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CHILDREN'S AID
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**CELEBRATING
25 YEARS
OF HELPING
CHILDREN IN NEED
- SINCE 2000 -**

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Regine Sixt
Chief Executive Officer
Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation
DRYING LITTLE TEARS.

Dear Friends,

My deepest belief is this: Each project we tackle with DRYING LITTLE TEARS represents a SHINING STAR, illuminating the darkness for the smallest and weakest members of our society who cannot yet stand alone.

What you hold in your hands is more than a book — it is a testament of LOVE and HOPE to the world's children in need, chronicling the 25-year journey of DRYING LITTLE TEARS. Within these pages, you'll discover how we've touched young lives across the globe, helping children to find their path towards a brighter tomorrow.

Every smile restored and every life that we touched forms an essential piece of the house of charity that we're building together. Our ongoing mission remains clear: To support our society's smallest members whose voices are too quiet and whose arms too weak to help themselves. Through our work, we've offered hope and strength to children in their darkest moments, sending a powerful message: "You are not alone. We stand with you. We care!"

This book also serves as my heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to build this house of charity: All our friends, partner organizations, committee members and SIXT employees worldwide who contribute their hearts and hands wherever needed.

When I started DRYING LITTLE TEARS 25 years ago, I never imagined we would achieve such reach. Now, with over 400 supported projects making real differences in almost every nation wherever SIXT operates, I can say: This is just the beginning! Because at 25, an organization enters its prime, combining hard-won experience with the energy and power to achieve even more.

For the next 25 years, I wish to increase our reach and our results by bringing even more light to the children's eyes and more smiles to their faces. I hope you'll continue to support us in this virtuous endeavor!

With deepest gratitude,

Yours

Regine Sixt

“We’re not just building a legacy of corporate social responsibility –
we’re creating a global MOVEMENT of compassion.”

Regine Sixt





The Power of Purpose: From Vision to Global Impact

As I reflect on that evening in Munich's Herkulessaal in the year 2000, when DRYING LITTLE TEARS was officially launched with a magnificent charity concert featuring opera singer Christine Esterházy von Galántha, I'm filled with profound admiration for Regine. Standing at the threshold of a new millennium at that time, following SIXT's remarkable global expansion, we recognized our responsibility by giving back to society.

Her ability to nurture and grow DRYING LITTLE TEARS while excelling as SIXT's Senior Executive Vice President Marketing speaks volumes about her dedication and remarkable spirit.

For 25 years, she has channeled her energy into this mission, touching countless young lives across the globe. While Regine has created an enduring legacy, she remains focused on what truly matters – serving children in need worldwide. Her unwavering commitment continues to inspire us all, demonstrating how corporate success and compassionate action can transform lives and create lasting change for the weakest members of our society: little children in need.

Erich Sixt

Chairman of the Supervisory Board, SIXT SE



Building Corporate Responsibility into Our DNA: A Quarter Century of Impact

True corporate excellence extends far beyond business success. For 25 years, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has embodied this certainty, serving as both my mother's extraordinary legacy and our company's beating heart of social responsibility. As Co-CEO of SIXT SE and board member of the foundation, I've witnessed first hand how this initiative has transformed from a visionary program into a global force for good. With hundreds of successful projects, we've created a unique model where corporate achievement and humanitarian impact go hand in hand.

As the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is our official CSR-program, it empowers every SIXT employee to contribute personally to this mission, strengthening our corporate culture while making tangible differences in children's lives. This approach has created a powerful ripple effect, turning our global organization into an ambitious and caring "Team Orange", united by shared values and a strong purpose. Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding our reach to every SIXT country, ensuring that corporate success continues to fuel meaningful change for children in need worldwide.

Alexander Sixt

Management Board of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation



Making Every Resource Count: A Legacy of Responsible Giving

As the financial steward of this remarkable foundation, I've witnessed first-hand how strategic management and unwavering dedication can transform charitable giving into lasting impact. Over the past 25 years, Regine Sixt's vision has evolved into a model of philanthropic excellence, ensuring that every euro invested creates maximum benefit for children in need.

Our commitment to financial accuracy and efficiency has enabled us to support hundreds of projects while maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance. Yet what truly sets this foundation apart is its understanding that both large-scale initiatives and smaller, immediate interventions play crucial roles in our mission. Regine Sixt's persistence in establishing direct channels of support, coupled with our decades-strong global network, has created an infrastructure of hope that reaches children worldwide. As we celebrate this milestone, we remain committed to the founding principles: that careful stewardship of resources can indeed dry little tears, one child at a time.

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz

Management Board of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation





The Heart of Our Mission: 25 Years of Collaborative Change

Each project crossing my desk as board member of DRYING LITTLE TEARS touches my heart profoundly, igniting renewed determination to expand our impact. What makes our foundation truly exceptional is the power of the seamless cooperation between our corporate vision and our humanitarian actions. We have witnessed now for a quarter century how shared commitment can transform lives. Through strategic partnerships with outstanding charitable organizations, we've implemented 400 successful initiatives across 65 countries. This remarkable achievement, started by my mother Regine Sixt, stems from our belief that true impact comes from collective effort.

The foundation's success lies in its ability to mobilize both global resources and local expertise. Our employees' passionate engagement through initiatives like the DRYING LITTLE TEARS DAY demonstrates how corporate citizenship can create meaningful change. As we look towards the future, we remain committed to extending our reach, ensuring every SIXT country becomes a beacon of hope for children in need!

Konstantin Sixt

Management Board of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation



25 Years of Helping Children in Need

Worldwide, many children grow up without access to healthcare, education or adequate provision for their basic needs. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been working to change this for a quarter of a century by supporting more than 400 projects in over 65 countries.

The success of the foundation is due to Mrs. Sixt's determination, vision and tireless dedication to the most vulnerable in every society. It is a great honor for me to support this mission and I look very much forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Dr. Andrew Mountstephens

Management Board of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation





25 Years For Children In Need

What began 25 years ago with helping children from Chernobyl suffering from leukemia has developed into the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. The work that is carried out for disadvantaged or sick children by an extremely committed team and the entire SIXT network is unprecedented. Regine Sixt is a visionary, motivator, and takes the foundation a step further every year with her indescribable energy and strength. As a father of three children, I see my work on the foundation's advisory board as a project close to my heart. But despite all the joy about what we have achieved so far, there is still a lot to do with further projects that offer children a future perspective and teach them life skills such as team spirit, tolerance and appreciation. The 25 years that have now passed are just the beginning. It continues. And every single project will help make our world a better place.

Prof. Dr. Marcus Englert

Managing Director of Altman Solon GmbH & Co. KG



Strategic Leadership Nurtures Humanitarian Action

I deeply appreciate how DRYING LITTLE TEARS masterfully combines entrepreneurial excellence with humanitarian impact. For 25 years, Regine Sixt and her foundation have demonstrated that global corporate networks can create powerful channels for delivering aid precisely where needed. As a business leader I can say that this strategic philanthropy, executed with passion and precision, truly transforms lives worldwide!

Dr. Daniel Terberger

CEO of Katag AG





Congratulations, Dear Regine Sixt!

25 years of living charity - 25 years of giving hope - 25 years of tireless commitment to children in need - that is an achievement that deserves the greatest recognition! With your DRYING LITTLE TEARS foundation, you have made countless children's eyes light up all over the world. You have tirelessly built bridges with your company and your employees - between need and help, between tears and smiles. Your heartfelt commitment to the most vulnerable and your courage to bring about change are a shining example of humanity in action. We congratulate you from the bottom of our hearts on this impressive milestone and look forward to many more years to come, in which DRYING LITTLE TEARS makes the world a better place!

Dr. Brigitte Mohn

Shareholder of the Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft and
Member of the Group Supervisory Board



Where Healing Meets Compassion – the Medical Perspective

As a trauma surgeon, I witness daily how professional expertise must blend with genuine benevolence to heal young patients. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation exemplifies this delicate balance perfectly. For 25 years, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has brought not just medical support but also hope to children worldwide, demonstrating that true recovery requires both clinical excellence and heartfelt care.

