



The best gifts are wrapped in kindness and given to those who need them the most.

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AMERICA FOR BULGARIA FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

It's traditional to talk about gifts and giving on Christmas. I would like to touch on an aspect of the tradition that gets rare mentions: gift makers. (No, I don't mean Santa's elves.)

They are civil society organizations and media who gift us better schools, cleaner air, more transparent institutions, more informed decision-making, and safer communities. They do so in an environment that's often very challenging.

And through this their dedication does not waver—much like Santa's helpers!

Civil society organizations and media depend on donations for their existence. Their work affects us all, so it is on us to ensure that they can continue doing it. As you budget for holiday giving, remember: the best gifts are destined for those who need them.

The end beneficiary of your gift is you. Because if your community does well, so will you.

Gift yourself and your community a better tomorrow by supporting a civil society or news organization.

Please accept my sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy 2020.

Nancy Schiller
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America for Bulgaria Foundation

'Tis a Season to Think of Community & Home



What Would It Take for You to RE:TURN?



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Story Hour Regulars Do Better in Life

In English-speaking countries, story hour is part of the popular jargon. Millions have grown up on stories read aloud by an adult at the local library or bookstore. Conveying the term's meaning in Bulgarian would require some explanation, though.

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17 DEC
31 DEC

Sofia



Shop with a Cause This Christmas

Event

Dar Pazar is a way to make your Christmas shopping more meaningful. Dar Pazar unites Bulgarian social enterprises producing goods and services with a cause.

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1 OCT
31 JAN

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Touch the Music: New Traveling Exhibit at Muzeiko

Education

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17 DEC
9 FEB

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Exhibit

Unseen works of the author, created between the 1970s and 1990s, are part of Lika Yanko's fairytale adventure exhibit.

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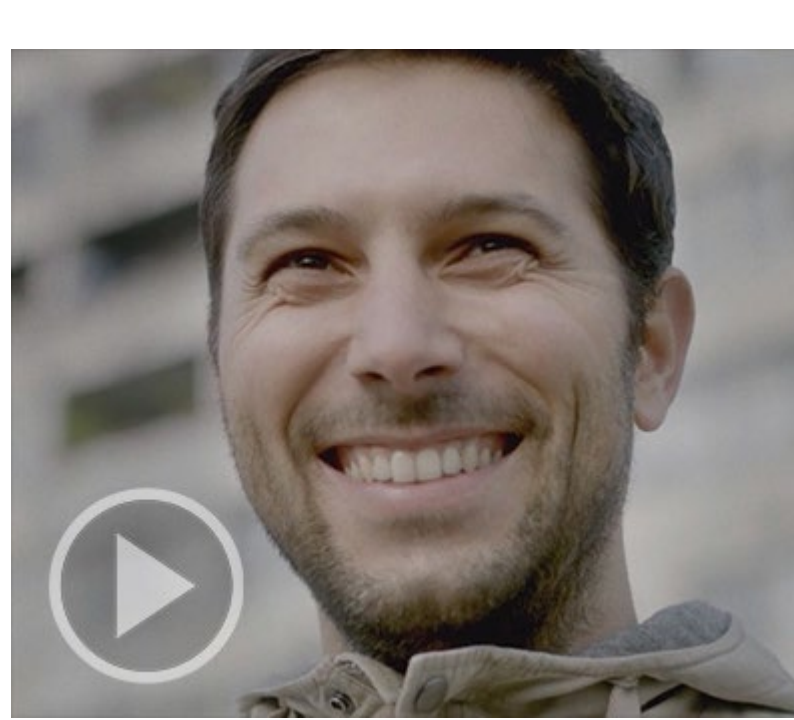
To go to the ABF event calendar, [click here](#).

He Came Back to Change the Neighborhood



Architect Lyubo Georgiev had a high-powered international career and dream projects, but this wasn't what he wanted. He returned to his native Bulgaria, helping transform Plovdiv's artisan district, Kapana, and is now working to make the capital, Sofia, a safer, more attractive place for its citizens.

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