

As a volunteer with us, you will find inner satisfaction and new friendships and acquaintances with people for whom charity is a mission.



We welcome anyone willing to give their time, energy, and love to the people we support. Depending on your skills, free time, and location, you can get involved in various volunteer activities in Sofia and the country.

Caritas Sofia is the largest charity organization in "The Sofia Diocese of St. John XXIII for the Catholics of the Byzantine-Slavic rite in Bulgaria," established to perform charitable works on her behalf and to educate in respect and love.

Caritas Sofia was founded on 31 August 1993 and registered as a non-profit charitable organization.

Love and kindness to our neighbour bring us to those in need. Leaning on Christian values as our guidance we, the employees, and volunteers of Caritas Sofia, assist the most vulnerable members of our society in finding their way to dignity and justice regardless of their religious beliefs, race, gender, and other differences. Caritas Sofia is a voice and example of the Social teaching of the Catholic Church.

The organization is based in Sofia. The activities occur in places where the Sofia Diocese of St. John XXIII is presented: Sofia, Plovdiv, Burgas, Malko Tarnovo, Kuklen, and Pokrovan, as well as in the villages of Banya (municipality of Nova Zagora) of Veselinovo (Yambol region) and the city of Harmanli.

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**CARITAS
VOLUNTEER
SERVICE**

IN SOFIA

- **Elderly, sick, and lonely people**

- "St. Joseph" Home care – communication, support of the medical staff, shopping, and activities in the beneficiaries' homes.

- **children and families at risk** - "Ready for School" Center - educational and recreational activities for children and youth of Roma origin

- **Children and youth with disabilities** -

- Annunciation Center Sofia entertainment, art therapies, accompanying for excursions

- **Homeless people**–

- Mobile care - giving of hot drinks, food, communicating with people

- **Refugees and Asylum Seekers** -

- The Migration and Integration Department "St. Anna" - support of refugee children in preparation for school, translations from and into rare languages, participation in a mentoring program, organization of cultural events, consultations on the labor market, conducting training.



- **Young Caritas** – Program for young English-speaking leaders under age 35; participation in donation actions, design and production of informational materials, writing of projects, organization of events, presenting the activities of the volunteer movement.

- **social enterprise - bistro Caristo**

- promoting the catering service of the bistro, delivering food, finding corporate clients, marketing and other;

- **CaritArt - social workshop**

- help in preparing the products and their realization



IN THE COUNTRY

- **Elderly, sick, and lonely people**–

- "Home care" in Plovdiv, Malko Tarnovo, and Pokrovan - communication, listening, shopping, support of the staff, activities in the beneficiaries' home

- **Children and families at risk** – own of Kuklen, Malko Tarnovo, the village of Banya - support with educational and recreational activities, assistance with travel and excursions

- **Adults with disabilities**– Veselinovo village - accompanying excursions

- **Homeless people** – Stationary and mobile care in Burgas, on-site support in the Center and the field

- **Young Caritas** events in the country (Plovdiv, Burgas, Malko Tarnovo, Kuklen, Pokrovan, Banya village, Veselinovo village, Harmanli)- participation in charity events,

- production of information materials, writing of projects,

- organization of events, presenting the activities of the volunteer movement