Prof. Dr. Peter Biberthaler

Head of the Traumatology Department at the Rechts der Isar Hospital, Munich



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ABOUT US



ON A MISSION TO DRY TEARS: CREATING PATHWAYS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

OUR FOUR PILLARS



HEALTH

Every child has the right to medical assistance and care in case of illness. This is why we fund the expansion of hospitals, mobile medical facilities, and intensive care units in children's clinics. We finance medical equipment, and our employees visit sick children worldwide to give them strength and courage.



EDUCATION

Every child has the right to be able to develop his or her abilities and to attend school. But in many countries these bare necessities are lacking. Schools are often in scarce supply. We support and finance the construction of classrooms and schools. For only education guarantees peaceful coexistence and an economic foundation.



WELFARE

Every child has the right to a safe home, family environment, and parental care. The reality often looks very different. This is why we support the construction of children's homes, orphanages, and playgrounds around the world. We finance the renovation of day-care centers, especially for disadvantaged children and children with disabilities.



EMERGENCY AID

Every child has the right to protection in war, as a refugee, and after natural disasters. Catastrophes occur regularly, affecting people and nations. Children often suffer the most. That is why we support the building of homes and schools for refugee children, finance necessary material assistance to disaster areas, and fund reconstruction. SIXT's global logistics networks are particularly helpful in these instances.

SIXT CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS is SIXT's official Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program and an integral part of SIXT's corporate culture. In its mission the foundation is therefore supported by the SIXT employees in over 110 countries where SIXT is active. At the same time, it is a relevant building block in SIXT's social strategy. Comprehensive and sustainable social commitment has been part of SIXT's core understanding for decades. The assumption of social and corporate responsibility is of particular importance in SIXT's business activities. SIXT's basic idea is to actively involve its employees in the company's social and charitable commitment. Therefore the DRYING LITTLE TEARS DAYS format has been established, which gives every SIXT employee the opportunity to actively support a children's aid project one fully paid day per year.

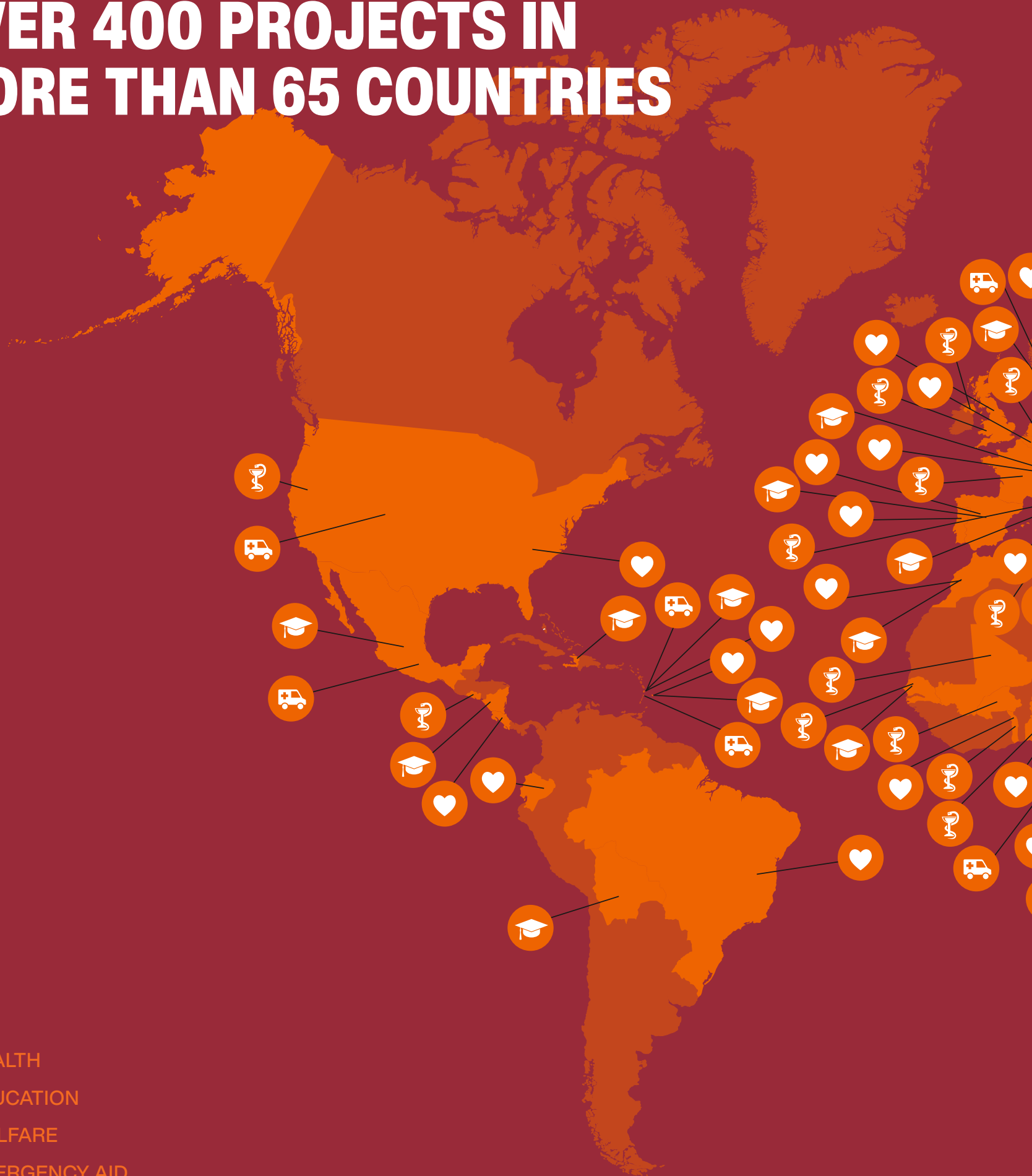


For 25 years the Regine Sixt Children's Aid has been supporting children's aid projects around the world with the aim of sustainably improving the living conditions of children and young people.

The non-profit organization Regine Sixt Kinderhilfe e.V., founded in 2000, became a charitable foundation in 2010. The foundation supports children in need worldwide in the areas of education, welfare, health and emergency aid through a variety of projects and activities. It is committed to helping children who suffer from poverty, illness or violence and are in urgent need of help.

So far, more than 400 projects in over 65 countries have been realized. The Children's Aid Foundation works closely with local partners and aid organizations who develop and implement sustainable projects.

OVER 400 PROJECTS IN MORE THAN 65 COUNTRIES



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ABOUT US



THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS is based on the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child" from 1989. The Convention on the Rights of the Child formulates basic values in dealing with children, regardless of their social, cultural, ethnic or religious origin.

It views children as individuals whose rights are to be respected and protected.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is based on four principles that the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS bases its actions on:

NON-DISCRIMINATION

No child should suffer discrimination due to their gender, origin, nationality, language, religion, color, disability or political opinion.

THE RIGHT TO SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT

Each country is committed to ensuring the maximum development of children.

RESPECT FOR THE VIEWS OF THE CHILD

All children should be taken seriously as individuals, respected and involved in decision-making.

THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

The best interests of the child must be a primary consideration in all decisions that may affect children.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

At the Sustainable Development Summit 2015, the UN General Assembly (UN) adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** agreed in the agenda serve to shape sustainable global development and thus the achievement of a globally sustainable society. In line with its extensive commitment to various social areas, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS contributes to a number of sustainability goals with its work. For the purposes of **SDG 1 – No Poverty**, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS is committed to the global reduction of poverty. Access to the material and intangible foundations of a decent life is severely limited for many children in the world. They are at risk of poverty or even acutely affected by poverty. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS provides relief here, in particular by promoting projects aimed at children whose living conditions are difficult, for example, due to social background or health conditions.

