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DRYING THE TEARS OF INNOCENTS

Dear Readers, The British poet George Gordon Byron, better known as Lord Byron, traveled the Mediterranean in the years 1808 and 1809 and came upon the island of Malta. He wrote many wonderful verses in his restless life, but one touched me in particular: “To dry a tear is more honorable than to shed rivers of blood.” Byron himself experienced turbulent times, and eventually died during the Greek War of Independence in 1824. In times when our hearts are reached by terrible images, reports and films from many parts of the world, I feel connected to the poet in my commitment to the weak and sick children of the world.

We all remember the picture of the five year-old boy from Aleppo, distraught after an air raid, frightened and injured, sitting in an ambulance. The instinct of a mother and grandmother cannot allow such suffering, and I want to do my humble part to dry the tears of countless innocents. It is clear that I cannot do this alone, and I ask you all for your assistance and support. Evil can only be overcome if we stand hand in hand and keep sight of goodness.

You hold the latest edition of Charity News in your hands. We would like to present the work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the international initiative “Drying little tears”. The fact that we focus on cooperation with the Maltese has not only to do with the fact that Lord Byron set foot on the charming and eponymous island two hundred years ago, but also because we want to bring the trusting and effective cooperation with the charity to the fore. We have been working together around the world with the members and staff of this community, which is over 900 years old. We are very grateful to have been able to do so!

I wish you pleasant reading and look forward to your help and support!

Yours

Regine Sixt



ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

On my numerous business trips through the world I have often been shocked by the conditions under which children have to live. We launched our children's aid foundation with the management power of our global corporate group in the year 2000. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is our official, global CSR program. We owe it to all of the world's suffering children to do everything in our power to improve their situation. Their hands are too small to do anything about it themselves. We base our initiative on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This Convention grants particular rights to every child on earth, regardless of his or her origin or skin color. It is our responsibility to promote this convention.

THESE ARE THE FOUR PILLERS OF OUR AID WORK:

WELFARE

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Every child has the right to a family, to parental care, and to a safe home. Reality often looks quite different. That is why we support building children's homes, orphanages and playgrounds worldwide. We renovate children's day care centers, especially for disabled and disadvantaged children who cannot help themselves.

EDUCATION

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Every child has the right to develop his or her abilities and go to school. But in many countries they do not even have the bare essentials. Adequate schools and good teachers are often in dire shortage. That is why we support and finance the construction of classrooms and schools. Working with our partners we develop learning programs and improve infrastructure. Only education can guarantee peaceful co-existence and a sound economic basis.

HEALTH

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The UN Convention guarantees the right to assistance and healthcare for sick children. We build clinics, mobile medical facilities and intensive care wards in children's hospitals. We provide medical equipment and our staff visits sick children worldwide to give them courage.

EMERGENCY AID

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Catastrophes regularly afflict people and nations. And when they do, children are the ones who suffer the most. The UN grants them protection – in war on the run and after natural catastrophies. To help guarantee this right, we support homes and schools for child refugees, send much-needed materials into disaster areas, and provide assistance with reconstruction. It is especially in these areas that Sixt's worldwide logistics come in useful.

It is still a long way to go until every child can live in peace, health and prosperity, but each and every one of us can make a difference. Every action counts and every single Euro is contributing to a good cause. Getting involved is infectious in the best possible way.



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THE REGINE SIXT CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION IN HUNGARY



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Hungary

NEW COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ROMA CHILDREN IN PÉCS

With the support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, the new community center for Roma children in Pécs, Hungary has opened its doors.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and its international aid programme „Drying Little Tears“ made the rapid completion of a community center for Roma children in Hungary a reality. The foundations quick and effective response made the opening possible already on 14 October 2016, after just a few months of construction. The celebration was attended by guests of all ages, including representatives of the Order of Malta from Hungary and Austria and of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. They cut the ribbon in Hungary's national colours and handed over the keys to the building. It will serve as a haven for the children of the neighbourhood and has numerous playgrounds and classrooms. The cheerful

and exuberant festival was accompanied by a band, a Hungarian-style cook-out, and the Malteser's mobile playground. z

Regine Sixt: "When the Malteser representative for Sinti and Roma, Franz Graf Salm-Reifferscheidt, contact me this summer, I was glad to respond quickly. We were able to take our trusting collaboration of the past few years and bring it here to Pécs. The community centre will make sure that the little children of the neighbourhood are ready for school and thus for life. They are being integrated and receiving support from society. I am glad that we have been able to realise the foundation's pillars of health, education, welfare, and emergency response here."



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Vietnam

BIKES FOR A SAFE JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid supports G4Kids and its work that helps make it possible for children to attend school on a regular basis.

Der Verein G4Kids (Gemeinsam für Vietnams Kinder e.V.) takes care of children in Central Vietnam whose families cannot afford sufficient education and basic medical care, especially due to serious illness, disability, or death. Last year saw much needed bicycles being given to children from disadvantaged families in the Da Nang region

(Central Vietnam). The aim was to enable children to consistently attend school. Thanks to the financial support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, this project has now been successfully implemented.

In July, a total of 80 children from extremely poor backgrounds received a bike so they could get to school, to which some of whom had a long way to travel. The recipients were chosen and all the organisational aspects were carried out with the assistance of a local non-profit partner. A small sports hall was rented in Da Nang on the day the bikes were handed out. The bikes were delivered there in the morning. After a few games to loosen up, chairwoman

Birgit Klupp took the microphone and greeted the children while a Vietnamese colleague translated.

Then they all lined up in a row and acknowledged receiving the bikes with their signatures. All the children were given an orange baseball cap and stood next to a bike. The beautiful and sturdy bikes all have locks and a carrier basket for the school satchels front of the handlebars. This was followed by applause and those who could already ride a bicycle rode off back home. The other kids practised in the hall and learned the ins-and-outs of bicycling.

