



AMURTEL Romania

CLIMBING NEW
HEIGHTS TOGETHER

ANNUAL REPORT
2024

A FEW WORDS FROM DIDI

I wish to express my gratitude to all of you who believe in offering children the chance to express their potentials and claim the joy that is their right!

Your support brought the children at AMURTEL Family on delightful adventures to the Black Sea, and camping in Transylvania. The ongoing healing from consistent, high quality care to the twelve Romanian children recovering from neglect and abuse in our care. Two girls aged out of care this year, and are now integrating beautifully into adult life, In 2025, two more sisters are joining to take their place.

Thanks to all of you that joined in our charity art auction and crowd fundraising campaigns, we completed the kitchen renovation and were at last able to buy a new car, replacing old one that had been breaking down constantly. This is such a welcome relief!

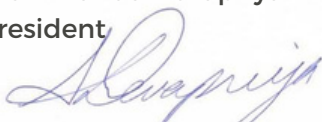
Meanwhile, in the summer, we shared the skills training developed during our projects for refugees with colleagues in Ukraine. In the autumn, in Romania we also organized a more complex skills-training to prepare volunteers from around Europe and Ukraine to be able to intervene in an organised, effective way during humanitarian crises.

The "School in the Orchard" project, funded by Auchan continued in 2024, providing one ton of fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts for our children. The team is experimenting with innovative regenerative farming methods and produced 13 educational videos for schoolchildren in five schools in Buzau and Bucharest. They ran 5 contests and have reached a total of 1342 people sustainable, zero-waste neohumanist lifestyle!

As we look forward to the coming year, I am very grateful for the ever widening, warm community of support that you have created around our children.

Thank you for making a difference in their lives, and for believing in them. Knowing that so many people around the world care for them touches their hearts and helps them to blossom and thrive.

With Gratitude,
Didi Ananda Devapriya
President





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ART FROM THE HEART: AMURTEL'S FIRST CHARITY ART AUCTION

The first edition of ART FROM THE HEART was also our first charity art auction event, held with the aim of raising the necessary funds to replace the AMURTEL Family's car, the old one being near the end of its life. The event held in the spring meant an enormous collective effort, which involved the generosity of numerous artists and their art.

The artists who generously offered their art at the charity event were: Corneliu Drăgan Târgoviște, Vali Irina, Ciobanu, Mihail Gavril, Lucia Juncu, Gheorghe Coman, Maria Jardă, Vitalie Butescu, Carmen Văideanu, Mircea Nechita, Elena Popa, Ammar Alnahhas, Nadia Negru, Mugur Popa Constantin, and Grigoruță.

Collage artists who donated their art to the AMURTEL Family and the works for auction: Cristiana Bucureci, Cristian Fierbințeanu, Alexandra Grigore, Cristina Gârleșteanu, Florentin Logigan, Ruxandra Nicolae, Livia Marinescu, Melinda Rus, Andrei Stan, and Teodora Vărzaru.

The special musical guest of the event was BĂLAȘA PERCUSSION, a sound explorer, HandPan music composer, multi-percussionist who does music therapy. The children and guests were delighted to listen to the hypnotic rhythms he created.





MISSION ACCOMPLISHED FOR ART FROM THE HEART: A NEW CAR FOR OUR RESIDENTIAL CENTER

Successful beyond expectations thanks to your involvement in the event and the online campaign that followed.

We purchased a new car for the AMURTEL Family! Brand new and one that will allow us to travel safely with our children to the places they need, from shopping to the doctor and why not, on vacation at the beach, for many years to come.



OUR YARD HAS BEEN “ENRICHED” WITH NEW BICYCLES AND A LOT OF JOY

Every year, we invite you to join us for #GivingTuesday, a celebration of generosity in a season marked by shopping fever! And in 2024, we wanted to be able to give the children of the AMURTEL Family a gift that would make their childhood happy and with which they would create new memories that would accompany them throughout their lives.

Thus, we set out to buy 6 new bicycles for the children whose bicycles were already much too old and with which they could roam the streets of Pănătău.

Your generosity made the difference this time too, and the 6 bicycles are now part of the children's daily adventures! Thank you!