A particular focus of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS is to support projects that enable and enhance the improvement and provision of medical infrastructure for children as well as their medical care. In accordance with **SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being**, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS strives to provide children with the best possible health care and thus ensure their welfare. This is primarily achieved by financing construction, renovation and set-up measures, for example in intensive care units, as well as the purchase of necessary medical equipment.

Equally important for the work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS is the funding of educational projects for children. In line with **SDG 4 – Quality Education**, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS finances the construction, renovation and furnishing of classrooms and schools as well as the optimization of existing infrastructure worldwide.

The support from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS benefits disadvantaged children in particular. In line with **SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities**, the work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS also aims to reduce existing inequalities. The supported projects are intended to ensure the social inclusion of the affected children and to provide them with the foundation for a fulfilled and responsible life.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS places great importance on a joint commitment. As a result, it implements its global projects in cooperation with committed and competent project partners. In accordance with **SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals**, it ensures that cooperation with partners is based on shared principles and a mutual understanding of values along common objectives.



OUR HEART BEATS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

“We are grateful for our honorary Board of Advisors – each one helping to brighten a child’s future.”

Regine Sixt

The success of any organisation largely depends on the efficiency and commitment of the management board. With their many years of expertise, the members of this board give the foundation its drive and its force.

The Management Board guarantees that the funds raised will arrive safely on site and will be used exclusively for specific purposes, and that 100% of every donation reaches the projects without any deductions. It also ensures that the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation acts in a legally

impeccable manner. Together, the members of this committee ensure that the ambitious goals are achieved in the best possible way.

The Advisory Council makes a valuable contribution to project assessment and evaluation. Based on their expertise, the individual members of the Advisory Council contribute to well-founded project decisions. In this capacity, the members play an important role in the decision-making process of the foundation in cooperation with the management board.



“A foundation is living of ideas and passion in the first place. That is what really drives the success. And success is not measured in financial terms, but by the things which are of utmost importance in life: The smile of a child. The drying of tears.

Regine Sixt, an outstanding global entrepreneur, has connected the professional side of business with the highest standards of human character. It has been an honour to learn and support this valuable foundation while being a part of the Sixt organisation and now being connected with it as an alumni.”

Prof. Dr. Kai Andrejewski
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, the International Committee and the Leaders Committee of the foundation are comprised of companions and multipliers who, with the help of their networks and initiatives, support the diverse children's aid projects and realize the mission of DRYING LITTLE TEARS.

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THE ORIGIN





A LEGACY OF LOVE: REGINE SIXT – THE VISIONARY FORCE BEHIND DRYING LITTLE TEARS

The life of the organization’s founder shines brightly like a star with her clear commitment to the smallest and weakest members of our society. It has thus become an inspiration and encouragement for so many people. However, Regine Sixt emphasizes one thing very clearly: All this work is not about her as a person, but about the children who receive help and support through the dedication of DRYING LITTLE TEARS, every single day anew. Nevertheless, this foundation is inconceivable without its founder. Regine Sixt is the inventor, the architect and the driving force of this humanitarian organization. Indispensable and irreplaceable, she acts as the mastermind and the masterheart of DRYING LITTLE TEARS.

It all started with a chance encounter in the bustling corridors of Munich’s Schwabing Hospital: The compassionate businesswoman, inspired by a tearful young boy named Christopher, would spark a humanitarian movement that continues to reshape countless childrens’ lives across the globe. When Christopher, battling leukemia and bone cancer, asked Regine Sixt, “Why don’t you dry my tears?” she didn’t just offer comfort – she took action. Within days, she had arranged for him to experience his dream of attending a Formula 1 race in Monaco, even orchestrating a memorable meeting with Michael Schumacher that saw Christopher cast aside his crutches in pure joy.

This transformative moment became the cornerstone of what would evolve into the DRYING LITTLE TEARS foundation, an organization that has spent 25 years combining corporate excellence with humanitarian compassion. “Christopher really put his stamp on this initiative,” Regine Sixt reflects. “From him and so many brave children – all of them little heroes – one can definitely learn a lot: the hunger for life, the resilience, the hope.”

As an entrepreneur and visionary, Regine Sixt has masterfully woven together business acumen with humanitarian purpose. Her philosophy is crystal clear: “It cannot be that we live in happiness while others – especially so many children – suffer in need. Where I have the opportunity to

help, I simply do it. I cannot act otherwise, and I don’t want to act otherwise!” This dedication has driven the foundation to implement over 400 projects across more than 65 countries, creating lasting impact in education, healthcare, welfare and emergency aid.

Her hands-on approach sets her apart in the world of corporate philanthropy. Whether coordinating immediate relief efforts following natural disasters, establishing educational facilities in underserved communities, or organizing the foundation’s signature Christmas and Easter hospital visits, Regine Sixt maintains an unwavering personal connection to each initiative. “I’ve held tiny hands in hospitals, watched traumatized children playing again in newly built playgrounds, and I witnessed the transformation of despair into hope – all around the globe. These moments remind me why we began this journey 25 years ago, and why we must continue with even greater determination!”

The foundation’s rapid response capabilities were particularly evident during the Ukraine crisis, where she mobilized SIXT employees across Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary and Moldova to establish border aid stations and coordinate safe passage for Ukrainian children and their mothers to Germany and Austria. This exemplifies her ability to leverage corporate infrastructure for humanitarian purposes.

Her diplomatic role as Honorary Consul General of Barbados in Germany has further expanded the foundation’s reach, while her engagement with world leaders and celebrities has elevated the global profile of the foundation. This includes encounters with South African presidents Nelson Mandela and Frederik Willem de Klerk who won the Nobel Peace Prize together, or with US-president Barack Obama.

A particularly meaningful moment came during an audience with Pope Francis, who praised the foundation as a “shining example for the world.” “This encounter with the Pope was probably the knight’s accolade for me, more beautiful than any medal. That was truly very uplifting,” Regine Sixt shares.



The foundation's success stems from its professional structure and strategic partnerships with international aid organizations, creating what the visionary lady calls a "worldwide network of hope." The annual SIXT World Conference, bringing together over 1,000 SIXT executives globally, serves as a crucial platform for expanding the foundation's reach and impact. The classical charity concerts in large cathedrals during these conferences are brilliant highlights of the foundation's activities.

Perhaps most remarkably, Regine Sixt manages this extensive humanitarian work while maintaining her corporate roles and family life, including cherishing time with her grandchildren. This balance of corporate excellence and personal compassion defines both her leadership style and the foundation's approach to humanitarian aid.

Looking back on 25 years of service, Regine Sixt remains humble despite the foundation's remarkable achievements: "These 25 years — how quickly they have passed! One does what one can, and I would have liked to do even more. But I have a full-time job: I helped to build up SIXT internationally. And parallel to that: DRYING LITTLE TEARS! Above all, I am filled with enormous gratitude to be able to move so many things."

The foundation continues to grow like a sturdy tree, its branches reaching further each year to shelter more children in need. Through strategic partnerships, world-class charity concerts and countless local initiatives, it has created a sustainable model for corporate social responsibility that others seek to emulate.





“To receive a little smile back through a smile that you give them, that is the most beautiful reward,” Regine Sixt recalls, encapsulating the simple yet profound impact of her life’s work. As the foundation marks its 25th anniversary, it stands as a testament to how one person’s compassion, combined with professional excellence and unwavering dedication, can create ripples of positive change across the world.

This legacy, built on the perfect balance of entrepreneurial drive and maternal compassion, continues to evolve and expand. Through consistent, professional engagement and hands-on leadership, Regine Sixt has demonstrated how individual action can address global challenges. She notes:

“I have received so much support for DRYING LITTLE TEARS, from my husband, from my two sons who serve on the board of the foundation, from the SIXT executives and employees, from my friends and from our partner organizations. It is certainly my great fortune, my personal happiness, to be able to build this in my life.”

