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Dear friends, donors and sponsors!

Below is a brief report on the work of OAZA for the 2021.

During 2021. OAZA helped 45 children in 16 foster families. On a quarterly basis, financial aid in the amount of HRK 700 was given to each child, and to foster families were given donations of food, clothing and shoes. This year we have also raised enough funds to cover the cost of vehicle insurance for foster families, which is a great help to them. As needed, we advised the foster parent when they had problems with the children, the biological parents of children, or with the social care center. In October, we visited almost all foster families and children, and some we couldn't because they had COVID.

This year OAZA organized a national meeting of foster families with a total of 54 people, organized the transport for children to the summer's camp. For Thanksgiving together with the Evangelical Pentecostal church of Rovinj OAZA organized a public distribution of fruits and vegetables, and a Christmas concert with the distribution of children's gift packages, on the square in Rovinj. This was for the purpose of promoting foster care and helping foster families, children and other in need. Foster children are well adapted to their families, their health is stable, and the symptoms of illness or disorder have disappeared or diminished. One child had heart surgery this year and everything went well, and he is recovering now. The children have recovered well, are going to regular check-ups and treatments, and are making excellent progress. School children master the material well in primary and high schools, and there is also a Roma student who is attending the 2nd year of law college. Some young people are still in their families, even though their schooling has been completed and the social welfare center has stopped giving help for their placement. Since they have nowhere to go, the family continues to take care of them and help them find work and become independent.

OAZA continues its work in helping foster parents, foster children, and others in need. Through various churches it also seeks to encourage the development of foster care, and helping children in need. This year, too, a larger number of churches celebrated the Orphans' Sunday on November 7, 2021. (that Sunday is celebrated all over the world).

All your donations are a great help and encouragement to our work, and if you want to continue helping, you can send help to the account: OAZA, Centar za pomoć djeci: HR 8023400091118004590.

On behalf of all our children and foster parents, I thank to all those who have followed and supported this work so far. We wish you an abundance of God's blessings and all the best in this year. We cordially greet you.

1 Below, after the financial report, follows a report on the children in our foster families

INCOME 01.- 12.2021.

DESCRIPTION	HRK
Donations from Croatia	200.900,00
Donations from abroad	91.133,51
Interest	1,09
Other	2.408,20
TOTAL INCOME	294.442,80

OUTCOME 01.-12.2021.

DESCRIPTION	HRK
Help for children	146.601,34
Office charges	3.825,69
Bank charges	1.513,20
Phone charges	787,23
Mailing charges	1.414,30
Fuel costs	10.843,30
Vehicle's service, insurance	28.189,58
Equipment	20.360,30
Program costs	33.361,98
TOTAL OUTCOME 01-12	246.896,92

OAZA donations in kuna 01 - 12.2021.

ADA I.S. doo, Zagreb	200,00	Jadranko i Ivona Banić, Garešnica	4.000,00
Adria Grupa doo, Zagreb	26.800,00	Jelenić doo, Žminj	1.000,00
Aktiva plus d.o.o. Đakovo	100,00	Jet Osijek doo	300,00
Aluflexpack novi doo, Murvica	5.000,00	Kap Istra doo Poreč	3.000,00
Andrej Jaklin, Pula	1.000,00	Knj. Serv. Krznar Ivane, Ivanec	500,00
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Corlik d.o.o. 10000 Zagreb	1.000,00	Metallum, Pićan	1.000,00
Croatia protekt, Garešnica	1.000,00	Mon Paradis, Aurora Cetinski, Rovinj	1.000,00
Damir Kukec, Koprivnica	100,00	Net doo, Čakovec	100,00
David Godanj, Cerna	200,00	Neva Jurman Pauletić, Bale	500,00
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Dom obrtnika doo, Poreč	500,00	Oleochem d.o.o. Zagreb	300,00
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Dražen Vukotić, Pula	600,00	Poliklinika Medirad, Zagreb	1.000,00
Dubinović Džemal, Pula	100,00	Predrag Kršić, Borovo	100,00
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Gracin usluge, Zagreb	200,00	Ven-Zorana jdo, Split	100,00
Grad Rovinj,	2.500,00	Višnja Kalčić Bartulović, Sućuraj	400,00