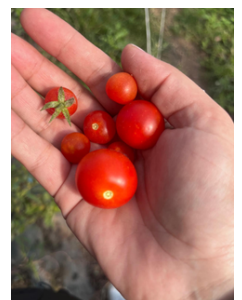


WE ENJOYED THE FLAVORS OF AUTUMN AT A NEW EDITION OF HARVEST DAY

At the end of September, we met at our Garden in Poieni (now relaunched under the name of Grădina ZoriZa) with you and the children of the AMURTEL Family, on whose table the vegetables and fruits from the garden have been reaching for over 12 years.

What we did at the event:

- we played together,
- we picked the fruits of autumn,
- we enjoyed a delicious vegan lunch together,
- we enjoyed a special handpan workshop for children, supported by the artist Gabriel Bălașa who also delighted us at the spring event “ART from the HEART”,
- and we talked about the project “Școala din Livadă – lucrăm cu Natura!” that AMURTEL has been carrying out since 2022 together with Livada Comunitară Mărțișor, with the support of Auchan Foundation and Auchan RETAIL Romania.





FROM INTENTION TO INTERVENTION: MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRAINING FOR HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION, HELD AT THE AMURTEL SKILLS EXCHANGE AND TEAMBUILDING

Between October 3-6, an AMURTEL Skills Exchange and Teambuilding took place in Romania, right in Buzău County, in Valea Lupului, where 18 participants joined.

This teambuilding aimed to acquire practical skills to be part of a team that can respond to crisis situations. Thus, participants were able to discover ways in which their existing strengths can be part of a local or international intervention.

Topics covered included:

- introduction to humanitarian principles,
- psychological first aid,
- infant feeding in emergency situations,
- therapeutic storytelling,
- developing resilience through yoga-based methods,
- prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)
- and education in crisis situations.

SUPPORT, HEALING AND RESILIENCE ONGOING FOR UKRAINE

In 2024, AMURTEL Romania focused on expanding the impact of its activities in Romania to Ukrainian communities directly affected by the war. After working with over 6,000 Ukrainian refugees in Romania, AMURTEL began bringing the training and tools developed within these projects directly to Ukraine.

In June, AMURTEL organized a new therapeutic storytelling workshop, led by international author Susan Perrow, for Ukrainian participants. The stories created reflect the experiences of those still living in Ukraine and will be published in 2025.



TRAINING FOR YOUTH WORKERS IN CHERNOVOGRAD

In July, 15 local volunteers from the city of Chernovograd received training in techniques for working with young people from traumatic backgrounds.

Two training sessions were also held in Kiev for local volunteers and specialists from organizations active in the field of social services and education.

In the photo: Didi and Gunaratna with the mayor of Chernovograd



THE “PHOENIX” PROJECT: HEALING FOR CHILDREN, POWER FOR EDUCATORS

Subsequently, **two summer camps** called **"Phoenix Journeys"** were organized, which provided **psychosocial support** for **60 internally displaced children**, many of them orphaned by the war.

LFT Gunaratna recorded **30 educational videos** that will be used in future teacher training sessions, as part of the "Phoenix" project, dedicated to promoting resilience and well-being among the Ukrainian population affected by the prolonged stress of war.



In addition, **AMURTEL** has initiated a **collaboration with the Department for Modernization of Education in Ukraine** and is preparing to launch training for teachers through the **460 professional development centers** under its jurisdiction.





**THANKS TO YOU,
THE CHILDREN OF
THE AMURTEL
FAMILY HAD A
MEMORABLE
EXPERIENCE AT
SEA IN 2024**

One of the children's biggest summer vacation wishes has come true in 2024! Your involvement and desire to bring them joy brought them to the seaside for a memorable vacation that they will tell about all year long.

CHALLENGES AND LIFE LESSONS IN THE OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURE

Also during the summer, the teenagers of the AMURTEL Family ventured with Didi and **our long-term partners at Outward Bound Romania** into the wilderness of the Carpathian Mountains.