Her foundation remains a beacon of hope, proving that corporate success and humanitarian impact can not only coexist but thrive together, continuing to dry little tears wherever they fall, one child at a time.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE: DECADES OF GLOBAL RECOGNITION

Regine Sixt's unwavering dedication to improving children's lives worldwide has earned her over thirty prestigious humanitarian awards, marking an extraordinary journey of compassionate leadership and impactful philanthropy. She has been honored worldwide for her visionary approach to corporate social responsibility that transformed countless young lives across more than 65 countries through the ongoing work of DRYING LITTLE TEARS.

Among her notable and prestigious recognitions, at least one really stands out: In 2009, she received the 'Citizen of the World' Award from Hadassah International in Jerusalem. The list of other prominent winners of this prestigious prize include Shimon Peres, Richard Gere, Harry Belafonte and Zubin Mehta.



Scopus Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem



Eagles Award



Order of the Republic, Barbados



Bavarian Order of Merit



Golden Victoria Award

“Every award strengthens the commitment of DRYING LITTLE TEARS to continue this vital work,” says Regine Sixt, whose foundation has become a beacon of hope in children’s health-care, education, welfare and emergency aid. Her innovative integration of corporate social responsibility within SIXT SE has created a sustainable model for business-driven philanthropy, inspiring a new generation of corporate leaders. It is precisely this aspect that many of the laudators of the various awards praise. These honors celebrate not just past achievements but fuel the foundation’s ongoing mission to ensure every child has the opportunity for a brighter future.

THE ORIGIN



Citizen of the World, Hadassah International

2009, Jerusalem, Israel
CITIZEN OF THE WORLD AWARD
 Hadassah International

2009, Munich, Germany
BAVARIAN STATE MEDAL FOR SOCIAL MERIT
 Bavarian State Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs, Family & Women

2011, Versailles, France
LE GRAND PRIX DE LA CHARTE DE PARIS CONTRE LE CANCER
 L'Association pour la Vie Espoir contre le Cancer (AVEC)

2011, Berlin, Germany
THE GOLDEN CITY GATE "CHARITY"
 Das Goldene Stadttor on the occasion of ITB

2011, Munich, Germany
BAVARIAN ORDER OF MERIT
 Prime Minister Horst Seehofer,
 Free State of Bavaria

2012, London, United Kingdom
WORLD'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2011
 World Travel Awards 2011

2013, Baden-Baden, Germany
BUSINESS-CHARITY-AWARD
 International Economic Forum Baden-Baden

2013, Berlin, Germany
SPECIAL CHARITY AWARD 2013
 World Travel Awards

2013, Berlin, Germany
GOLDEN VICTORIA FOR INTEGRATION
 Deutschlandstiftung Integration

2013, Brescia, Italy
CHARITY AWARD
 Mille Miglia

2014, Berlin, Germany
SCOPUS AWARD
 Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2014, Baden-Baden, Germany
BUSINESS-CHARITY-AWARD
 International Economic Forum Baden-Baden

2014, Paris, France
DIPLOME D'HONNEUR
 Les Clefs d'Or

2015, Bad Nauheim, Germany
EDUCATION-INCLUSIVE-AWARD
 Förderverein Sophie-Scholl-Schule Wetterau

2015, Hannover, Germany
THEODOR LESSING AWARD
 Deutsch-Israelische Gesellschaft Hannover

2015, Tel Aviv, Israel
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
 WIZO

2015, Paris, France
PRIX "THE BEST"
 Massimo Gargia



Cross of Merit "Pro Merito Meltensi" with Crown,
 Sovereign Order of Malta

2016, Marbella, Spain
SEVEN STARS LUXURY AWARD 2016 "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"
 Seven Stars Luxury Hospitality and Lifestyle Awards

2016
CROSS OF MERIT "PRO MERITO MELTENSI" WITH CROWN
 Sovereign Order of Malta

2017, Rome, Italy
WOMAN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE WORLD
 FCEM (Les Femmes Chefs d'Entreprises Mondiales)

2017, Berlin, Germany
THE GOLDEN CITY GATE "FOUNDATION"
 Bundesverband der Deutschen Film- und AV-Produzenten

2017, Bridgetown, Barbados
SILVER CROWN MERIT - NATION AWARD
 Republic of Barbados

2018, Munich, Germany
JUBILEE STAR ABENDZEITUNG
 Abendzeitung München

2018, Munich, Germany
PRIZE OF HONOR BUSINESS WOMEN'S SOCIETY
 Business Women's Society

2018, Kronberg, Germany
HALL OF FAME OF THE GERMAN ECONOMY
 Manager Magazin

2019, Athens, Greece
SEVEN STARS "WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2019"
 Seven Stars Media Corporation

2019, Bad Griedbach, Germany
EAGLE AWARD FOR HUMANITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT
 EAGLES

2021, online, USA
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2021
 WINIT by GBTA

2022, Mallorca, Spain
EUROPE'S CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD 2022
 World Travel Award 2022

2024, Berlin, Germany
EUROPE'S CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD 2024
 World Travel Award 2024

2019, Saint-Maur-des-Fossés, France
GLOIRE AUX MEILLEURS SERVITEURS DE L'HUMANITE
 Ligue Universelle du Bien Public

2023, Monte Carlo, Monaco
ORDRE DE SAINT-CHARLES - CLASSE OFFICIER
 H.S.H. Prince Albert II. de Monaco

2024, Bridgetown, Barbados
ORDER OF THE REPUBLIC
 Republic of Barbados

AMONG MANY OTHERS



Cross of Merit "Pro Merito Meltensi" with Crown,
 Sovereign Order of Malta



Le Grand Prix de la Charte de Paris Contre le Cancer



Seven Stars "Women of the Year"

25 YEARS OF COMPASSION: OUR MILESTONES



2002

- Start of presenting DRYING LITTLE TEARS to the international SIXT Audience at the annual global conference
- Begin Easter Visits in hospitals worldwide – ongoing annually

2003

- First employee initiatives in SIXT countries
- Cooperation with “Ein Herz für Kinder” – live presented at annual gala TV show for millions of viewers

2004

- Cooperation with “German Doctors e.V.”, support of rolling clinics in India, Bangladesh, Philippines

2005

- Highlight project: Little Lambs in Hout Bay, South Africa
- Start of ongoing cooperation with AtemReich GmbH Munich, a day-care center for chronically ill children



2010

- Transformation of the ASSOCIATION into the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid FOUNDATION
- Establishing country representatives of DRYING LITTLE TEARS

2011

- Start of DRYING LITTLE TEARS as the official CSR program of SIXT in 105 countries
- Regine Sixt was awarded the AVEC award in the Château de Versailles for her charity and engagement

2012

- Start of cooperation with Order of Malta worldwide

2013

- Highlight project: New classrooms for the King’s Academy Loitokitok in Kenya



2018

- 115 projects in more than 40 countries
- Growing engagement in the USA

2019

- Charity concert at La Madeleine in Paris
- Auma Obama visits Regines Kinderwiesn and becomes part of the Board of Trustees

2020

- First 300 projects and initiatives completed in over 50 countries
- Support during covid for children and families worldwide through SIXT initiatives together with our partners

2021

- Start of the highlight project: Kinakoni in Kenia together with the Stiftung stern Hilfe für Menschen e.V. and Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V.