Grahovac Irena, Pula	500,00	Vladimir Kalčić, Zagreb	200,00
HEP d.d. Zagreb	12.000,00	Zdenko Novosel, Zagreb	1.000,00
Hidraulika Cvitić, Rovinjsko Selo	500,00	Zlatka Gulam, Viškovo	500,00
In Projekt d.o.o. Rijeka	200,00	Zynovyeva Tatyana, Premantura	250,00
Ivan Strnad, Poreč	200,00		

Donations in services and material 01-12.2021.	
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Donations from abroad 01-12.2021.				
Naziv donatora 01-12.2021.	EUR	CHF		CSH Christliches Sozialwerk Heilbronn E.V.
Ass. KERJGMA Italy	2.040,00		1	Eine-Welt-Kreis e.V. 2.500,00
Christ. Centrum Bethesda Offenbach, DE	1.800,00		2	Flach Werner, f.OAZA 300,00
Chiesa Batt. di S. Angello in Villa, Italy	1.850,00		3	Kortkamp Lars+Tea 500,00
Vjekoslav Sabljak, USA	300,00			
Chiesa Evangelica Poschiavo, CHF		2.708,15		

Report from our foster families

1. **Foster D. writes:** There are four children in our foster family. Of these, three are 2 brothers and 1 sister and one child from another family. S. is 13 years old and goes to the seventh grade of primary school, he is a child who has no behavioral problems at school but learning and understanding the curriculum does not suit him. Therefore, it follows a customized program. We have a lot of problems at home because Stjepan is not doing his job and does not want to study, as far as health is concerned, it is good, but we go to regular psychiatric talks and psychological tests because they went through a difficult psychological period in their early childhood. His sister A. is 11 years old, she is in school of good behavior but poor success because she does not want to study. At home we have a lot of problems with her because she is anxious, depressed, suicidal and has a very ugly opinion of herself. We talk to her every day and try to encourage her and boost her self-confidence. Otherwise She is in good general health. Their brother S. is 9 years old. He is an excellent student, obedient at school and at home. He is cheerful and playful, and we also go to the Psychiatrist and psychologist for interviews with him on a regular basis. Their biological mother is in prison and they have no contact with her because she has been deprived of parental care. Our fourth foster child is B. who is 5 years old. He is a very sick child, has a severe heart defect and has had four heart surgeries so far. In October this year, he was re-fitted with an artificial heart valve, a pacemaker - a three-electrode pacemaker, a bypass, a

sub-aortic membrane, and a whole synthetic lung tissue. He regularly drinks heart therapy and blood thinning, which we determine using strips and INR devices. B. is good and obedient and has contacts with his biological parents, he is happy to hear them from time to time. Every month we go to the controls in Zagreb (about 200km). B. has been with us since he was eight months old, he got used to us very well and we are the only family he accepts and loves.

2. Foster mother K. writes: I have a girl I. 5 years old and a Roma girl R. 21. years old. R. fits into the family as her own, participates in all activities and calls me mom. When she arrived from a Roma settlement, she was finishing 8th grade and did not have enough prior knowledge, but she was very intelligent and with a strong desire to attend high school. She is now a full-time law student. She is quiet and secluded by nature, but also quite fun. She has adapted very well and is progressing, and she learns a lot. She is interested in cryptocurrencies so she reads a lot about it. She loves to ride a bike and scooter, plays the piano, learns to play the guitar, and leads a group for teenagers at the church. She visits her parents once a week.

I. came from an orphanage at the age of 2.5, severely abused by her parents with great physical and mental trauma, and as a result she has a developmental delay. She's a little sweetie, and she's making good progress. She is very cheerful and cheerful, she loves music and all toys with music. Since she was at a very low level of development due to abuse up to 2.5g, many things are a challenge for her now, but she is bravely going through it all. Her parents are in jail for abusing her. She goes to kindergarten, she learned all the letters, and a bit of a word - she doesn't speak yet, so it's big for us a challenge, because due to frustration, he develops some socially undesirable behaviors (shouting, kicking and throwing things), but little by little everything is moving for the better.