The joy on the children's faces was clear, they had never before received such a valuable gift. All of them were happy and after the official representatives had left, the children relaxed more and simply had fun. A truly successful campaign, cheerful children's faces, and an unforgettable day for everyone who attended.



PROJECT OF THE REGINE SIXT CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION IN VIETNAM

Vietnam

Da Nang
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South Africa

CONSTRUCTION OF A DAY CARE-CENTER IN ZANDSPRUIT

A better future is beginning for the children in the "Dinoko" day care-center in the densely populated township of Zandspruit, Johannesburg.

Thanks to the support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, new ground will be broken at the end of July 2016 for the construction of a new day care-center for 85 children. Instead of the existing shacks that are unbearably hot in the summer and zero degrees in the winter, thanks to „Drying Little Tears“, the Dinoko day care-center

will have a newly laid brick building with well-ventilated and insulated rooms and enough toilets and learning and play equipment for the children. For the third time, Stiftung JAM Schweiz is the project partner for the Dinoko day care-center after renovating the RiseUp nursery in 2014 and Mahou in 2015.

The Dinoko („A small animal with horns“) day care-center is located in the densely populated township of Zandspruit. 85 children are poorly cared for here on extremely small premises. Although they have a roof over their heads, it rains constantly inside and in the hot summer and

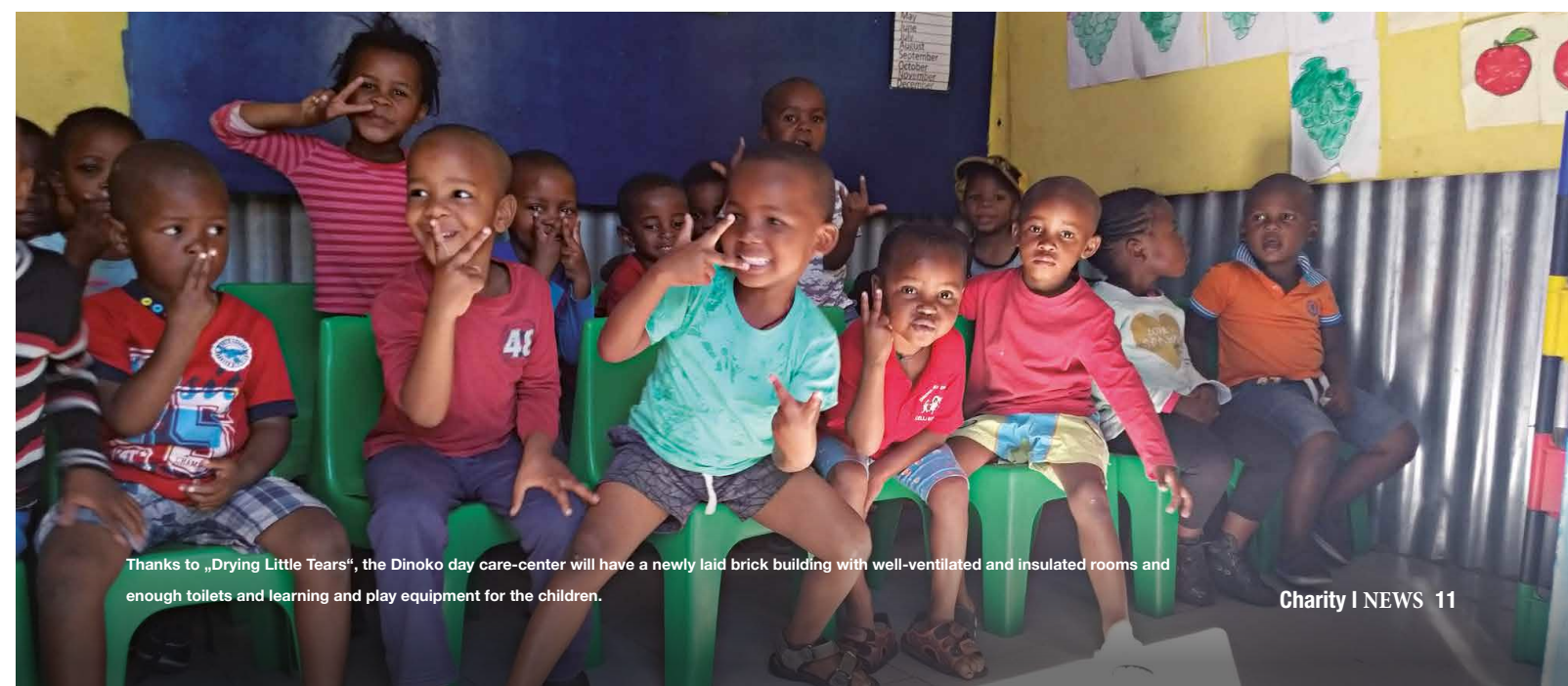
cold winter months playing and learning is not feasible. There are currently four classrooms and a small kitchen. The premises are very small as is typical for this densely populated township, which is why there is no space for a garden and playground to play outdoors. There is only one toilet used by adults and children alike and it has no

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There is no space for a garden and playground to play outdoors and only one toilet used by adults and children alike and it has no door.

door. Everyone is looking forward to the start of the building and renovation work and in addition to the support from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, many employees from Sixt South Africa will be helping and tackling the building work this summer.



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EMERGENCY AID



In the earthquake zone of Central Italy, such as here in Amatrice or in Norcia too, supply cars are an important emergency aid for the transport for doctors, helper and children.