THE ORIGIN



BEFORE 2000

- Building the Erika Sixt Daycare Center Schafflach by Hans Sixt
- Private support of individual projects for children in need, like help for pediatric cancer patients from Chernobyl

2000

- Funding of Regine Sixt Children's Aid Association DRYING LITTLE TEARS
- Charity concert in Munich with Christine Esterházy
- First Kinderwiesn right after Damenwiesn – ongoing annually

2001

- First highlight project: Village of Light, Lambarene, Gabon
- Start of worldwide Christmas visits in hospitals – ongoing annually



2006

- Highlight project: Hadassah Medical Center – Computers and equipment for the classroom at the children's clinic
- Emergency aid after earthquake in Pakistan
- Regine Sixt is a founding member of "Aktion Deutschland Hilft e.V." – the biggest German emergency aid foundation

2007

- Highlight project: Guayaquil, Ecuador. Children's ward & medical care together with Fundacion Encuentro

2008

- Charity auction with Wolfgang Joop who paints a car
- Charity concert in Grimaldi Forum, Monaco

2009

- Regine Sixt receives Hadassah Citizen of the World Award
- Start of cooperation with Johanniter International Assistance



2014

- Highlight project: Rebuilding of kindergarten Rise up in Johannesburg, South Africa
- First SIXT area summit and start of the franchise countries involvement in DRYING LITTLE TEARS

2015

- Emergency aid for Kathmandu after a devastating earthquake in Nepal

2016

- Regine Sixt receives the "Pro Meriti Melitensi award" of the Order of Malta for her efforts of DRYING LITTLE TEARS

2017

- Private audience and recognition of DRYING LITTLE TEARS by Pope Francis at the Vatican
- Start of DRYING LITTLE TEARS DAY for all SIXT employees, a paid volunteering day per year for supporting a children institution



2022

- Emergency aid for Ukrainian children affected by war across Europe since day one of the attack
- First "Get active for Charity" initiative – getting SIXT employees worldwide involved

2023

- Highlight project: Bamenda – a safe house for refugee children in Cameroon supported with Malteser International

2024

- The foundation completed more than 400 projects in over 65 countries

2025

- Celebrating 25 YEARS of DRYING LITTLE TEARS



BUILDING GLOBAL HOPE: THE FIRST DECADE OF DRYING LITTLE TEARS

In the landscape of corporate philanthropy, only few initiatives have demonstrated such remarkable growth and impact as Regine Sixt's Children's Aid Foundation. What began as a series of humanitarian projects supporting pediatric cancer patients from Chernobyl in the late 1990s, has blossomed into a global force for children's welfare, touching lives across continents and cultures.

"Giving back to society" has always been a mantra of the Sixt family. Already Hans and Erika Sixt have practiced this applied value in the 70s and 80s, for example by founding the Erika Sixt Kindergarten in Schaftlach, Bavaria. But it was Regine Sixt who bundled the humanitarian efforts, professionalized them and rolled them out globally. The organization's official establishment in the year 2000 marked the beginning of this extraordinary journey. Regine Sixt's encounter with a crying boy named Christopher, who was seriously ill with cancer, that took place at the children's clinic of the Schwabing hospital, gave the organization its name DRYING LITTLE TEARS. She accomplishes this mission by fulfilling Christopher's biggest dream: a meeting with Michael Schumacher at the Formula 1 race in Monte Carlo!

Other concrete aid measures in the early days were the delivery of treatments in Munich for Ukrainian children with cancer, suffering from the consequences of Chernobyl, or for a boy brought from the Balkans to receive the best possible therapy on the Isar.

With the inaugural founding concert in the year 2000 featuring opera star Christine Esterházy as well as with the launch of the first Kinderwiesn that followed the legendary Damenwiesn, the organization immediately set a precedent for combining high-profile cultural events with meaningful charitable impact. Within its first year, the foundation rolled out its activities into over 40 SIXT countries that existed at the turn of the millennium, demonstrating an unprecedented scale of corporate social responsibility.



THE ORIGIN

The early years saw a rapid expansion of both scope and impact. The Village of Light project in Lambarene, Gabon, launched at that time, became one of the foundation's first flagship international initiatives, followed by the support of the Björn Schulz Foundation Hospice in Berlin. These projects exemplified DRYING LITTLE TEARS' dual approach: addressing both acute medical needs and providing long-term support structures for children and their families.

Through strategic partnerships, the foundation amplified its reach exponentially. Collaborations with organizations like Doctors for the 3rd World, the Maltesers, the Johanniters, Christus König and Ein Herz für Kinder which reached millions of TV appearances for Regine Sixt's organization, demonstrated the association's ability to leverage partnerships for maximum impact. The cooperation with the Hadasah Medical Center in Jerusalem particularly highlighted the foundation's commitment to crossing cultural and political boundaries in service of the kid's welfare by equipping the children's intensive care unit.

Cultural diplomacy played a crucial role in the foundation's development. Regine Sixt used the Annual Global Conferences of SIXT to promote DRYING LITTLE TEARS, showcasing the activities of the first decade at conferences from Munich via Salzburg to Budapest and Istanbul. These events reached thousands of participants and guests from partnering aid organizations. Highlights were the performances of charity concerts in iconic venues like Venice's Chiesa di Santa Maria Formosa, Vienna's Imperial Chapel, or the Hagia Irene at the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, creating unique platforms for raising awareness and building support networks.

The foundation's response to crises demonstrated its agility and commitment. From providing emergency aid after the Pakistan earthquake in 2006 to establishing the House of Hope in Mindanao, Philippines, in 2009, the organization consistently showed its ability to mobilize resources rapidly while maintaining focus on sustainable impact.

Celebrity endorsements added another dimension to the foundation's reach. Collaborations with sports figures like Michael Schumacher, Michael Ballack, Lukas Podolski, David Odonkor and Lothar Matthäus, along with artists like Wolfgang Joop and Bushido, and with a great variety of opera stars like Thomas Hampson, Michael Schade, Ildikó Raimondi or Lucia Aliberti, as well as movie and TV stars like Dr. Maria Furtwängler, Sunnyi Melles or Kai Pflaume, helped to bring attention to children's causes while leveraging the foundation's sophisticated image.

The transformation from an association to a powerful foundation in 2010 marked a fitting culmination of the first decade, setting the stage for even greater impact. This structural evolution, combined with the establishment of personal ambassadors of the foundation and expanded partnerships, positioned the organization for its next phase of growth.

Throughout these first ten years, DRYING LITTLE TEARS maintained an impressive balance between high-profile events and grass-roots impact. From the Erika Sixt Kindergarten in Schaftlach to the Luc Sy Tham Kindergarten in Vietnam, each project reflected the organization's commitment to creating lasting positive change in children's lives.

As the foundation entered its second decade, it had established itself as more than just a corporate philanthropy initiative: It had become a global movement, bringing together business excellence, cultural sophistication and humanitarian compassion in service of the world's most vulnerable children. The foundation's first ten years set a new standard for corporate social responsibility, proving that with vision, dedication and strategic execution, a highly motivated family can be a powerful force for positive change in the world.



BEHIND THE SCENES: PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



This interview with Dr. Julian zu Putlitz shows the multi-layered work that is required to provide concrete help every day. He has been supporting DRYING LITTLE TEARS since 2009, so he offers unique insights into the organization's evolution and success. Dr. Julian zu Putlitz played a pivotal role in transforming the original association into a foundation in 2010 and in establishing the CSR partnership agreement between the foundation and SIXT SE.

The interview, conducted by Christoph Santner, reflects the foundation's professional governance and heartfelt mission, demonstrating how corporate excellence and humanitarian compassion work hand in hand to create lasting impact.

Question: You have been supporting DRYING LITTLE TEARS since 2009. There are very few people who have worked with Mrs Regine Sixt for such a long time. So, what have you noticed about her over the years? What do you think is her motivation?

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: From my perception, it is an absolute matter of the heart for her. This expression describes her essential driving force best. Her motivation comes from her heart and she is completely selfless in this. That's why I am so enthusiastic myself and am happy to serve this good cause. This field of work deserves engagement, and I find the founder's commitment truly admirable.

Question: The fact that DRYING LITTLE TEARS is also SIXT SE's CSR program is a unique thing. Just like the fact that the work of the children's aid foundation always takes up wide space at SIXT World Congresses, where Mrs Sixt and her team inform the top management about the latest developments so that they can then engage worldwide.

