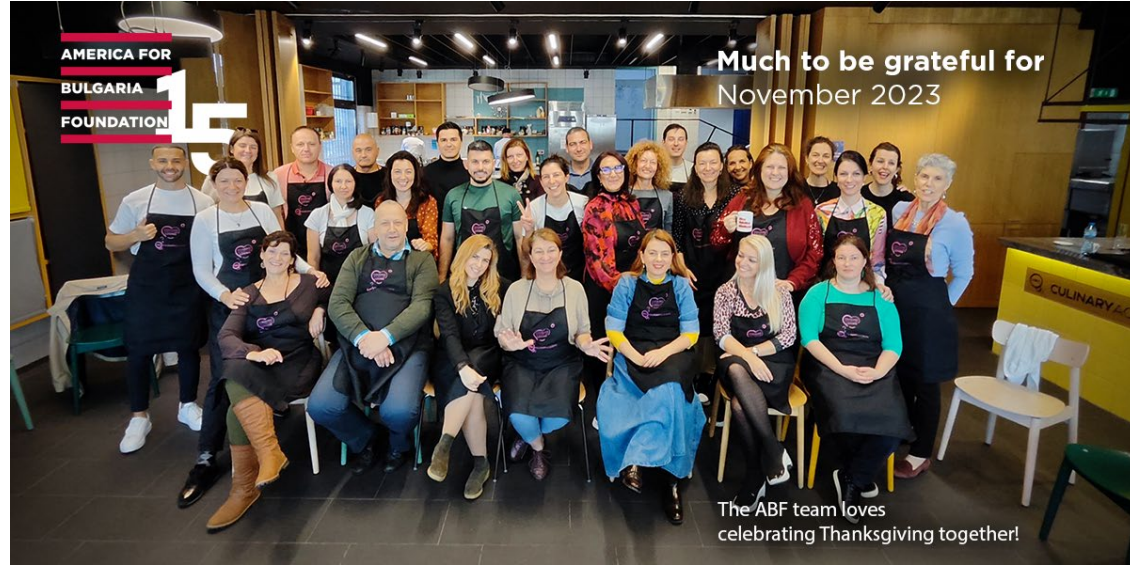


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Dear Friends,

This week Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, the holiday “at the heart of the American experience,” as author and ABF board member Melanie Kirkpatrick writes in her book on the subject. Despite the celebration’s close ties to US history, no other holiday is as welcoming of outsiders as Thanksgiving. This is why our team of Bulgarians and Americans like to celebrate it together.

The Bulgarians on the ABF team love Thanksgiving also because it reminds us that there is much to be grateful for. Bulgarian-American partnership has given rise to amazing initiatives benefiting communities nationwide. Some of those promote Bulgaria’s heritage, while others advance learning opportunities for youth.

Occasionally, Bulgarian-American partnerships have a global impact. Georgi Gospodinov and Angela Rodel's collaboration asks important questions about our current moment and its obsession with the past, Pepa Nedelcheva and Bill Parkinson's professional connection builds bridges in a conflict-prone region, and Raycho Raychev and Kevin O'Connell's joint work looks to the future of humanity.

Be sure to watch Ms. Kirkpatrick and Lyubomir Lozanov, an ABF board member from Bulgaria, swapping perspectives on Bulgarian-American collaboration and democracy in a conversation moderated by Media E:volution fellow and Radio Free Europe journalist Pavela Kostova.

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## Made in Bulgaria

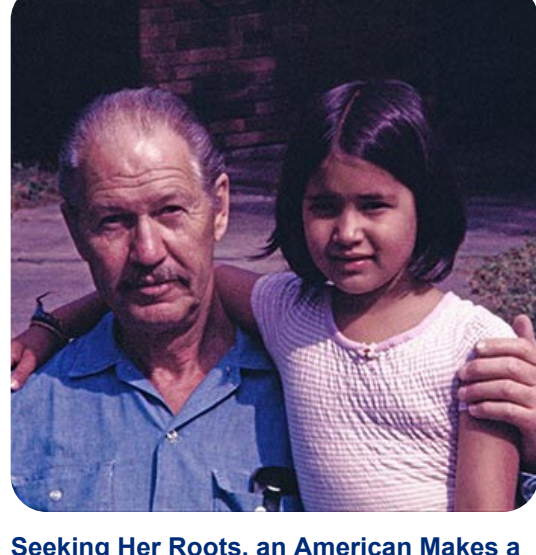


### No Dream Is Impossible. A Bulgarian Engineering Startup Shows Why

Nedislav Veselinov and the Photonics team are used to hearing “This is impossible.” They like nothing better than to prove otherwise.

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## What brings you here?



### Seeking Her Roots, an American Makes a Surprising Discovery in Bulgaria

Gita Ghei knew of Bulgaria from the photos her grandfather took in the 1960s. In 2023, she finally visited the place where her grandmother made history.

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Eric is an involved, empathetic teacher who knows what it is like to struggle in high school. He applies the lessons he learned to help teens today.

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## US & BG—our intersecting paths



### Can the Past Provide Shelter from an Uncertain Present?

Georgi Gospodinov and Angela Rodel discuss their creative partnership and how it led to the first International Booker Prize for a Bulgarian book, *Time Shelter*.

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### For Bulgaria, Reaching for the Stars Is No Longer Metaphoric

EnduroSat founder Raycho Raychev and space economy expert Kevin O'Connell discuss the opportunities in space and Bulgaria's potential in the field.

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### Two Archeologists Show History Can Heal Rifts in the Balkans

Pepa Nedelcheva and Bill Parkinson's friendship planted the seeds of an unprecedented collaboration between North American & Southeast European museums.

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America for Bulgaria Foundation board members Melanie Kirkpatrick, an American journalist and author, and Lyubomir Lozanov, a Bulgarian entrepreneur, respond.

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Sending warm regards,

Your friends at the America for Bulgaria Foundation

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