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Supporting women and children escaping domestic abuse and family homelessness

Domestic violence affects people across the world and social backgrounds every day, in both normal and crisis situations. United Nations' statistics show that, globally, one in three women is a victim of physical aggression. However, in times of crisis, cases of domestic violence tend to escalate amid high tensions. The current crisis caused by the pandemic is no exception, especially in a country like Romania where, unfortunately, family abuse is often normalised. In 2019, the Romanian police registered 44.094 cases of domestic violence and 51 deaths. This means that a Romanian woman has been killed almost every week.

Statistics from 2018 show that 24% of Romanian women have suffered a form of violence coming from their partner, while 28% of them know other victims amongst their friends and relatives. Only 47% of the surveyed women were aware of the legislation protecting them from domestic violence and 74% were unaware of the existence of a specialised support system.

The movement restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have had an impact on everyone's lives, but a particularly dramatic one on the lives of domestic violence victims. Romania did not deviate from the global trend and reported an increase in the number of cases soon after the restrictions were enforced. The National Agency for Equal Chances (ANES) highlighted that the number of calls to the special line dedicated to reporting cases of domestic violence doubled in the first month of lockdown (in comparison to the same period last year). As a new generation suffers from the horrors of domestic violence, the effects of the lockdown are likely to continue even after the lifting of movement restrictions.

As we face going into another national lockdown, we are once more deeply concerned for survivors. We want to make sure that women and children experiencing domestic abuse know that Casa Ioana remains open and are there to support them throughout the pandemic.

We want to send out a clear message that there is no excuse for abuse.

We want to let survivors know: you are not alone.

When the country went into lockdown in March, the pandemic had worsened abuse. Women living with their abuser during lockdown experienced increased abuse and isolation. Many reported that the abuse had worsened while many more said they felt they had no one to turn to during lockdown.

We are concerned that another national lockdown will again make it harder for survivors to escape to safety.

Casa Ioana is entirely funded by the private sector. We continue to rely on our partners, sponsors, donors and friends, particularly in these uncertain times, to continue our lifesaving and life changing support. We need you more than ever. We have worked hard to ensure that our major fundraising gala went ahead again this year. It promises to be an extraordinary event and offers the perfect platform to join with family and friends in a Gala packed with surprises!

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Guests are invited to organise their own dinner party - please follow any Covid-19 guidelines in place at the time – and join the gala by donating 250 Ron. Login details will be sent to guests prior to the event who can then join the Gala by using their laptop or tablet. Doors open at 7.30pm creating the perfect opportunity to mingle with other guests, friends and colleagues via private chat. In this virtual ballroom, guests can choose to watch videos, and see photos and information about Casa Ioana and our sponsors and partners. This is where you will find information about the gala, the evening's programme and the Table Plans so guests can see whom they will be 'sitting' with.

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As with any gala, the meal is central to the event. This is when your dinner party will virtually connect with other dinner parties 'sitting' at the same table (maximum of 5 other dinner parties).

It is possible to arrange for guests to sit at the same table prior to the event, so encourage friends to join our Gala! It is an ideal opportunity for our Corporate Partners to invite their special guests to sit at their table. After each course, guests will be invited into the ballroom, where they will be entertained, before re-joining their tables for the next course. NEW BEGINNINGS

The online silent auction (*click link: <https://cutt.ly/mhqCjMe>*) is already live and winning will be announced towards the end of the evening and before the live auction takes place.

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