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: Exactly. It's not necessarily obvious that a car rental company, this international mobility service provider SIXT, would engage so much for children in need. This great commitment is thanks to Mrs. Sixt's very personal engagement and drive. With great persistence she has given the children's aid its rightful place: Be it on the agenda of major congresses, at various events, or at wonderful concerts throughout Europe. This helps primarily the aid projects, but also for the company this association is very positive, because Mrs. Sixt sets the highest standards. Her events and concerts always take place at the peak level and at top quality.

Question: What was your role from the beginning?

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: Right at the start, I was one of the initiators who, together with Dr. Lieselotte Otto as legal expert, developed the CSR partnership agreement between the Children's Aid Foundation and SIXT company. This agreement gave the whole setting a clear framework that is beneficial for both sides - not in economic terms, since everything here is non-commercial, but to make the best possible use of the partnership and the radiating effect.

Question: How did the transformation of the original association into a foundation take place? That was in 2011, right?

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: The certificate of recognition was issued on December 17, 2010, and recognized by the Government of Upper Bavaria in that same month. However, the ceremonial handover of the certificate took place in 2011 at the seat of the Government of Bavaria.

Question: What is your specific role on the board, which is very professionally set up with Alexander and Konstantin Sixt, with you and with Dr. Andrew Mountstephens next to Regine Sixt as the founder of the organization ?

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: My main task is managing all of the foundation's financial matters of the foundation and overseeing its the operational day-to-day work. As mentioned: The foundation is also the company's official CSR project. Thankfully, Dr. Andrew Mountstephens has also been on to the board for several years now, and I jointly oversee daily operations with him.

Of course, we must not forget the daily work done by the foundation's team – Ms Colette Richartz, Mr Thada Thomas Walter and other staff members, and especially Mr Luis Roever, who carries a significant part of the work in the background, such as preparing documents, contracts and payments.

Question: What exactly was the difference between the original association, which was founded in 2000, and then the foundation in its current legal form?

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: These are very different institutional forms. An association (“Verein”) lives from its members, a foundation on the other hand from its founders - in this case from Regine Sixt. A foundation is an independent institution endowed with capital and it has per se no members, but various committees. The challenge was primarily to create the right connections between foundation and company while maintaining the necessary arm's length distance. That's why the CSR partnership agreement was so important - it defined clear rules and role distributions, leaving no room for misunderstandings.

Question: Let's talk briefly about history. It began with Mrs. Sixt bringing children from Chernobyl to Germany for cancer treatments, supported by Lufthansa. This was her early engagement with children's cancer wards in German hospitals. Soon after there were Christmas activities in these hospitals, for which Mrs. Sixt activated her network with celebrities like Michael Schumacher, Boris Becker, Henry Maske, Michael Ballack or with Dr. Maria Furtwängler, who is not only an actress but also works with “Doctors for the Third World”. What were the special highlights from your perspective?

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: All the events that Mrs. Sixt organized in the name of children's aid were always quite extraordinary! Particularly memorable for me were the phenomenal charity concerts as part of the SIXT World Conferences, especially in St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna and the truly impressive concert in Rome. Also important was how Mrs. Sixt created space for children's aid within the company – at leadership conferences, at the Annual Global Conventions, at international meetings in Pullach. This shows her genuine passion for the cause, with which she has reached many people and motivated them to engage.

Many employees today take the initiative themselves and ask the foundation to support their local projects. I find this form of engagement particularly valuable.

For me, it's less about the event character and more about the engagement effect. For example, the SIXT franchisee in the Czech Republic was won over to independently advance the topic in his country, as many other franchisees are doing now. It was also particularly positive when Alexander and Konstantin Sixt initiated the Christmas activities, which originally began in Rostock and have since expanded to many countries where SIXT is active. Many employees today take the initiative themselves and ask the foundation to support their local projects. I find this form of engagement particularly valuable.

Question: There were always creative events alongside the concerts, such as with Wolfgang Joop, who painted on a real car for the foundation.

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: Yes, I remember the car painting well. The operational implementation was not easy, but the event attracted great attention and was a good promotional effect for the foundation. The car was painted with colorful graffiti and the proceeds went to the foundation.

Question: How will your engagement continue now, from the 25th anniversary on?

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz: I am of course willing to continue serving this cause in the future, because the suffering children worldwide, whom this is all about, more than deserve our fullest efforts to continue working for them! I will certainly continue to support Mrs. Sixt's admirable commitment, together with many others who have dedicated themselves to the mission of drying little tears.

WHEN MELODIES MEET MERCY: THE CLASSICAL CHARITY CONCERTS

Regine Sixt knows one thing for sure: The universal language of music has the unique ability to unite people across all walks of life, making it the perfect medium to raise awareness and support for children in need.

Her legendary classical gala concerts started right at the beginning of DRYING LITTLE TEARS in the year 2000. The first event of the newly founded organization was a magnificent charity concert in Munich's Herkules Hall, featuring opera singer Christine Esterházy von Galántha. Erich Sixt gave an impressive speech that moved the audience deeply. Since then, a series of outstanding musical events of world-class standards have taken place in a way that is unparalleled.

In these more than two decades, Regine Sixt's charity concerts have always created magical moments. Enjoyment and empathy have united to open the hearts for the causes that really matter. Due to her deep knowledge of the music world, she compiled programs that were truly journeys through the highlights of classical music. She assembled programs of composers who are famous for expressing deep emotions that complement the foundation's mission perfectly. Audiences have therefore enjoyed masterpieces from Johann Sebastian Bach, Georg Friedrich Händel, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Schubert, leading to the great Italian composers Giuseppe Verdi, Vincenzo Bellini, Gioachino Rossi

and Giacomo Puccini. The highlight of this universal musical language that brought people together was surely the Orchestra of Cultures, which united instruments and traditions from all parts of the world. The audience who attended will never forget the extraordinary performance and world premiere of the SIXT Symphony, composed and conducted by Adran Werum with his multicultural orchestra and outstanding voices from all parts of the world.



THE ORIGIN



Regine Sixt's special friendships in the world of classical music enabled her to repeatedly engage the world's greatest opera stars such as Thomas Hampson, Francisco Araiza, Michael Schade, Jorge Puerta, Ildikó Raimondi, Daniela Pini, Aida Pascu or Lucia Aliberti. Additionally to the music, actress Sunny Melles Princess Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn recited poetic and biblical texts that drew a line from the world of music to the foundation's mission.

The venues and cathedrals selected by the founder of the aid organization always provided the perfect space for the world-class orchestras under the direction of renowned conductors. Leading choirs were also heard, and special highlights included the Vienna Boys' Choir, Les Petits Chanteurs de Monaco and the Tölz Boys' Choir.

Whenever melodies meets mercy, something extraordinary happens — people don't just hear about a cause, they feel it in their hearts. So, these unforgettable concerts created a unique alchemy by transforming artistic talent into tangible support for vulnerable children. In this shared experience of musical delight, strangers became supporters united in their desire to make a difference.

2000, MUNICH

Classical concert with Christine Esterházy, Herkules Hall

2002, MUNICH

Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Peter's Church

2005, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Imperial Court Chapel

2006, VENICE, ITALY

Chiesa di Santa Maria Formosa

2007, SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

St. Peter's Church

2008, MONTE CARLO, MONACO

Grimaldi Forum

2009 AND MORE, SPEIGHTSTOWN, BARBADOS

St. Peter's Parish Church, Flower & Garden Festival

2010, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Hagia Irene at the Topkapi Palace

2010, HAMBURG, BERLIN, MUNICH

Charity concerts with star pianist Josef Bulva

2011, BERLIN

Cathedral of Berlin

2013, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

St. Stephen's Cathedral

2015, MONTE CARLO, MONACO

Cathédrale Notre-Dame-Immaculée

2016, VALLETTA, MALTA

St. John's Co-Cathedral

2017, ROME, ITALY

Basilica Santa Maria Degli Angeli

2018, MARRAKESH, MOROCCO

Théâtre Royal

2019, MUNICH

Orchestra of Cultures, Tölz Boy's Choir

2019, PARIS

La Madeleine

2022, MONTE CARLO, MONACO

Cathédrale Notre-Dame-Immaculée

2024, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

St. Stephen's Cathedral



BLESSING THE MISSION: POPE FRANCIS HONORS DRYING LITTLE TEARS AND REGINE SIXT



It was truly a historic moment and a moving testament to charitable service when Pope Francis granted an audience to Regine Sixt and members of the global Sixt family in the Vatican on November 4th, 2017. The encounter centered on their shared dedication to helping children in need through the DRYING LITTLE TEARS foundation, which has supported humanitarian projects across 65 countries.