3. Foster mother A. writes There are two sisters A. and A in the family, and a new baby girl Đ. (9 months) arrived in October. Đ. is a baby of Roma nationality has been with us for two months. The child is from a very dysfunctional family, which has already had two children taken away and given up for adoption. The center of social care, immediately proposed depriving the parents of their care and the court will decide on that, and if that happens, the baby will go for adoption immediately, and if it doesn't, it will still stay with us for adoption. Due to the high level of neglect and neurorisk, she has to go to the clinic in a mother-child program. She is a very happy and good baby. She immediately became attached to us and when her parents visited her she did not react to them at all, which was very strange. They only visited her once although they can come every week.

A. 9.5 is a girl of Roma nationality who has been with us since she was 6 months old, meaning 9 years old. Apart from the fact that we pampered her a lot because she was our first baby, she is a very generous and cheerful girl. very open and communicative. She has learning difficulties, so she is on an individualized program at school. The school proposed a customized program, but we insisted that she go for complete treatment to the hospital where she was assigned only individualization. The psychologist at the hospital also stated that A. is actually a miracle, because otherwise children who survive the traumas she experienced (starvation, neglect, alcoholism) have much bigger and more lasting consequences. Her older sister A., 12 years old, has been with us since she was 6 years old, that is, since she started school. She plays the cello and is gifted at it. Only she, of all the children in her family, has no special program at school. She is very kind, communicative and open. What is our biggest challenge with her is that she refuses her responsibilities at school and at home in a very demanding and challenging way for us. When she has no obligation or responsibility, she is kind and can do anything, but as soon as it comes to learning or some duty, she offers great resistance in a very ugly way.

4. Foster M. writes: Our family has 7 children from the same Roma family, and one child from another Roma family. a 4-year-old girl was placed in our family less than a year ago. When she came to our family, she did not understand Croatian, she spoke very little, mostly Romani. Now she is a very cheerful girl, she talks a lot, she likes to go to kindergarten where everyone adores her because she is the youngest. This summer she saw the sea for the first time and was thrilled. There is a special joy and excitement these days around Christmas and everything that happens during these holidays. In the summer, she celebrated her birthday for the first time in her life with a real cake and gifts, which also made her especially happy. We notice that she has become very attached to us and lately mom and dad are calling us more and more often. Once a month she has contact with her parents in the presence of a social worker. Before each contact she asks me if I will come for her, she is afraid that she will return to her biological family. After contact with her parents she is not sad but is very happy when I come for her and we return home. Her sister D. 6 years ago was placed in our family less than a year ago together with I. D. has seen incredible progress. Arriving without knowledge of the Croatian language, she was very sad and scared, and at the same time she acted like a caring mother to her younger sister. D. now counts in Croatian and English and sings a lot of songs. She has progressed very much so that the workers in kindergarten want to write an article about her as a very positive example. D. is a very smart girl, she draws a lot, she asks us to show her how to write letters, she likes to put together puzzles and lego cubes. She is also thrilled with everyone she has experienced since she has been in our family. We have been to the sea a few times

this summer, she celebrated her birthday, performed at a Christmas party hosted by her kindergarten, she literally blossomed and is now a very happy little girl. Their brother M.15 has been in our family for almost four years. He finished eighth grade with good grades and enrolled in a four-year school as a road traffic technician. He is very proud to have been elected class president, and he especially emphasized that he was surprised because he is the only Roma in the class.