EMERGENCY AID

THE REGINE SIXT CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION IN ITALY



Norcia
Two vans for the recent earthquake region in Central Italy

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Regine Sixt

Italy

CARS FOR DOCTORS AND PATIENTS IN EARTHQUAKE REGION

With the support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, supply cars for doctors, patients and assistants could now be procured as part of the emergency aid in the earthquake zone in Central Italy, especially in Norcia.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and its international aid program „Drying Little Tears“ always strive to be able to help in dramatic emergency situations around the world quickly, flexibly and unbureaucratically. When, at the beginning of November 2016, the Malteser Executive Board Douglas, Graf von Saurma-Jeltsch called Regine Sixt and asked for rapid support with two supply cars for the earthquake region in Central Italy near Norcia,

within two days it was done. Two vans, which were given to the relief mission of the Order of Malta, will bring little children and innocents from their shelters in the to receive medical treatments, to their schools or to a playground.

Douglas, Graf von Saurma-Jeltsch, Managing Director of the Malteser: „With more and more joint projects in recent years, trust and common understanding have also grown for rapid emergency measures. This is how things can be solved in the shortest possible way.



Regine Sixt and the Malteser team for the delivery of two supply cars for the Italian earthquake zone around Norcia.



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Germany

PILOT PROJECT OF A PEDIATRIC STROKE CENTER

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports the German Stroke Foundation by setting up a Pediatric Stroke Center for the Dr. von Haunersche Kinderspital.

300 to 500 children and adolescents in Germany suffer a stroke every year - a third of them in the womb or during birth. For parents, this diagnosis is a shock because the subject of strokes in childhood is still not widely known about. Affected families are desperately seeking help. Doctors are often unaware.

Two thirds of children suffer a lifetime of severe neurological consequences such as hemiplegia, speech disorders

or seizures, and anxiety/depression, chronic fatigue, and behavioural abnormalities. Only 20 to 30 percent of childhood strokes are diagnosed within 6 hours, which means that there are delays in diagnosis and treatment for 70 to 80 percent of affected children.

A fast diagnosis and appropriate treatment are essential for the outcome and prognosis of treatment. For about three and a half years, the Dr. von Haunersche Kinderspital in Munich has been intensively dedicated to the issues of childhood stroke. During this time, new structures were created and the first child stroke station was built. In the pediatric intensive care unit, two beds for children with suspected stroke symptoms are always available.

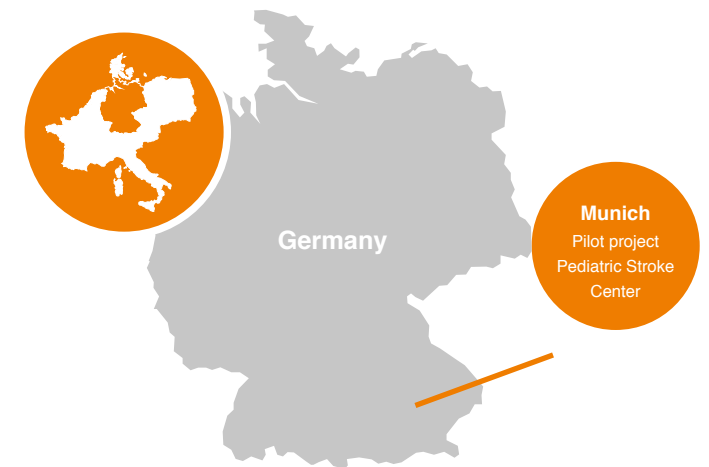
The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports the German Stroke Foundation with start-up funding for the



Pediatric Stroke Center at the Dr. von Haunersche Kinderspital for acute care and long-term care for young patients who are acutely affected by a stroke or who are struggling with the long-term consequences. This project enabled the creation of a research centre, a doctor's office in children's neurology, and the purchase of medical equipment..

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Germany

Good mood in Café Mohrenkopf on Oktoberfest

Regine Sixt leaves 250 guests at a boisterous Oktoberfest afternoon in Munich away from it all.

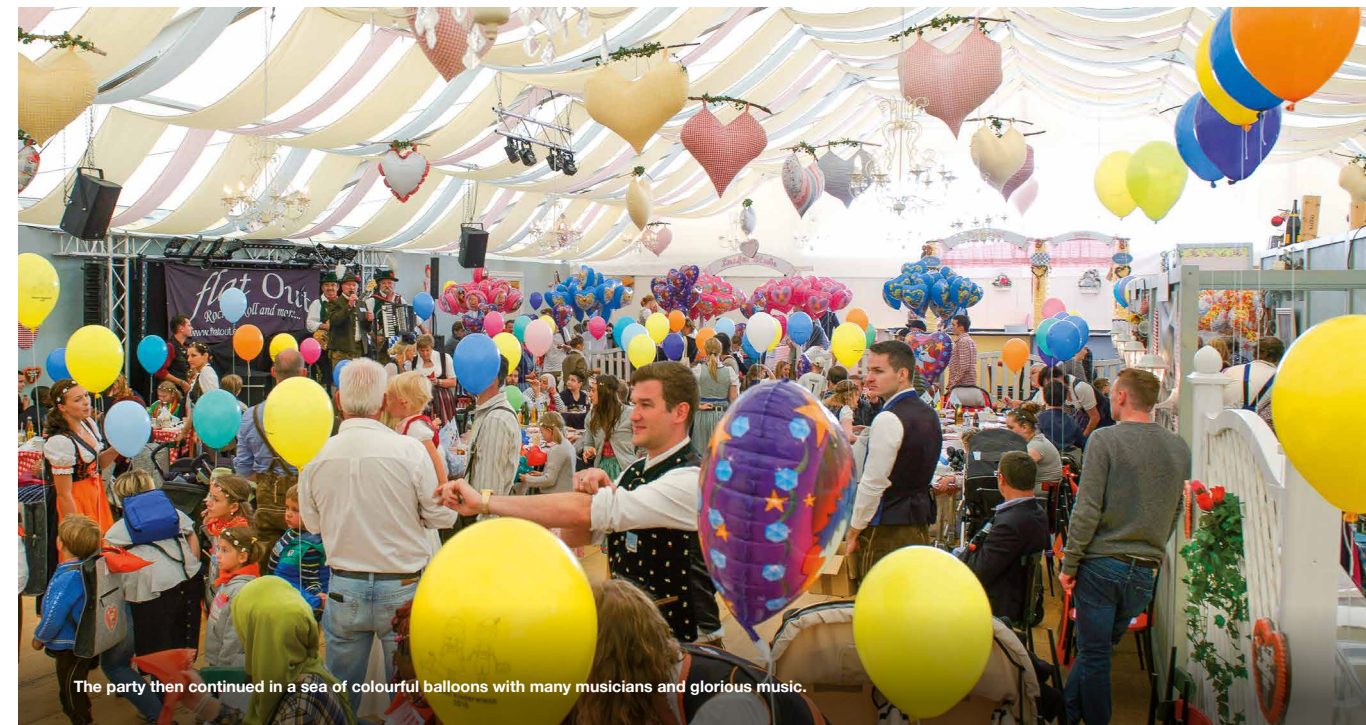
The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the Sixt family invited children to the Oktoberfest in Munich for the seventeenth time. No, beer wasn't on the menu, but instead a proper children's celebration with lemonade, cocoa, and all sorts of pastries. Regine Sixt and sixteen members of the Sixt family welcomed 150 children and their 100 companions from surrounding institutions to Café Mohrenkopf.

