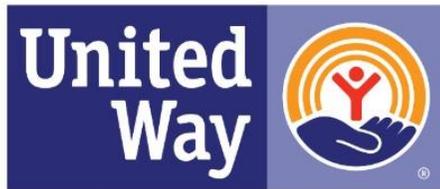


# United Way Europe and Middle East Region



**“2015 was a year of great successes for the United Way network, a year that saw our regional co-operation impact more lives than ever before, expand to new territories and partner with new companies.**

**However, tragedies like the terrorist attacks in Paris, reminded us once again how important is the work we do, how integration, tolerance and mutual understanding should be values for all people in our societies.**

**Nine United Ways across Europe and Middle East - France, Hungary, Israel, Liverpool, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, and UK - met in Budapest, in November, to build a common plan for increasing impact in the region. Thank you all for your commitment and hard work!”**

**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!**

**The Europe & Middle East Team**



”Herzlichen Dank!” to **John Deere** employees in Germany – and all over the world – for all you’re doing to make the world a better place. Last October, John Deere decided to hold its first Employee Volunteer Day! 600 Christmas bags with nonperishable food were prepared. [Read more HERE](#)



Volunteer Days With a Twist! 77 volunteers of **General Electric Lighting** took the challenge and attended one of the 3 special volunteer days organized in the fall of 2015. What makes the majority of our volunteers’ experience with **United Way Hungary** unique is that they give the chance for children and corporate employees to work together in teams. While some GE Volunteers helped children living in orphanages renovate their rooms and make them more cosy by using special painting decorations, others created lamps with hearing impaired and deaf children. Through these volunteer days, GE Lighting supported UW Hungary’s partner organizations and together they helped hundreds of children.



**United Way Hungary** held its 11th Annual Gala Dinner & Charity Auction on the 21st of November, 2015, at the Hilton Budapest City Hotel. Some 160 guests attended the event which created a perfect opportunity for UW Hungary to present the impact work of 2015 and thank donors for their generous support. The funds raised will support programs implemented under United Way Hungary's umbrella strategy: 'Help Children and Youth Achieve their Potential and Realize their Dreams'.



**United Way Russia** won the grant competition of social projects of the Public Relations Committee of Moscow. This prize recognizes the important role of UW Russia in developing the non-profit sector in the country.



The 2015 United Way Europe and Middle East Regional Conference took place in Budapest November 23/25. Board Members and staff worked together to build a common strategy for 2016 to increase impact across the Region. [Read More HERE](#)





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