Surprisingly, he has very good grades, sometimes some are weaker, but he soon corrects himself and tries to be an example to everyone in the class. Mathematics is the most difficult for him and that is why he has additional instructions within our Foster Parents Association. He also went to music school this year and plays the piano. He does not want to go in contact with his parents, sometimes he expresses a wish, but when the day of contact with the younger sisters comes, he changes his mind and does not want to go with them. Their sister M., 18, has been in our family since she was twelve. She is a graduate of the School of Economics, majoring in cosmetology. She has made great progress because she came to us with a customized schooling program, but now she is studying according to the regular program and she is a very good student, although she also goes to a lot of extracurricular activities. She trains karate and boxing, acts in the theater, sings and dances in the local folklore society. This year, with her school, she went to practice in Tenerife. She was thrilled and plans to go again for a period of six months. She also has the option of contacting her parents, but does not want to meet with them, but sometimes calls them by phone. Their sister E. 12 years old is placed in our family as an 18 month old baby with a lot of health problems, several heart and bowel surgeries. At this age, it is quite difficult to deal with all the visible scars on the body from these operations, and that is why we go with her to a psychologist. For her, learning is also a problem, especially mathematics, but she works very hard, so teachers reward her for her exceptional efforts. E. we were able to adopt because it was unthinkable to us how much more trauma she would have survived had she gone to some third family. We keep in touch with her biological family when she wants to, but she is happiest when her younger sister can come to us during the holidays. Their brother N. is a young man of 29 years, but due to his diagnosis of mental retardation he is at the level of a child of six to seven years. He likes to play computer games and is very attentive with younger children. He likes to put together Lego bricks and puzzles with them. He goes regularly to the Center for Education and Upbringing for workshops and once a week for swimming. He is a very happy child, he likes to hug all the family and guests who come to us.

SANDRO, a 13-year-old boy has been in our family for two years. He is now in the seventh grade according to a customized program, and he is making great progress in school. We are proud of him because when he came to us in the fifth grade he could not read at all. We still mostly fight lies and theft, but even that is much less now than before. He expressed a desire to play drums, so we enrolled him in music school this year. He has very rare contact with his father. He was at Dad's in the summer for a few days, then one weekend and now for the holidays he is scheduled to be with Dad and Sister for a week.

5. Foster J. writes: Our little girl L. is 5 months old. Since she was born prematurely and with an abstinence crisis (both father and mother are drug addicts), she lagged behind in motor development for her age, but regular visits to a physiotherapist and daily exercise at home give very good results. She started grabbing the toys with her hand and holding her head well and in a controlled manner. Currently, our goal is to be able to turn from the back to the belly (this should be adopted at her age). She had a hepatitis c test in neonatology and was positive (received from her mother). This month we did more detailed tests and thank God it showed that there is no active virus but only antibodies. L. is a cheerful and good baby. Babbles all day, eats well, sleeps good and gains weight. Meeting her parents is very stressful for us, because they are verbally aggressive, threatening and insulting because they want their baby back. The parents were offered to go to the rehabilitation center with the baby, but they refused. Until further notice, L. is with us, loved, pampered and cared for. Our biological children love her very much.

6. Foster A. writes: A. is a 5 year old boy and his sister S. is 1.5 years old. Their mother and twin sister were fostered in our family. She is still unemployed, and she rents a small apartment. They only have child allowance from their income, so I help them all the time. It is important that these children have at least the necessary things, and they are often with me, especially when they are sick or do not have accommodation. A. is a bright child and very lively, goes to kindergarten and blends in well with the other children. His sister goes to the nursery and blends in well with the other children. She is advanced, talks a lot and is stable on her feet. The social services have control over them and they are on the verge of placing them in a family or home. Mom struggles in her own way to have children with her, but she is not stable at any job and with any partner. The help I get from OAZA is very helpful, the children are trained, shod and not hungry. For now, all their needs have been met, so they continue to stay with their mother with our support.

7. Foster A. writes: D. is a girl who came to in the age of 1 year. Until then, she was placed in a home for neglected children because she was neglected and physically abused by her parents. Before she came to us we went to the home to get to know her a little. She was always very sad and scared, and she also had a problem with sensors and motor skills. She was also

taken to exercises at home, but since she came to us at the beginning of the summer, we could not take her to exercises immediately because the new date was long awaited. During that time of waiting, D. made great progress in our home, she walked no longer with clenched fists, she started normally taking toys and things, and her leg straightened. When she came for an examination, the doctor said that she had made great progress and that she no longer needed exercise. All her difficulties disappeared and she became a cheerful little girl without fear and fitted in well with our family. We have three of our little children and she is our fourth. The children love her and they all go to the same kindergarten together. We are happy that D. is with us and that she has changed so much, and has the opportunity to continue a normal life in a family that loves her.

