



Dear Friends,

School buildings may be shuttered, but Bulgarian schools didn't close during the pandemic, not even for a moment. Some even took on new roles. As school communities were busy getting the hang of Google Classroom, Shkolo, and Zoom, school teams were checking on students and their families and looking for ways to connect with offline learners and help families struggling to survive economically.

This issue of the ABF newsletter celebrates educators as well as those from the NGO sector working with youth. The latter doubled their efforts to ensure no child was left behind, and young people remained engaged even as they continued social distancing.

Join us in celebrating their work.

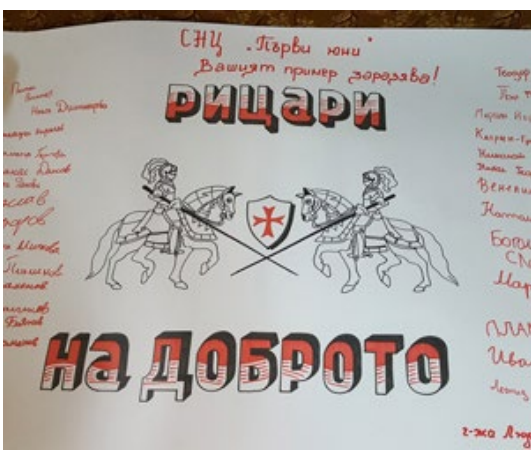
And stay safe!



## When Students Stopped Coming, Their School Went to Them

Anton Strashimirov Primary and Middle School in the village of Bohot is a special school. Not only do teachers there use the latest teaching methods, but they also take a keen interest in students' well-being. When the coronavirus outbreak left many Bohot residents struggling to provide for their families, the school team rolled up their sleeves.

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## Modern Knights Wield Kindness, Not Spears

Covid-19 is just another challenge for First June Association, which has helped the vulnerable for 18 years.

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## United Grant Helps Belene School Support Entire Families

A vocational school in Belene helps local families weather economic insecurity during the coronavirus outbreak.

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## Student Volunteers Gift Food, Joy to Karlovo's Centenarians

The youth initiative "The Power Is in Us" was supported by a grant from the United against COVID-19 Fund.

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