It started with a small reception with Karin Seehofer, the wife of Bavarian Prime Minister Horst Seehofer, and Petra Reiter, wife of Munich's Lord Mayor Dieter Reiter. The party then continued in a sea of colourful balloons with many musicians and glorious music. Then the guests were invited to take a tour of the main Oktoberfest site and to ride the carousel and Ferris wheel.

Regine Sixt: „When I see the look in the eyes of the little children when we offer them a few hours of fun and when I hear how they laugh, it is a real joy even if I know that we cannot change everything for the better. But we can give them a smile and that is why I thank the helpers and sponsors for their commitment and support.“

YOUNGER GUESTS CAME FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- „Klinikum Großhadern / McDonalds Kinderhilfe“
- Bayernkaserne
- Dr. von Haunersche Kinderspital
- Stiftung Ambulantes Kinderhospiz München
- Stiftung Pfennigparade
- „Kinderklinik München Schwabing“
- Münchner Waisenhaus
- Herzzentrum München, McDonalds Kinderhilfe
- Salberghaus
- Olgahospital Stuttgart
- ICP München
- kindness 4 kids



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Caps and bags of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation



The children and the Sixt team had happy hours on the Oktoberfest.

Italy

Van for nuns

The sisters of the „Institute Christ the King“ and the rescue mission of the Order of Malta in Italy “CISCOM” received new Opel Zafira Vans. The collaboration between Opel and the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been renewed. We are glad to say that with the support of “Drying Little Tears” once again many children in Italy can be transported safe and sound up from now.



Joy for mobility for the sisters of the “Institute Christ the King”.



Douglas, Graf von Saurma-Jeltsch: "Like any other company, we need to invest and conduct research in big data, customer journey, and sponsor journey. We need to continue evolving."

Worldwide

»WE HAVE A WIN-WIN RELATIONSHIP«

Douglas, Graf von Saurma-Jeltsch, Managing Director of the Malteser, speaks about about international projects, professional partnerships, and the future.

CharityNews: Sir, for years the Malteser and you personally have been collaborating on international aid projects with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. What sets this partnership apart?

Friendship, trust, and professionalism. Mrs Sixt and I have understood each other well from the outset. We hit it off, so to speak. This grew into a collaboration that has eventually led to funding and realising projects

professionally on both sides. And the more projects we collaborate on, the more our mutual trust and friendship has grown. And we can now resolve matters quickly. I asked Mrs Sixt in early November whether she could help us out with two cars to transport Malteser staff and physicians working in the latest earthquake zones in Italy. Two days later, we had the keys in our hands.

What can private partnership collaborations as "Drying Little Tears" better achieve than public institutions?

The good thing about the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is its focus on children's issues, structural measures, and investment in equipment and furnishings. This makes it immediately clear which projects are eligible and which are not. This makes it easier for

us to search for and apply for projects, because we know exactly whether the foundation will be able to support them or not. At the same time, the tremendous flexibility shown by Mrs Sixt and her foundation makes it possible to realise disaster relief projects with a quick turnaround. That sets our partnership apart.

Have the frequency and intensity of your disaster relief work at Malteser changed?

Yes, we are adapting to the challenges, because in addition to acute responses, the work rebuilding and teaching and taking care of people that follows is important and is lasting longer. We work only use local personnel in the countries we work in, including doctors, nurses, and logistics, because the most important thing after the disaster is for people to have work and not to destabilise the local markets with a flood of volunteer workers or donated goods. Here in Germany, we have 50,000 volunteers and 31,000 full-time employees working for us. The emergency response aid is completely financed through donations.

How are donations?

The trend over the past year has seen fewer and fewer people donating, but those that do are giving more. There is real competition for donors as more and more organisations actively seek their support. The waves of refugees in recent times has actually increased the willingness to donate, but the donations market has basically stagnated.

Why?

The more disasters happen, the less people are shocked into action. The media coverage and the outpouring of aid for the first earthquake in Italy this year was massive, while the latest earthquake received relatively little response. In addition, the gap between the rich and the poor is growing ever wide around the world.

How do you respond to this?

We are really focusing on dialogue marketing. How will we communicate with people in the future? Digitalisation offers all sorts of opportunities and risks for us aid organisations. We need to be competitive with innovative fundraising instruments that are digitally-based. Like any other company, we need to invest and conduct research in big data, customer journey, and sponsor journey. We need to continue evolving. The topics of communication and fundraising are closely linked.

How do the Malteser finance their operations?

Up to 90 per cent of the voluntary commitment of employees is financed from donations. And with our work in international disaster relief, we are service providers working with and on behalf of such state institutions as the Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry of

Economic Development and Cooperation. In Germany, the Malteser are not just volunteers, but also professional healthcare providers co-financed by the German healthcare system.

