Heart of a Child Foundation

2025 Annual Report

Behind every number is a child, a family, and a story of hope. Our greatest accomplishment this year was being present where the need was greatest.











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Where We Worked in 2025



47 Communities

Our programs reached beneficiaries in 47 communities, primarily across Galați and Brăila counties, as well as other counties in eastern and southeastern Romania. These communities are among the country's most socially and economically vulnerable.

Many face persistent poverty, limited employment opportunities, parental migration for work abroad, and restricted access to quality education and social services. In rural areas, many children grow up in families with limited financial resources, where the risks of school dropout and social exclusion remain high.

Adding to these challenges, more than 5,000 Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war have found safety in the communities where we serve.

Areas Where We Made the Greatest Impact in 2025











Education

Health & Therapy

Social Support

Community Integration & Social Inclusion

What Did 2025 Mean for Us?

7,500+ people helped – vulnerable children and families

78+ companies serving as sponsors and partners

50+ institutions: schools, kindergartens, local governments, and partner organizations

130+ volunteers

More than RON 4.7 million invested in our programs

"After the floods, my family suffered significant losses. At one point, I even considered postponing my university studies to use my savings for home repairs. Thanks to the scholarship provided by Heart of a Child Foundation, I was able to continue my education while covering part of my housing expenses. I am deeply grateful!"

B. L. – Flood scholarship recipient, PecheaVillage

"The foundation has helped us tremendously, providing everything our children needed—food, clothing, and school supplies. Now my children can continue learning at the center. I am deeply thankful for all the care and kindness we have received."

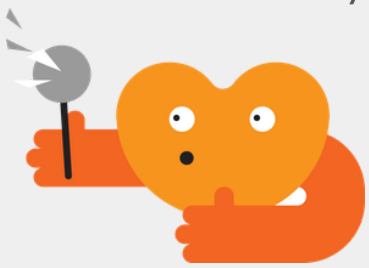
Liudmila – Refugee mother

"The food package arrived just when we felt overwhelmed by our situation. It provided much more than food—it brought hope, security, and the strength to keep going. Your support showed us that we are not alone."

M. E.-poor family helped

EDUCATION Programs

We helped vulnerable children and those at risk of social exclusion, especially those living in rural communities, as well as children affected by war or natural disasters.



Our programs included:

- 4 educational day centers
- 2 preschool groups for Ukrainian children
- Educational support, school supplies, and scholarships for children and adolescents from rural areas through the One Village, One Child and Village Children Scholarship programs
- Future Acceleration Program – a strategic partnership with UiPath Foundation
- Tutoring and Romanian language classes for refugee children and adults
- Donations of school supplies, backpacks, and educational equipment
- Support for 9 schools and kindergartens through classroom renovations, reading corners, and donations of furniture, educational equipment, books, and school supplies

165

children participated in our educational programs (day centers and preschool groups).

472

backpacks and school supply kits were distributed, helping children begin the school year ready to learn.

10,000+

hours of tutoring and homework assistance were delivered.

108

disadvantaged children from rural communities received monthly scholarships, tutoring, and ongoing support..

1,021

monthly financial support grants provided to children in 43 villages.

233

donations of educational equipment.







"Behind every education support grant is a life transformed. Mara grew up in a family facing extraordinary challenges in a small village in Vaslui County. Her father was recovering from cancer, her brother is visually impaired, and her mother worked tirelessly to provide for the family. Despite these hardships, Mara excelled in school and graduated at the top of her class. She dreamed of becoming a doctor. After not being admitted to medical school on her first attempt in 2024, that dream seemed painfully out of reach. Rather than letting her give up, we stood beside her. Through monthly financial support and the gift of a laptop, we gave her the resources she needed to keep preparing.

Mara persevered. After another year of dedicated study, she was admitted in 2025 to the Faculty of Dentistry in Bucharest. Today, she is a university student, and we are proud to continue supporting her as she builds the future she has worked so hard to achieve."

Olimpia Tudor
Social Worker, One Village, One Child Program











SOCIAL Programs

In 2025, we helped more than 3,000 children and families facing hardship through our Community Assistance Center and outreach programs. We provided information, counseling, and material assistance to vulnerable families across nine counties in eastern Romania, with a special focus on rural communities, flood-affected families, and refugees.

