Dear ABF Community,

Looking back on 2022

Since our last update in May, the world has faced an uphill battle against COVID-19, with the acclaim of the vaccine and the promise of herd immunity offset by the emergence of the Omicron variant and its complications. The war in Ukraine has further complicated the landscape, with Europe, the US, and the wider international community mobilizing to support Ukraine. All this and more has been a testament to our resilience and determination as we work to safeguard Bulgaria’s bright future.

Volunteers Stand #UnitedWithUkraine

Hundreds of Bulgarian, American, and global volunteers and organizations have come together to support Ukraine with critical aid and humanitarian services. With the Ukraine Riders for the Cure and support for loved ones battling cancer, a Turkish-American entrepreneur has contributed to the medical supply chain with 500,000 face masks. As we look ahead to 2023, we are confident that the ABF community will continue to be a driving force for peace and prosperity.

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2023 is a special year for the America for Bulgaria Foundation, with new opportunities and growth on the horizon.

2023 Highlights

On behalf of the Team at ABF, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable holiday season and a healthy and safe 2023!

We are bidding 2022 farewell certain that, with the growing number of partners and friends, Bulgaria’s civil society will only get stronger.

Looking back, we acknowledge the challenges, yet we also feel grateful for the remarkable commitment showcased what we can do as a society when we share a view toward the common good and take action.

The thousands of individuals who spare no effort to extend a helping hand to fellow citizens and promote freedom, democracy, and the rule of law in Bulgaria are deserving of our thanks and admiration. Their actions exemplify the spirit that defines the ABF community.

Refresher on Europe’s First Kings

The ancient civilizations of Southeast Europe are the subject of a traveling exhibit aiming to assert the region’s place in world history. In continuation of his late parents’ legacy of friendship and support for Bulgarian democracy, Major General (Ret.) Pardew joined the Anti-Corruption Fund as an advisor.

ACF’s Newest Board Member

Major General (Ret.) Paul H. Pardew is the newest member of the Anti-Corruption Fund’s Board of Directors. Major General Pardew is a retired officer of the United States Air Force with more than 30 years of service. He served as the 29th Surgeon General of the United States Army and as the Director of the Office of the Surgeon General for the United States Department of the Army.

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Contemporaries Avoid Past Mistakes

Belene Survivors Relive Trauma to Help Build Better Future

The ABF team and partners traveled to Belene in the company of camp survivors and unemployed laborers to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 1990 nuclear power plant evacuation. The event was part of the “Belene 30” campaign to mark the 30th anniversary of the 1990 nuclear power plant evacuation and raise awareness about the impact of the evacuation on the local community.

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