"Education allow a society going to function. Wherever children cannot go to school, there will be no future."

Douglas, Graf von Saurma-Jeltsch

Your next project with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation will involve renovating hospital wards and equip post-natal suites at the International Malteser Hospital in the Diocese of Orlu in Umuzike, Nigeria in 2017. How did such a cooperation come about?

We have developed a way of communicating with the board of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. We keep a global eye out for projects that we then present to the foundation four times a year and also reach out for ad hoc projects as needed. On the other side, the foundation will tell us their current priority areas or regions where the foundation or Sixt franchisees would like help.

What characterises the relationship in addition to trust?

We have a win-win relationship with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. The foundation actively seeks out projects and needs a reliable partner to help with this task. And we need a partner to turn our projects into reality. There is a mutual reciprocity. We think corporate social responsibility should offer advantages for both sides. Otherwise, it will not work.

Douglas, Graf von Saurma-Jeltsch



was born in Marburg/Lahn, Germany. After studying business economics at the European Business School in Oestrich-Winkel, London and Paris, he worked in the Pro7 group in Munich from 1993 to 1997. Responsible for strategic marketing. And he produced documentaries. After his membership in the Malteserorden in 2004, the 50-year-old was ambassador to Lithuania from 2006 to 2012. As a member of the Managing Board, he has been responsible since January 1, 2010 for the areas of membership and administration, communication, fundraising, Malteser Stiftung, Auslandsdienst as well as Malteser International and the Malteser Service Center.



Why are children and young people of particular importance to you?

Children and young people experience special care from the Malteser because they are defenceless and are exploited in many countries. Health care and education are fundamentals that allow people to live together if a society is even going to function. Wherever children cannot go to school, there will be no future.

If you were a child today, where in the world would you want to grow up?

In Scandinavia. There you get the balance between good child care and a good industrial economy with a good balance between family and career.

“I believe in the impossible, and that the good will prevail. As I see it, this also includes the commitment of the Sixt family.”

Douglas, Graf von Saurma-Jelt

Poverty reports say that child poverty continues to climb each year here in Germany. How can this be in one of the wealthiest industrialised nations?

The gap between the rich and the poor continues to widen in the industrialised nations. That the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer is the great social challenge of the coming years. We Malteser are trying to counter that with offerings both in-school and out for children and young people regardless of race, religion, or class. We want to create conditions that allow children and adolescents to develop their own unique identities, learn to take responsibility, and to keep an eye out for their neighbour. This also gives them a better chance at a successful career and a nice life.

Do you sometimes have a Sisyphean sense of powerlessness when you see suffering increasing instead of declining?

I see things differently. I am always amazed at all that the Malteser and our volunteers achieve in our projects, working with young people severe disabilities or seeing children and young people flourish in camps and make progress. These are vital and real signs of hope. The only thing Sisyphean in my work comes occasionally when I look at the pile of work on my desk or the number of emails I need to respond to.

What do you see as the biggest trouble spot right now?

Right now, definitely the Syrian crisis, which has plunged many children and adolescents in distress and caused misery en masse. This needs to be solved. If a peaceful solution could be found, it would help the entire world. The strong migration flows mainly from sub-Saharan countries will be another tremendous challenge in the years to come.

What has to change to keep people from moving?

The first step is good governance: giving people quality training that will allow to assume responsibility for their country later. And our own consumer choices bear some responsibility. Are the goods and services we purchase sourced in an ethical and responsible way? I would like to see an international standard which would make it transparent to see where a jumper comes from, how it was produced, and whether a living wage was paid to those who made it. That is the only way to change the misery there. Development aid by itself cannot.

Imagine that you are a fairy godmother and could grant three wishes without regard to money or other obstacles. What would those be?

First, peace in the Middle East and for Israel because otherwise the region will never calm down. Second, internationally binding, transparent standards which we can use to shape our consumption choices and which guarantee that locally labor and environmental conditions are humane and fair wages are paid. And third, a non-violent alternative to war, perhaps a wrestling match.

Does that mean the Malteser are utopian dreamers?

Certainly not. I believe in the impossible and that the good will prevail. As I see it, that includes the commitment of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and of the Sixt family. Without such people, good things would not happen. They make the difference.



ORDER OF MALTA

»Tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum«

“Serve the poor and exemplify the faith”

Based in Rome, the Order of Malta is an international Catholic organization dedicated to helping people in need around the world.

Its staff and supporters work tirelessly to help people in distress, whatever their religion, background, or politics. With 50,000 volunteers and almost 31,000 employees in Germany alone, it is one of the most significant employers in the country's social and healthcare sector.

The German “Maltesers” work in civil protection, First Aid, youth work; and social work for elderly, sick or disadvantaged is largely performed by volunteers. This is supplemented by a wide range of professional services including Ambulances, Patient Transport, Meals on Wheels, and an Emergency Call System. The Maltesers operate hospitals, elderly homes, schools, and facilities for young people, addicts, and refugees.

“Being close to those in need” is the Maltesers' way of fulfilling the Order of Malta's 950 year old mission in a form tailored to fit the needs of contemporary social conditions, as well as of the poor, sick, and disadvantaged people they serve. All the Maltesers' services are

run on a non-profit basis. Any funds generated are re-invested in maintenance, or in expanding its range of services. The Maltesers' strong tradition and ethos is a source of enormous strength in the face of the wide array of social challenges in Germany today.

Malteser International is the Order of Malta's international relief organization. It provides aid to people affected by natural disasters, armed conflicts, sickness and hunger. Its emergency teams provide medical aid in major crises, as well as distributing food and other essential aid. Where possible, they remain present with mainly local staff long-term, and continue to provide assistance with rebuilding..