During this meaningful audience, Pope Francis and Regine Sixt exchanged their visions on the mutual concern for society's most vulnerable members. The Holy Father acknowledged the foundation's practical approach to humanitarian work, particularly commending its efforts to make positive change through targeted projects that help children in need.

The exchange reflected the deep commitment to children's welfare from both perspectives: Regine Sixt shared the foundation's mission to support vulnerable young people, while Pope Francis offered guidance and encouragement for this important work. The audience concluded with the Pope's Apostolic Blessing for the foundation's continuing mission to serve children worldwide. The following are their touching exchanges, which capture the spirit of this meaningful occasion:

REMARKS OF MRS. REGINE SIXT TO POPE FRANCIS,

November 4th, 2017

MOST HOLY FATHER,

All of us, who gathered here today in the heart of the Vatican, came like pilgrims from all parts of the world, to humbly pay respect to Your Holiness – as “Omnes viae Romam ducunt”.

We admire you for your work, as you go out and reach out to the poor, the refugees and to the periphery of our society. Your Holiness, you are a leading example for all of us!

It is beautiful to see how you interact with children, whenever you meet them. We admire you for your devotion for suffering children around the world, which the global Sixt family and me myself try to match – in due form – with the work of our Children’s Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS. We try to dry little tears of the most vulnerable members of our society, the children of the world.

Those few minutes, which you allowed us to stand next to you, will embrace our hearts and our souls for the rest of our lives. May we be included in your prayers for the times to come.

I do not know if it is due to me, but may I ask you for your graciousness to give your special blessing to my three grandchildren Johanna, Raphael and Ferdinand, who just discovered the world with their twinkling eyes – and your blessing for the big part of the Sixt family, who gathered here today and for the entire Sixt family around the globe.

Your Holiness, thank you for giving us the chance to be with you today!

REMARKS OF POPE FRANCIS TO SIXT,

November 4th, 2017

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE SIXT FAMILY, DEAR FRIENDS,

I offer a warm welcome to you, the representatives of the SIXT company from throughout the world. I thank Mrs. Regina Sixt for her introduction, which spoke of your shared commitment to works of charity, carried out through the DRYING LITTLE TEARS Foundation and aimed above all at helping children in various situations of need.

These efforts allow you the opportunity to make your professional activity a noble vocation, by recognizing a greater meaning in life. Beyond personal and financial success, you are striving to serve the common good by working to increase the goods of this world and to make them more available to all (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 203).

You have assembled here in Rome to meet the Successor of Peter, who has a special place in his heart for the least and the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Such are our children. Drying their tears through concrete projects of assistance is a way of combatting the culture of waste and helping to build a more humane society.

THE NEXT 25 YEARS: THE LEGACY OF LOVE EVOLVES

Celebrating its 25th anniversary and looking toward the next quarter-century, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation stands not only as a testament to transformative impact but also as a bright beacon, illuminating an even more ambitious future. What began as one woman's vision to bring hope to children in need has blossomed into a global force for positive change, touching the lives of many thousands of kids across more than 65 countries. The enormous number of more than 400 projects has been successfully implemented and realised. For DRYING LITTLE TEARS, this milestone marks the beginning of its next 25 years of innovation and impact.

The foundation's strategic vision for the next 25 years builds upon its proven four-pillar approach - Health, Welfare, Education and Emergency Aid - while dramatically expanding its reach and innovation. With SIXT SE's continued global development into new territories, DRYING LITTLE TEARS envisions touching children's lives in every corner of the world where SIXT operates over the next quarter-century.

In the realm of HEALTH, the foundation is pioneering new partnerships with leading medical institutions, research centers and hospitals for the next 25 years, ensuring that children worldwide have access to cutting-edge medical care. Future initiatives will incorporate telemedicine capabilities, enabling remote consultations with specialists and expanding the reach of pediatric expertise to underserved regions.

The WELFARE pillar is evolving to meet the challenges of the future with innovative programs designed to address the changing needs of children in an increasingly complex world.

EDUCATION remains a cornerstone of the foundation's mission for the coming years, with ambitious plans to harness technology for learning. Future projects will blend traditional educational support with digital innovation, ensuring children have the tools they need to thrive in tomorrow's world.

The EMERGENCY AID program is being enhanced with strengthened partnerships with international relief organizations, enabling even swifter action when disasters strike throughout the next 25 years. This evolution reflects the foundation's commitment to being there when children need help most urgently.

The outstanding DRYING LITTLE TEARS DAY initiative is set for expansion over the next quarter-century, with plans to engage even more SIXT employees worldwide in meaningful volunteer opportunities. This program, which allows every SIXT employee one paid day per year for charitable work, will be enhanced with new digital platforms facilitating project selection and impact tracking.

“We should not only wish for a better world, we should build it.”

Regine Sixt

Looking ahead, DRYING LITTLE TEARS is forging even more strategic alliances with leading children’s advocacy organizations, healthcare initiatives and educational institutions. These partnerships will multiply the foundation’s impact while bringing innovative approaches to addressing children’s needs.

As the foundation steps into its next 25 years, it remains steadfast in its core mission while embracing innovation and expansion. The future of DRYING LITTLE TEARS is not just about growing numbers – it’s about deepening impact, fostering lasting change and ensuring that every child touched by the foundation’s work has the opportunity to thrive. The growing problems for so many children in need worldwide clearly ask for courageous actions.

Regine Sixt’s original vision of drying little tears continues to evolve, expanding into new territories while remaining true to its foundational purpose. As the foundation embarks on its next quarter-century, it carries forward a legacy of compassion while pioneering new ways to bring hope and healing to children worldwide. In this next chapter, DRYING LITTLE TEARS stands ready to meet the challenges of the next 25 years with the same dedication, innovation and brave heart that has defined its first decades of service.

WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY

The success of the projects of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid DRYING LITTLE TEARS depends on trustful cooperation with national and international partners. We strive to build lasting partnerships with institutions and organizations and to maintain them beyond the duration of the project.

In doing so, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid attaches particular importance to the selection of reliable and experienced partners who are characterized by special expertise in their field as well as a comprehensive wealth of experience and clearly visible commitment.

Thanks to the far-reaching national and international network, which has grown continuously over the years and is also shaped by the foundress and namesake Regine Sixt herself, outstanding ambassadors and renowned project partners have also enriched the work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid in the last 25 years.



THE IMPACT



A QUARTER-CENTURY OF IMPACT: GIVING CHILDREN THE STAGE TO SHARE THEIR STORIES



“I really like it at OneTeam. I like the collaboration with the different teams. There are no winners or losers, and if you lose, you’re not laughed at. I’m good at shooting baskets. The other guys are nice, and I get along well with them. The coach is really good; he encourages you when you’re not so good at something, and then you can do it. I like that they give you Adidas shoes and water if you’ve forgotten your drink. Next time we’ll do something special; I like surprises. Many thanks to the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation for making this possible together with FC Bayern Basketball!”

Rebecca
Waisenhaus München

For 25 years, the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid has touched the lives of countless children, providing them with opportunities, support, and a brighter future. Over the years, many have benefited from the initiative, and now it’s time to give them a platform to share their stories. In this chapter, we celebrate their journeys, highlighting the impact the program has had on their lives and how it continues to shape their futures.