Our support included food assistance, hot meals, hygiene products, clothing and footwear, school supplies for children, and Christmas gifts.

We also delivered thousands of social support services, including:

- 3,059 information and referral services
- 800 counseling sessions
- 402 social assessments
- More than 150 parents counseled
- 7 refugee people provided with free temporary housing

9,633

hot meals served to children attending our community centers.

3,792

food packages distributed to vulnerable families.

1,791

clothing and footwear donations provided.

3,158

donations of hygiene products, household cleaning supplies, and baby care essentials distributed to flood-affected families, low-income households, and refugee families.





Disaster Relief

In 2025, we continued supporting the villages in Galați County affected by Cyclone Boris in September 2024. While communities are gradually recovering, many families with children, older adults, and people with chronic illnesses remain highly vulnerable and are still struggling to rebuild their homes and replace belongings destroyed by the floods. We also provided emergency relief supplies to 50 flood-affected families in villages across Suceava County.

4 homes

3 new homes built for families left without shelter, and 1 flood-damaged home renovated for an elderly couple.





20 families

received construction materials for home repairs, including AAC blocks, cement, plaster, flooring, sand, gravel, tile adhesive, windows, and doors.

1,000+

people received emergency assistance in more than 10 communities, including food and hygiene supplies.





1,000+

household essentials were distributed, including chairs, mattresses, comforters, bed linens, and kitchen utensils.

education

35 children from 7 flood-affected villages received monthly support grants, and 3 classrooms were renovated in a village.

















"My old home was destroyed by the floods. I spent the entire winter living in a temporary container. It was incredibly difficult—the walls were damp with mold, and heating costs were overwhelming. I never imagined I would have a home again. I live alone, struggle with health problems, and there was no way I could afford to build a house on a caregiver's salary.
Then something wonderful happened. Heart of a Child Foundation, together with volunteers from Homes of Hope, built me a new home. I now have a warm, insulated house with two bedrooms, a bathroom, and a raised foundation designed to protect it from future flooding. I am deeply grateful from the bottom of my heart."
— Nuța G.




Ukrainian Refugee Support

In 2025, thanks to our international partners, we continued supporting people affected by the war in Ukraine. Elderly refugees, people with chronic illnesses, and families with children continue to need assistance. Many come from eastern Ukraine and have no homes to return to. Although our communities are only 20 kilometers from the Ukrainian border, the flow of refugees has never stopped, as ongoing attacks on civilian infrastructure continue to force families to seek safety.

At our community centers in Galați and Brăila, children had access to education, families received social support, and through Romanian language classes and community integration activities, we helped build friendships, strengthen resilience, and foster a sense of belonging.



1,200+

refugees assisted in 2025

580

Ukrainian refugee children participated in education, therapy, and other support programs.

134

children and adults attended regular Romanian language classes

4,399

hot meals served to Ukrainian children participating in our programs

8,000+

support services provided to refugee children and families

"My son attends your after-school center. He has made tremendous progress in both Romanian and at school. Thank you for everything you do!"
— Elena
"To our kind and caring Romanian friends, thank you for the warmth, hospitality, and compassion you have shown us from the moment we crossed the border. We have been deeply touched by your generosity and your willingness to help us with our everyday needs."
— Antonina Ovdiienko

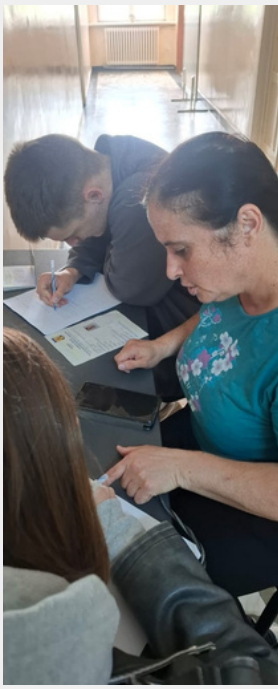




















"Thank you for your care, patience, and support, and for the kindness you show our children every day. You help them grow, learn, and thrive. Their group offers engaging activities and a wonderful daily program. Thank you for everything you do!"
— Liudmyla
"Thank you so much for your help and support. There were times when we simply could not have managed without you and my 84-year-old grandmother. You are always there for her—helping with doctor visits, medications, and food, and standing beside our family whenever we need you. Support like yours is truly life-changing for families trying to rebuild their lives in a foreign country."
— Dehtiarova Yuliia