AT A GLANCE – 2012 TO 2016: INTERNATIONAL AID PROJECTS OF THE REGINE SIXT CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION AND THE ORDER OF MALTA

Equipment for Malteser Hospital

Nigeria 2016: The International Malteser Hospital in the Diocese of Orlu in Umuzike, Nigeria, was opened in 2009 with the support of Malteser from the Diocese of Osnabrück. But, unfortunately, it has been lacking certain necessary equipment to this day. Thanks to the support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, the hospital can now procure the necessary equipment for its post-natal suites and provide the urgently needed furnishings and maintenance on the various wards.



New hospital equipment for diocese Orlu in Umuzike, Nigeria



Emergency aid in Bungamati, Nepal

Family house for orphans

Nepal 2015: After the April 2015 earthquake in Nepal, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation worked with the Malteser to provide tents and blankets. The foundation is now involved in building a family house for orphans in Bungamati, near the capital of Kathmandu. Children orphaned in the earthquake receive comprehensive care and an education in the Bungamati Familiy House at the Tri Ratna Cooperative School in central Bungamati.



Supply vans for Sant Angelo d'Alife, Italy.

Mobility in Italy

Italy 2015: The mobile care unit CISOM Matese-Alexis will provide basic medical care to children in the largely inaccessible mountain villages around Sant Angelo d'Alife in northern Italy. The new cars provided by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation ensures that the children receive primary health care services, a necessity given that the next children's hospital with a paediatrics unit is about 100 km away. Another car was donated to the Maltese Sisters and the guest house of the Institute of Christ the King "Maison du Coeur Eucharistique" for use in their work with children.

Studio for Malteser youth center

Germany 2015: The Volksdorf youth center gives young people a place to socialise and relax from the pressures of school, family, and life in general. The youth center's plan to set up a recording studio is designed to offer the young people another way to transform what are potentially destructive emotions into something constructive. Project groups decide on the type of music, such as rap, song, or instrumentals. They create the piece, practise it, and then record the finished product in the studio.



Recording studio in Hamburg, Germany



Equipment for care center in Poznan, Poland

Interior equipment for care center

Poland 2014: The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation equips a care center for school children, aged between 7 and 16, from poor families, who live in the neighbourhood of the Maltese Care in Poznan, Poland. The care centre will be operating in the afternoon to assist in homework and studies, to organize free time, including cultural and sports activities for the children and to offer psychological and pedagogical help. "Drying Little Tears" provides now all the interior for this care center like kitchen and bathroom equipment, wardrobes and tables, sports instruments and laptops.



School support in Nitra, Slovakia

School support for Roma children

Slovakia 2013: Orechov Dvor is home to a Roma community living in a container settlement just outside of Nitra, Slovakia. Of the approximately 300 inhabitants about 100 are children. Salesian sisters provide informal education to the children in preschool and primary school age, supported by the Order of Malta. The sisters promote language and preschool education with appropriate measures and offer playtime in the afternoon. "Drying Little Tears" therefore funded three new containers to be used as classrooms for the support of Roma children..

New school center for Roma children

Hungary 2015: The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation funded the development of a Malteser school center for Roma children in Tarnabod, Hungary. The centre's comprehensive education and care services enable the children to obtain a good integration while promoting the integration and inclusion of Roma into Hungarian society. The centre teaches about 150 children in different age groups. The intervention services offered by the Malteser have managed to reduce to the school dropout rate to almost zero and to keep the children enrolled until graduation.



New school center in Pécs, Hungary

"Growing Together" in Berlin

Germany 2015: It's so wonderful to see children excited about being in nature: the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation financed the restoration and interior of a gazebo for the garden project "Growing Together" at the Manna Malteser Family Centre in Gropiusstadt (Berlin-Neukölln). The project has set itself the goal of getting children interested in nature and of creating educational spaces, such as this garden.



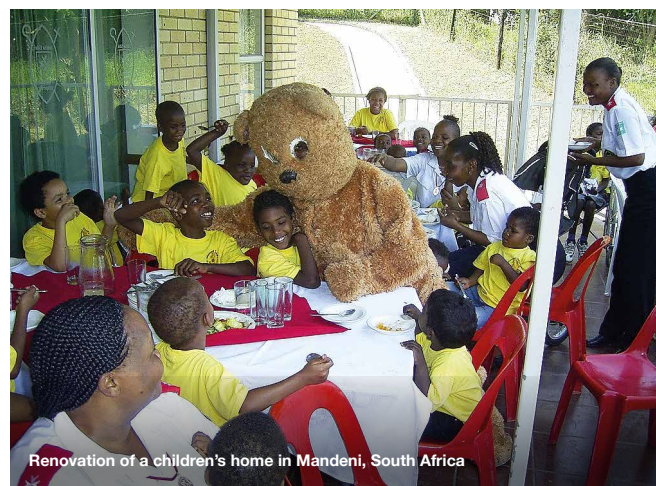
The ZusammenWachsen project in Berlin, Germany



AT A GLANCE – 2012 TO 2016: INTERNATIONAL AID PROJECTS OF THE REGINE SIXT CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION AND THE ORDER OF MALTA

Renovation of a children's home

South Africa 2015: Together with Germany's biggest travel magazine *Business Traveller*, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation the renovation and expansion of the *Blessed Gérard children's home* in Mandeni, South Africa, is fully renovated. Some of the 29 children are social orphans, some are orphaned by AIDS and some are HIV positive themselves. They now have a safe and beautiful home – after a general overhaul of the old tracts of the children's home. The overall atmosphere has become noticeably friendlier and cleaner.



Renovation of a children's home in Mandeni, South Africa



Renovation of a children's home in Sliema, Malta

Renovation of an Ursuline home

Malta 2013: The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is financing the renovation and equipment of the Children's Home of the Ursuline Sisters of St. Merici in cooperation with The Maltese Ursulinen Sisters of St. Angela Merici in Sliema, Malta. On the northeast coast of Malta, the Ursuline nurses offer abandoned and ill-treated children caring and individual care. The first house "Crib" is home to 50 children from zero to four years, is in need of renovation and there is a lack of simple things like bed linen for the babies.