This journey creates memories for a lifetime, builds character and a set of valuable skills such as problem solving, cooperation, taking responsibility, and overcoming challenges. This experience is a life-changing one for our vulnerable children who need confidence and motivation to thrive.





WE CELEBRATED JUNE 1ST AT PLAY DAY, AT HOME WITH THE AMURTEL FAMILY

And in 2024 we had the joy of organizing a Play Day both offline, at our home, and online for those who could not make it. Thus, our supporters from Romania and abroad joined us for a day full of activities with the children, at Pănătău. Thank you all for attending!

PARTNERSHIP AND VISIT TO THE GEORGE ENESCU FESTIVAL FOR THE SECOND YEAR

Attending a concert at the George Enescu Festival was an exceptional cultural experience this year as well.

The children enjoyed a refined artistic moment, which offered not only a welcome break, but also inspiration and pride in being part of a community that appreciates the value of classical music.





THE CHILDREN OF THE AMURTEL FAMILY AND THE VEGETABLES FROM OUR SOCIAL GARDEN: PRESENT AT ANOTHER EDITION OF SLOW FOOD BUZĂU

An event organized by the Slow Food organization that brings together **farmers, food producers, agrotourism guesthouses, restaurants and lovers of healthy and sustainable food.**

There, we discovered local stories, passionate producers and authentic dishes, all in a setting that promotes sustainability and respect for nature. It was an opportunity to learn, but also to enjoy with all the senses.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR, TOGETHER: THE FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MEAL HAS ALREADY BECOME A TRADITION AT CLUB DAIMON IN BUCHAREST

The festive meal at Daimon brought us together in an elegant and relaxed atmosphere, thanks to the involvement of the **Rotary Atheneum Bucharest Club**, whose generosity has turned this event into a tradition.

We celebrated a year full of achievements that you have made possible, in a friendly setting, with delicious food and carols sung by our children.





THIRD EDITION OF “CAROL EXCHANGE”: MULTICULTURAL CHARITY CONCERT FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE AMURTEL FAMILY

Spiritul sărbătorilor ne-a unit pentru al treilea an într-un schimb de colinde cald și plin de emoție

The holiday spirit united us for the third year in a warm and emotional exchange of carols. In December, AMURTEL Romania organized a charity concert for the AMURTEL Family Residential Center.

If a year ago, we organized this concert with funds from CARE-SERA-FONPC, in 2024 we did it only with the efforts of volunteers and the generous support of Artexim and the National University of Music Bucharest, as well as all the singers who participated.

Thus, we had two groups of singers from Ukraine and two from Romania, including 20 students from Tonitza High School.

We were very grateful to everyone who contributed, this charity event raising 4260 RON for children.

The main goal of continuing a tradition that celebrates unity in diversity and promotes social cohesion was extremely moving and beautiful.



HOW WE USED YOUR DONATIONS

INCOME	euro	EXPENSES	euro
Total donations from organizations	103.860	Total Expenditure on Social Programmes	333.796
CORNELIA FISCHER HILFSFONDS Panatau CHF	57.333	Familia AMURTEL children's home	289.626
AMURT and Other International Organizations	15.394	Vistara Social Apartment and House	1.306
AMURTEL USA	10.917	AMURTEL Bio Garden	11.024
Romanian Donor Organizations	20.216	Orchard School - Foundation Auchan Romania	31.840
Total from Individual Donors	68.438		
Individual international donors	20.473	Total Administrative Costs	6.316
Individual romanian donors	47.965		
		Total Expenditure on Ukrainian Refugees Response	35.671
Total State Subsidies	66.596	"Stronger Together" Rounds 2&3 of Ukraine Response CARE-SERA-FONPC	35.671
Children allowances	36.176		
Other subsidies	28.707		
APIA	1.713	Other financial expenses	10.062
Foundation Auchan Romania	27.974	TOTAL EXPENSES	385.845
Other Corporate Sponsors	35.946		
In-kind Donations (Food Bank)	13.752		
Other organizational income generation	23.742		
Total Grants for Ukrainian Refugee Response	35.671		
CARE-FONPC-SERA Romania Foundation	35.671		
Other financial income	10.343		
TOTAL INCOME	386.322		

THANK YOU!