Social Enterprise

Our Social Enterprise creates high-quality handmade products while providing meaningful employment opportunities for people from vulnerable communities. The workshop helps participants build skills, gain work experience, and move toward greater independence.
Every purchase makes a difference. Revenue from product sales is reinvested to sustain jobs, expand the workshop, and create new opportunities for those who need them most.

"The workshop team has become like a second family to me. I am especially grateful to Heart of a Child Foundation for creating a workplace where people are respected and encouraged to grow. The welcoming atmosphere and opportunities to learn have helped me develop both personally and professionally. This has been much more than a job—it has been a life-changing chapter of my journey." - Myroslava, Ukraine











8

employees from vulnerable groups, including refugees and people living with chronic health conditions.

7

volunteers helped the workshop's activities.

1,300+

handmade products sold throughout the year.

HEALTH & THERAPY Programs

Heart of a Child Foundation provides therapy services for children with disabilities across southeastern Romania, including children who have fled the war in Ukraine. Through speech therapy, physical therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, occupational therapy, and psychological support, children make meaningful progress in their development.
This year, we also supported individual medical cases through donations, helped refugees access healthcare services, and responded to urgent medical needs. In 2025, more than 500 people benefited from these services.

749

services facilitating access to healthcare, including appointments, hospital visits, and interpretation for refugees.

2,500+

therapy sessions provided at our Therapy Center for 70 children.



30

donations of medications, medical equipment, or financial assistance for medical cases.

40

children received psychological support.

"C. is a child with a severe disability and his parents' only child. They would have done anything to see him thrive. When he first came to our Therapy Center, he cried constantly, refused to participate in activities, and was unable to communicate. Through regular therapy sessions, he made remarkable progress. Today, he claps on his own, chooses his own toys, and has learned many new words."
— Roxana Stanciu, Therapist



SOCIAL & COMMUNITY Integration Programs

Our organization provides social and recreational activities that help prevent isolation and social exclusion while giving children and vulnerable individuals opportunities to build friendships, develop social skills, and strengthen their sense of belonging.

We also support the integration of refugee families into their host communities by offering Romanian language classes for children and adults and encouraging active participation in community life. Through the involvement of volunteers and local residents, we provide consistent, meaningful support that helps families rebuild their lives.

300+

social and community integration activities organized

3

summer camps

40+

workshops and themed educational sessions

400+

children participated in recreational and leisure activities through our programs











"At our summer camp for refugee children, I met a little boy who hadn't smiled since the camp began. I later learned that his father had recently been killed in the war. After a few days, he slowly began to trust us again. I watched him smile for the first time and join the games with the other children. It was much more than a summer camp—it was the beginning of healing."

Daniela Kaufusi

Together with the children and families we serve, we sincerely thank our sponsors and funding partners






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... to our dedicated staff, individual donors, volunteers, and all those who have helped our mission with kindness and generosity.













"At Cargill, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to learn, to play, and to build a future in a supportive environment. That is why we support initiatives that contribute to the education, development, and well-being of children in the communities where we operate.
Our partnership with Heart of a Child Foundation has given us the opportunity to turn this belief into meaningful action. By providing children with access to books, safe places to play, and activities designed especially for them, we help create an environment where they can learn, grow, and build confidence in themselves.
We believe lasting impact is built through strong, long-term partnerships, and that collaborating with organizations that truly understand the needs of their communities is essential to creating meaningful and sustainable change."

— Adelina Chelaru, CSR Coordinator, Cargill Romania

"The partnership between the Galați Regional Food Bank Association and Heart of a Child Foundation began in 2023.
We greatly appreciate the professionalism, dedication, transparency, and accountability demonstrated by the Heart of a Child Foundation team in managing the resources entrusted to them. We are grateful for the strong partnership we have built over the years and for the contribution they have made to our shared mission of supporting people in vulnerable situations.
The Galați Regional Food Bank Association considers Heart of a Child Foundation a valued partner and is confident that this collaboration will continue to bring meaningful benefits to the community in the years ahead."