Renovation of day care facilities in Vilnius, Lithuania

Day care-center renovation

Lithuania 2013: The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation financed the renovation and equipping of four Malteser day care facilities that have operated in the Lithuanian cities of Vilnius, Kaunas, Marijampole, and Siauliai since 2006. Many of the children come from poor families with unemployed, disabled, or sick parents. The day care center gives the children an opportunity to develop their social skills, pursue new opportunities in life, and realise their personal goals.

Therapy center for children

Italy 2013: Together with Mille Miglia s.r.l. and the Maltesers, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has supported a children's therapy center that was affected by the 2012 earthquake in Modena. It was especially the children who have suffered from the devastating effects of the earthquake. In the integrative therapy center, music, art, and theatre are used to help children between the ages of 3 and 18 address physical, mental, or multiple disabilities.



Integrative therapy center in Modena, Italy

Family center playground

Germany 2013: The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation work with the Malteser Foundation to finance a playground and a learning and play garden at the Malteser childcare facility at the Manna Family Center in Berlin, Germany. The Manna Family Center in Berlin's Neukölln district is a neighbourhood meeting place for children and adults of all ages, religions, and cultures. "Making kids strong" is its motto and the learning garden was designed to help generations come closer together by growing together.



Playground in the family center Manna in Berlin, Germany



Support for a special nursery school in Voronova, Belarus

Support for special nurseries

Belarus 2012: Children with disabilities and genetic defects are not uncommon in Belarus. The country's social systems are not oriented to treating, caring, or supporting the disabled and there are no public funds available to provide them with adequate treatment and care. Together with the Malteser, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports the extension of the special facility for severely and multiply disabled children in the region of Voronov in the diocese Grodno. The children can enjoy attention and professional care and treatment here until the age of 18.



Expansion of a nursery school in Cluj, Romania

Expansion of a special nursery

Romania 2012: The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports the expansion and renovation of the Malteser special nursery for severely disabled children in Cluj, Romania. The Malteser nursery in Cluj serves 21 children with severe locomotor and other disabilities and their families. The children are between 2 and 9 years of age and receive intensive care in the day care facility, including physical therapy, speech therapy, cognitive and sensory stimulation, and educational offerings.



Promoting the Farm School Baumgartsbrunn project near Windhoek in Namibia: Regine Sixt with Jürgen and Mauritia Mack (Europa-Park Rust) Bianca and Oliver Kleine (LEONARDO glassworks) and project manager Hans Kress.

Germany

Spread joy – Do something good

Charity collection by "Regine Sixt by LEONARDO" combines fine jewelry with noble actions

With the Hope V Darlin bracelet from LEONARDO, joy is not the only thing to appear on Christmas Eve: what could be better than starting the Advent and Christmas season with colour and glitter while magically bringing a smile to the children of the world. This individual and tasteful gift and

many other fine jewelry pieces will always be a hit, because a portion of the revenue from the sale goes to a charity project.

The 'Farm School Baumgartsbrunn' near Windhoek in Namibia will be supported with the funds collected in 2016. The school, situated in a rural area, has been an important educational institution for many years for the indigenous farm workers' children in Namibia. German Hans Kress has lived in Namibia since his retirement and is exceptionally committed to supporting the maintenance and expansion of this school village. The approved model project provides mean-

ingful development assistance and allows the local children to receive a basic education, while offering young people in the region the possibility of vocational training.

The latest charity collection supports selected social projects in cooperation with the world famous Westphalian glass and jewelry manufacturer LEONARDO. Under the motto „Drying little tears“ from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, you can find wonderful and select jewelry designs. Every single piece of jewellery has been selected for you with exceptional care and attention to detail and has been assembled into a unique collection.

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Help children in need with jewellery designs by LEONARDO: Perla Darlin's Black necklace, 69.95 Euro, and Hope V Darlin's Pearl Bracelet, 39.95 Euro.



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FACTS ABOUT COOPERATION:

- The family company Sixt, Leonardo and Europa-Park Rust have stood for social responsibility for many generations
- 2009: Start of cooperation
- Previously funded aid projects and the donations taken:
 - » 2015: 25,000 euros for the Don Bosco Mission girls' refuge in Bangalore, India
 - » 2014: 30,000 euros for the children and youth hospice „Kiju“ in Ortenau
 - » 2013: EUR 27,000 for the Santa Ana Children's Hospital in El Salvador
 - » 2012: 32,000 Euro to the European Meeting House for socially disadvantaged young people the Camino in northern Spain
 - » 2011: 21,500 euros for the University Hospital Parents' Home in Freiburg



Charity receipt with donation-check transfer for the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation.



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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) OF THE SIXT GROUP

Permanent part of corporate culture

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a permanent part of the Sixt Group's corporate policy. Promoting activities involving sustainable and socially responsible aid work by the company and its staff is part of the Sixt company philosophy, its guiding principles, and its system of values. Our activities center around energy and the environment, as well as charitable and voluntary work.

Voluntary work and involvement in charitable activities: cooperation with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, the official CSR program.