8. Foster A. writes: L. was separated from the Roma family and placed in our family when she was 5 years old, due to a very bad uncared for physical condition. She has five more siblings in the biological family. When she came to our family, many tests were performed and she was diagnosed with a rare disease, due to which her body is unable to have subcutaneous fat, and she has dark brown spots on her skin. She is currently attending 8th grade and is a very good student. She is an intelligent, curious and fun girl. She trains tennis and loves it. The current health condition is kept under control with regular visits to a specialist. L. has been calling me mom for a long time, she accepted my little daughter very well and they like to play together. Since I got married when L. was already in my family, she is still in the process of accepting my husband. She has no contact with her parents for 3 years.

9. Foster D. writes: N. is a 16 year old girl who attends high school for hairdressing. She is a very good student and is very happy with this choice. D. has no problems with grades and absences, she regularly solves all tasks on time and learns diligently. She loves practical classes, hair washing, blow-drying and everyone praises her in practice. She does her practice in a hairdressing salon near our house, where she is very obedient and hardworking. She has a friend at school, and she doesn't really hang out with the rest of the company, because the girls are very rude and smoke, and she doesn't like that. He goes to church with us, likes to hang out with young people in the church and participates wherever she can help. She goes to youth meetings where they hang out on Saturdays, loves to sing and go to youth conferences. At home she helps with household chores, works hard and loves to be with our family. Her parents haven't called her in years, and she doesn't even ask about them or want to talk about them. She is a very quiet, obedient and hardworking girl.

10. Foster I. writes: S. is already a young girl of 17 who has been like my daughter since she was 7 years old. She came from a family with seven children in which the father had been in prison all her life, and the mother was illiterate and an alcoholic. S. lived in very difficult conditions, without water and toilets in one room of several square meters. She was less than 7 years old when she came and she was supposed to go to primary school. She did not know Croatian at all and generally had very poorly developed communication skills. Through these years, she mastered Croatian with a lot of effort, discipline and sacrifice. She is a beautiful, cheerful, positive girl. Along with school, she loves to play the guitar, sing, make jewelry, enjoys entertaining others and daily prepares surprises and gifts for those around her. She is extremely considerate, gentle and compassionate. She has very rare contacts with the biological family. Here she has found her place, her home where she knows that she has a mother and a family, that she is safe and that she belongs somewhere. In the last half year, our family has grown by two more. I got married and gave birth to a daughter, and S. got a dad and a sister. We moved to another city and she changed schools. She endured the changes well, although leaving class and friends was the hardest. S. is now a 2nd grade high school student, enrolled in the drama section of the city theater and started playing drums (kahoona) in a church group. She has found her place in our home where she knows that she has caring parents that love her.

11. Foster N. writes: In our family we take care of 3 children from one and 2 children from another family. J. The youngest sister, is a cheerful, hyperactive girl. In order to release all her energy and hyperactivity, she is attending folklore, a community center, and she trains swimming once a week. In addition, she goes 3 times a week to therapies and workshops in "Butterflies" - an association for children with disabilities. She is very smart, but we need to encourage her constantly. At school, she easily gets an excellent grade from the exam and immediately after that a negative one for a reading she has not read. Her sister L. is a humble, kind, and quiet girl, complete opposite of her younger sister. She has developmental difficulties and was transferred to a special class at the beginning of this school year. Now she feels much better, because of the demanding material she could not master, she had constant fear and was very withdrawn. She and her sister also like to attend workshops in the community center every day, and 3 times a week she goes to therapies (Speech Therapist, Neurofeedback, Occupational Therapy), to "Butterflies", and she trains swimming ones a week. Both sisters have no contact with their biological parents. Their older brother L. finished last school year with good success, and he started this school year very well, but then he gave in very quickly. He has very bad behavior at school, bad grades, he is in constant conflict with us at home and he is constantly

arguing both verbally and physically violently against his sisters. We talk to him every day about that behavior, sometimes he listens and promises to change, and sometimes he doesn't want to listen. He currently trains volleyball, until recently he coached football, swimming, karate, folklore, but he couldn't stay anywhere longer. He used to have contacts with his mother through social networks, in fact he wanted contacts, but she avoided them, which made him very angry and frustrated. He has no more contacts for 4 months.