— Adriana Blaj, President, Galați Regional Food Bank Association









"It was a great joy for us to come to Galați County and help three families affected by the floods. I want to thank Heart of a Child Foundation for caring for these families, making a plan, selecting the families in need, and partnering with us to build three homes. It has been an extraordinary experience. Thank you!"

— Florin Mihaly, Team Leader, Homes of Hope ELS Cluj

"For more than ten years, Alewijnse Company sponsored Heart of a Child Foundation because we believe every child deserves the opportunity to receive an education and build a brighter future. Investing in education is one of our company's priorities and an important part of our corporate social responsibility efforts.

The Foundation's work in Galați County plays a vital role in preventing school dropout by providing meaningful support to children and families facing vulnerable circumstances. Through this partnership, we are investing in the development of local communities and helping ensure equal access to education. We believe education is one of the most powerful drivers of change, and the work of Heart of a Child Foundation has a real impact on children who are at risk of being left behind by the education system.

We are proud to support this mission and the initiatives that give children the opportunity to continue their education and reach their full potential."

— Raluca Antohi, PR Manager, Alewijnse

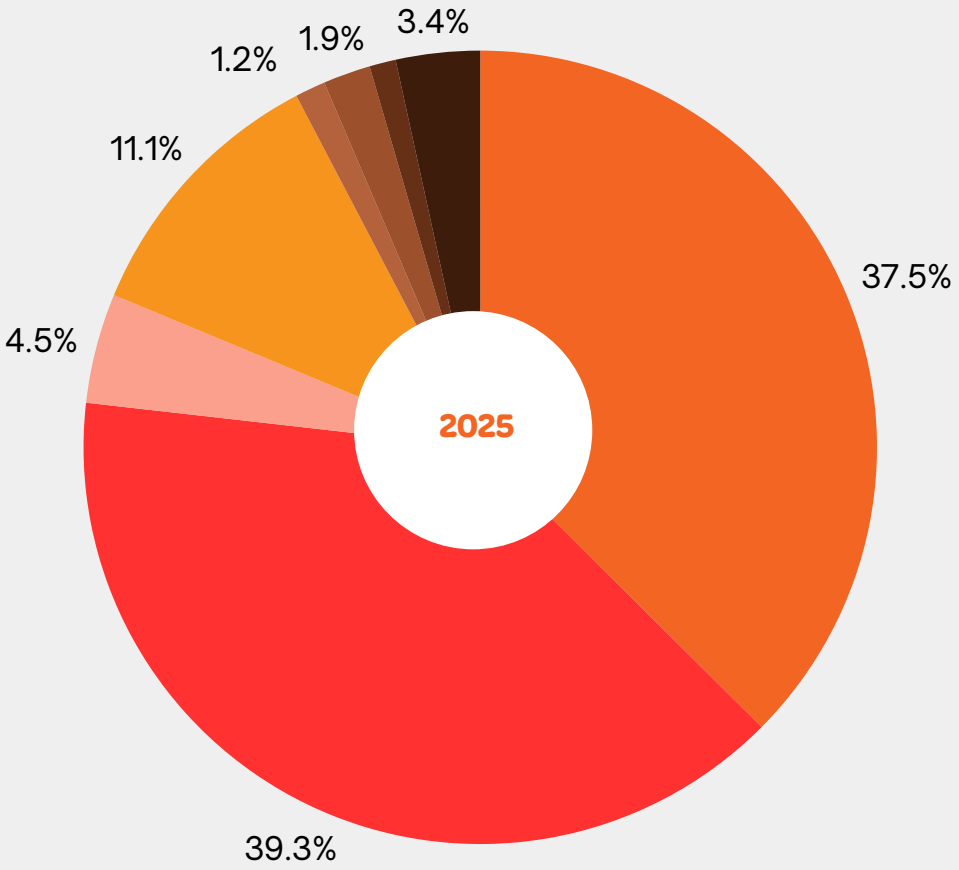








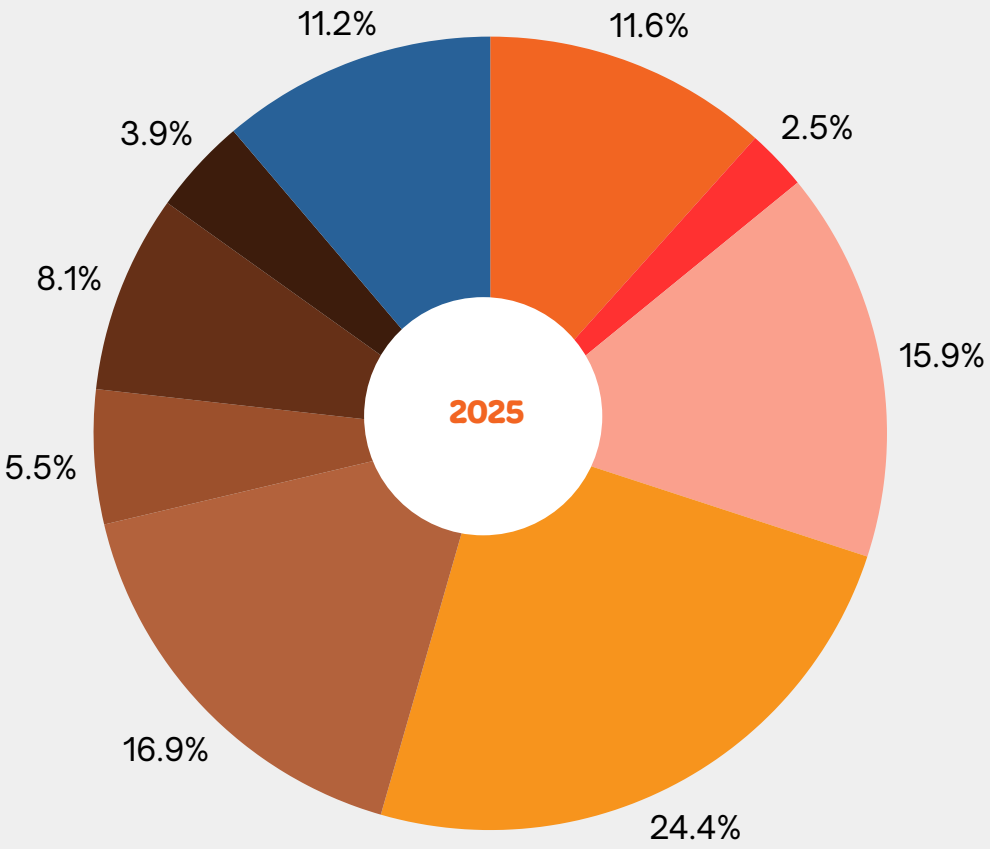
Revenue



Total Revenue in 2025: €1,017,686

- Grants and funding from partner organizations – 37.5%
- Corporate sponsorships – 39.3%
- Government funding for social services (under Law 34/1998) – 4.5%
- Individual donations (from donors in Romania and abroad, including fundraising campaigns and SMS donations) – 11.1%
- Donations from partner organizations – 1.2%
- Social enterprise revenue – 1.9%
- 3.5% tax designation contributions – 1.1%
- Other income – 3.4%

Expenses



Total Expenses in 2025: €952,252

- Children's Day Centers – 11.64%
- Counseling, Family Support, Summer Camps, and Other Activities – 2.47%
- Flood Relief and Community Recovery Programs – 15.92%
- Support Programs for Ukrainian Refugees – 24.42%
- Community Assistance, Educational Support Grants, Future Acceleration Program, and Other Education Programs – 16.86%
- Heart of a Child Social Enterprise – 5.47%
- Health Program – Therapy Center for Children with Disabilities – 8.09%
- Digitalization Project (PNRR) – 3.93%
- Program Management, Administration, Communications, Fundraising, and Organizational Development – 11.21%









From all of us at Heart of a Child Foundation, thank you for standing with us throughout 2025!

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