturala Mostenitorii	Center for Ukrainian Support	Help the People
M.A.M.E Association	Freamat de Speranta	HAR	Concordia	Representatives of Ukraine
Light into Europe				



### Renașterea Foundation

MISSION: PREVENTION OF BREAST CANCER  
AMOUNT: 5000 LEI



### Romanian Children's Relief - INOCENTI

• Mission: to support children and families in need and prevent child abandonment  
• Amount: 1082 Lei

### Fundatia Culturală Mostenitorii

• Mission: to discover the world of the old village with traditions and customs  
• Amount: 880 Lei



### Center for Ukrainian Support

• Mission: to offer support to Ukrainian refugees  
• Amount: 3114 Lei



### HELP THE PEOPLE

MISSION: TO OFFER SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES  
AMOUNT: 1400 LEI

### M.A.M.E Association

• Mission: to support children with severe illness and cancer  
• Amount: 1317 Lei



### Freamat de Speranta Association

• Mission: to support children with motor disabilities  
• Amount: 1200 Lei



### Light into Europe

MISSION: to develop the full potential of sensory impaired children  
Amount: 2526 Lei



### Representatives of Ukraine

• Mission: to offer support and accommodation for people in distress  
• Amount: 1505 Lei



### H.A.R Association

• Mission: to provide support for people with disabilities  
• Amount: 1300 Lei

## Concordia

Mission: to offer a home for orphans or abandoned children

Amount: 450 Lei

## In Kind Donations :

Charitable event: Mos Crăciun la SENAT

AIDRom Association

SOS Village of Children

Casa Lidia

Senior Samaritan

Help the People

Casa Shalom

Ukrainian Charity Alliance

Caldarusani Monastery



## AIDRom Association

- Mission: to offer support and accommodation to Ukrainian Mothers and Children
- Beneficiary: 80 children



## Ziua lui Mos Crăciun SENAT

Charitable event dedicated to unprivileged children across Bucharest

## SOS – VILLAGE OF CHILDREN

- Mission: to offer a home to abandoned children
- Beneficiary: 35 children



## Casa Lidia

- Mission: to offer a shelter to orphaned and abandoned children
- Beneficiary: 18 children



## Senior Samaritan -

- Mission: to integrate homeless and young street people into society
- Beneficiary: 10 families and 55 homeless persons



## Ukrainian Charity Alliance

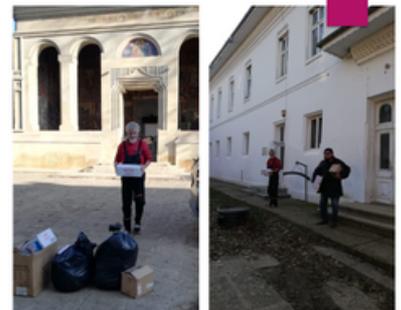


## Help the People

- Mission: to offer care and support for people with mental disabilities
- Beneficiary: 15 persons

## Caldarusani Monastery

- Small donation for poor community of Caldarusani village



## Casa Shalom

- Mission: to offer shelter and support to unprivileged children
- Beneficiary: women and children from Ukraine, over 900 mothers and children



## In Kind Donations

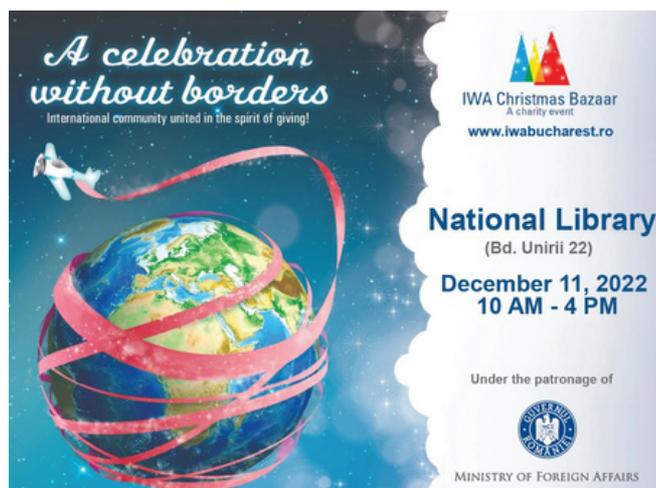
- Pro Act Support
- Touched Romania
- Casa Giovanni
- Mia's Children
- Carmelita's Sisters
- Casa Lidia





## Thank you to the Bazaar Committee 2022

- President:** Delia Sfetcu
- Chair:** Marina Coanda Bundac
- Treasurer:** Monika Puiu
- Accountant:** Codruta Banica
- Legal Coordinator:** Mihaela Vizsdeluk
- NGO Coordinator:** Dana Niculescu
- Entertainment:** Ximena Reyes, Carmen Barta
- Communications:** Nicoleta Candea, Gillian Adamson
- Cash collecting Coordinator:** Iulia Meritosu
- Volunteers Coordinator:** Cristina Lazar
- Kids Corner:** Ximena Reyes, Delia Sfetcu





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