



## Innumerable Acts of Kindness

COVID-19 brought on many challenges for Bulgaria, but it is also unleashing innumerable acts of kindness.

In the course of our daily work, hundreds of examples of Bulgarians going out of their way to help other Bulgarians are brought to our attention. Whether it is individuals banding together to deliver food and medicine to their fellow citizens in need, NGOs stepping up to care for the elderly or to facilitate online learning for our children, or businesses donating to local initiatives, the outpouring of support has been extraordinary.

Every week, we will bring you a sampling of the stories that inspire us. We hope they will inspire you too and convince you that good is, in fact, more contagious than the virus.



### United against COVID-19 Allocates Nearly 674,000 BGN in Local Support

The United against COVID-19 Fund will provide financial support to 74 projects in 61 locations in Bulgaria following the first round of applications, which ended on April 16.

The beneficiaries include hospitals, civic organizations, community centers, and social enterprises. A total of 673,984 levs will be allocated among the projects. The maximum amount allocated is 10,000 levs.

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### Food Shortage in Your Area? Your Local Baker Has Your Back

*Banitsa* is Bulgaria's favorite on-the-move breakfast and a go-to snack at all times of the day. The popular cheese-and-egg-filled phyllo-dough pastry is sold at shops strategically placed in city areas with a lot of foot traffic.

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### Professional Chefs Roll Up Their Sleeves against COVID-19

When Bulgaria declared a state of emergency on March 13, restaurants closed their doors to diners, and educational establishments moved their classes online. For HRC Culinary Academy, this posed a double challenge.

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