The Sixt Group's official CSR program, which is called the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, supports activities aimed at improving the health and general living conditions of children and young people worldwide. Furthermore, the Sixt Group in collaboration with the Foundation promotes institutions that help children and young people to improve their education and professional training and that provide social care for children. In recent years, through

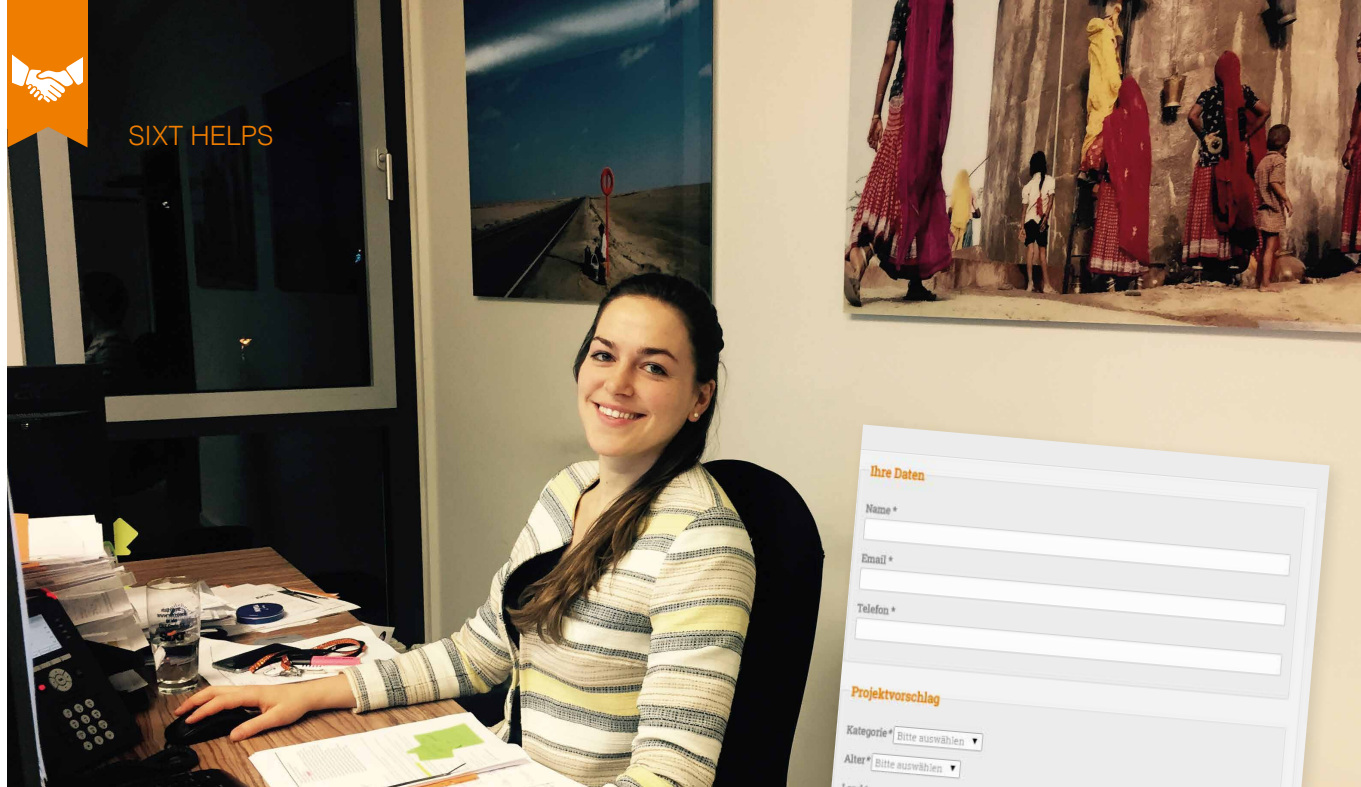
financial donations and voluntary work by Sixt employees, we have been able to help facilities in Germany, Romania, Belarus, Israel, Palestine, South Africa, and Kenya.

It is important for us to promote team spirit, motivation, and identification with the company among our staff. Therefore we support voluntary work by our employees. They visit places like local children's hospitals to help provide some cheer at Easter and Christmas to seriously ill children. They also assist with summer fetes at hospitals, organize excursions with children, and provide close care to many sick children at the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's traditional *Kinderwiesn* during Munich's Oktoberfest.

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Viola Elsner from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation team processes project proposals.

Worldwide

Doing well by doing good!

Many Sixt staff from 105 countries around the globe are already working with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. But there can never be enough help for the little ones. Propose projects.

The British poet Lord Byron (1788 - 1824) wrote „to dry a tear is more honorable than to shed rivers of blood“. This quote, taken up by Regine Sixt in its editorial for this issue, is something we want to take into our hearts, following its example and promoting good in the world. That's why we need you, because across the world, whether in the Western world or in transitioning and developing countries, the youngest need our help and support. Let us tackle this together!

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is involved with the „Drying little tears“ initiative all over the world. In doing so, every donated euro, every dollar and every cent goes towards these projects. The administrative costs are covered by the Sixt company. Your money makes a difference!

At the same time, we appreciate getting suggestions for projects from you. Under the motto „Drying little tears“, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has committed to providing aid for children in education, welfare, health and emergency assistance for children and adolescents all around the world. In doing so, our work focuses primarily on haptic projects such as construction or renovation, refurbishment or renovation of children's hospices, children's hospitals, kindergartens and schools.

When you submit your project proposal (see box to the right), this is prepared by our team and presented to the foundation's board. We will inform you about the decision as soon as possible so that you have security in your long-term planning.

Let us „dry little tears“ together!

The Children's Aid Foundation team

Please send your suggestions to: Sixthelps@sixt.com

»We all remember the picture of the five year-old boy from Aleppo, distraught after an air raid, frightened and injured, sitting in an ambulance. The instinct of a mother and grandmother cannot allow such suffering, and I want to do my humble part to dry the tears of countless innocents. It is clear that I cannot do this alone and I ask you all for your assistance and support.«

Regine Sixt

PROJECT PROPOSALS

For a project proposal, we need the following documents and information from you:

- What is the specific project?
- Which funding category and which target group correspond to the measures taken?
- Please describe your project
- Total costs and required budget
- Project start and end
- Contact person and data
- Explanation of the benefit to the public

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Suggest a Project

Even though we can not be everywhere, we welcome proposals of eligible ideas:

Your Data

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