There are also 2 brothers K. and D in our family. They both started the fifth grade and they work hard, write all the homework, study, make sure that they always get good grades. K. has an individual assistant due to developmental difficulties, and that is very good for him, because in that way he has control and help in school as well. Last year they both finished 4th grade with very good results. Both of them train football twice a week, swim once a week, and go to "Butterflies" for therapy 3 times a week. They see their mother once or twice a year (because she's in a different city), but they hear each other on the phone every month.

12. Foster R. writes: S. is a girl who arrived in our family at the age of 9, and soon will be 3 years that she is with us. She wanted to leave home because Dad was addicted to alcohol and Mom left them a long time ago. She never had regular meals or brushed her teeth, she was very neglected and abused. Her recovery began as soon as she arrived in our family. She ate regularly, took a shower, learned to brush her teeth, go to school, which gave her joy every day. There were harder days when it came to upbringing, because she was taught that bad behavior is normal. With a little harder upbringing, we have no problem with her, she accepts guidance and progresses well. With good results she finished 5th grade, but with great difficulty, because she is still learning how to have work habits and why she should go to school at all. She visited her dad once last year and it was a very traumatic experience for her. She is currently in the 6th grade, and is working hard, but she is having a hard time mastering the material. She blended in nicely with the company and is very polite. There are still signs of neglect, but she has a strong will to change and everything is getting better.

L. is an 11-year-old girl with physical and intellectual disabilities, and is at the level of a 7-year-old child. That is why she has a customized program in the school, but her progress in these 2 years is very great, which is noticed by the teacher and speech therapist, and everyone who knows her. She finished the third grade with very good results.

Her father is unable to take care of her, and the mother who abused her has passed away. Ever since she came to us, she has learned to read and write, express herself, she has become a dear and happy girl and she is emotionally attached to our family. Sometimes she visits her father and it is no longer a trauma like before.

D. Is a boy who came to our family from the maternity ward. We recently celebrated his 2nd birthday, and he is currently battling chickenpox! His parents are alcohol addicts and very aggressive, and from them are all their children taken away. D. was supposed to go for adoption to another family, but we managed to adopt him so that he could become our son!

13. Foster J. writes: A. (18g) was placed in our family for a year. He is being treated for the mental illness he has and uses tranquilizers only when needed when he feels depressed, and he goes for check-ups every 3 months with a specialist. However, his condition has improved a lot since he came to us. He treats all members of the household responsibly, but he is not very responsible towards himself and his lack of personal hygiene is a very big problem. We have to make him bathe, he sleeps in bed in the same clothes he wears during the day and he doesn't want to change. He attends the fourth grade of high school for electrical technicians, has good grades, and when he gets a negative grade, he always corrects it. He is in contact with his mother on the phone every day, and he visits her three times a week. D. (21y) is still in our family, although he finished his schooling 2 years ago. He has nowhere to go, and he only works seasonally, but he is with us because we consider him part of the family. D. has finished high school as a chef and is looking for a job, which is hard to find out of season. Treats all members of the household responsibly. He sees his mother once a month when he goes to his grandmother's.

14. Foster mother Lj. writes: I. 17y. is a mentally ill child who has been in the institution since birth, and has been with us since he was 4 years old. He attends a special school and is looking forward to it, because he has friends there, and he takes school seriously as his obligation. His physical health is excellent, and due to his diagnosis, he is at the level of a small child in terms of emotional, social and intellectual development. Due to that, there is aggression in his behavior when something is not as he wants, so this year he was introduced to therapy, which did not help to change his behavior.

Being a foster parent to such a child is a great challenge, because he knows how to bang, shout, hit when something is not to his liking. We still love him and try to be there for him, so that he has a home where he feels accepted, loved and safe.

At home he often draws with my daughter, and that makes him very happy, he likes to walk and go anywhere, ride any means of transport and be outside. He does not see his father, and he contacts his mother often and calls her whenever he wants.