“When we came to Germany, everything was new and I was scared about the future. Now we have been here for two years already, and I really like to go to the day-care center and meet my friends here everyday.”

Ukrainian children
Ukrainian children from the Schele School in the former St. Gabriel Monastery

THE IMPACT



“My name is Mila, and I am 4 years old. I love animals very much. When we visited with the Regine Sixt Foundation Gut Aiderbichl, a place where older animals are cared for, I was very happy. I saw and fed sheep and goats, stroked cats, and saw llamas and camels. I also brushed ponies. Horses are my greatest love. Thank you for such a wonderful trip.”

Milana

Partnerschaftsverein Pullach e.V.



“My name is Mary, in the Food and Nutrition Workshop we had a lot of fun learning the different nutritional values of food working with parents to harvest and prepare food in the new kitchen and sharing in the meal. I have learnt that we have a variety of food that helps in preventing diseases, we already grow this food e.g. cassava and sweet potatoes and we shall now use the kitchen to learn new methods of cooking them. The kitchen is very clean and modern, it was my first time to use the equipment and it’s easy to operate. Thank You Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation, thank you Sauti Kuu!”

Mary

Sauti Kuu



“Such a great day on Oktoberfest with Regine Sixt, I got lots of lovely presents and rode some fun rides. The woman with the orange scarf rode a scooter with me, that was sooo funny. I really want to go there again, because i laughed a lot with my mom and i loved all the beautiful orange Luftdabons (balloons)”

Finn

Hauner Verein



“My name is Timothy, and I am 3 years old. In September 2023, I came to Germany from Ukraine with my mother and sister. Although I am small, I really enjoyed the holiday because I had the chance to ride in cars and trains. I also loved the delicious strawberry dessert with chocolate coating. Thank you for the opportunity to visit Oktoberfest!”

Timothy

Partnerschaftsverein Pullach e.V.

GREETINGS FROM THE HEART



Dr. Markus Söder
Minister-President of Bavaria

For 25 years, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been doing outstanding work for the well-being of the little ones. It implements a wide range of projects for children in need around the world. It creates educational opportunities, promotes medical care, provides welfare and grants assistance in emergency situations.

This requires the willingness of volunteers, which both the founder and the company's employees around the world have impressively demonstrated. DRYING LITTLE TEARS is an example of the effective combination of entrepreneurial success and social commitment.

Thanks and recognition for the great effort and congratulations on your anniversary!

THE IMPACT

Over the past decades, Regine Sixt has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to supporting the Jewish community, dedicating herself to preserving its rich history and ensuring its future. Through various initiatives and heartfelt engagements, she has fostered understanding, respect, and solidarity, creating lasting partnerships and supporting numerous projects that strengthen Jewish culture and heritage. Her unwavering dedication continues to inspire and uplift communities, leaving a profound impact on both individuals and the wider society.



Dr h.c. mult. Charlotte Knobloch

President of the Jewish Community
of Munich and Upper Bavaria

DRYING LITTLE TEARS – the name of the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation says it all. Anyone who dries tears is reaching out to a child. They look them in the face, take their pain seriously, offer comfort and provide relief.

That’s Regine Sixt - and that’s how her great foundation works. For 25 years, she has been making the world a better place with Regine’s infectious power, compassion, generosity and success.

Congratulations! Mazel tov – to the next successful 25 years!



Dr. med. Manno Saks

President Hadassah International

The Hadassah Hospitals in Jerusalem take care of the diverse population of the city. The Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation has been a strong and reliable partner in supporting the education of our hospitalized children in the department of pediatrics.

Hadassah is extremely grateful for the personal engagement and visits of Mrs. Sixt and looks forward to the continued collaboration of the foundation, thereby giving our little patients the chance to heal and have access to schooling at the same time.

GREETINGS FROM THE HEART



Douglas Graf von Saurma-Jeltsch
President Malteser International Europe

In the Order of Malta, with our nearly 1,000 years history of charitable works, we believe that only a life lived for others is a good life. Helping the needy is our *raison d'être*. Lending a hand to the suffering and the underprivileged children is our commitment and our passion. I am sure that this motivation connects our work deeply with the dedication of Regine Sixt.

Our common engagement in making the world a better place for the next generation is the glue between our organizations. This powerful vision is stronger than any frustration or fear. So, our cooperation in drying little tears worldwide is truly an aim worth striving for.

More than a decade ago I first met Regine Sixt on the steps of the great audience hall at the Vatican. I was immediately inspired by her strong will and her incredible commitment to help children in need. Between that first encounter and the remarkable private Papal audience on the 4th of November 2017 for the global SIXT family, we have realized a series of important undertakings together. So far, our cooperation has implemented more than 40 projects all over the world. They give joy and hope to so many children today. During this time, I have always experienced Regine Sixt as a visionary, an entrepreneur and a philanthropist.

She acts with tremendous determination and commitment when it comes to issues of integration and humanitarian projects. For me, she is like a burning candle that lights a thousand others, so that the darkness of this world is defeated with illumination and hope. As we all know, she built up a highly successful global company with her husband Erich Sixt. This experience gave her the skills to perform also her humanitarian and philanthropic work with highest professionalism. Representing the International Marketing of SIXT SE, she travels every continent. So, she experienced the misery in developing countries. But she does not close her eyes to the suffering of the world. I can confirm that she makes a true difference for thousands of children in need worldwide.

Whatever she undertakes together with us, results in clear benefits and more comfort for the little ones. The projects may be providing young Syrian refugees with food and school materials; restoring a soccer pitch and a sports hall in Brazil to keep children off the streets and protect them from crime and drugs; or extending support to Roma and Sinti children in Slovakia and Hungary.

These are just three examples of the many incredibly valuable projects that the Order of Malta was able to carry out thanks to the assistance offered by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and its highly professional team.



H.R.H. Dr. Oskar Prince of Prussia

Master of the Order of St. John

For many years, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been supporting various institutions of the Johanniter Association around the world in fulfilling their diaconal mission. We appreciate this cooperation and are very grateful for it.



Cornelia Völklein

Förderkreis krebskranke Kinder e.V.

We are delighted that the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been a strong partner of ours for many years, standing by the side of seriously ill children. In particular, our family home for families with children suffering from cancer has already been supported several times. We are grateful for the flexible and uncomplicated cooperation, which ensures that help arrives exactly where it is needed. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and wish you continued success for the coming years!

GREETINGS FROM THE HEART



Monsignore Prof. Dr. Dr. Rudolf Michael Schmitz

Vicar General of the Institute of Christ the King,
Sovereign Priest

For many years, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has supported the young community of the Institute of Christ the King in its work on the periphery of society for the benefit of poor and needy children, especially in Africa, but also in difficult situations in large cities in Europe and the USA. The children are happy about the important help for their education and their human security.

We greatly appreciate the fact that Mrs. Regine Sixt, as President of the Foundation, is always happy to personally take care of each individual project.



Dr. Auma Obama

Founder of the Sauti Kuu Foundation

As Africa Ambassador, I naturally very much welcome the commitment of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS to the Kenyan village of Kinakoni. Education is the key to a fulfilled life and therefore of central importance for overcoming poverty and starvation.



Andreas Hautmann

Member of the Bavarian Regional Board
of Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V.

On behalf of all the supported projects of the Johanniters, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS. Their many years of support and partnership are invaluable, especially for our Lacrima project. Here, children and young people who have lost a loved one find comfort and support.

Such enduring partnerships are at the heart of sustainable aid. Together we create a stable network for the youngest members of our society. Thank you very much!



Prof. Dr. med. Peter Ewert

Medical Director of the German Heart Center Munich

Dear Mrs. Sixt,

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your generous support in purchasing our new emergency carts. Your contribution allows us to equip all five departments with high-quality, standardized carts, which is essential for the survival of our young patients in critical moments. Your support makes a significant difference in the care of our patients.

Thank you once again for your dedication and generosity.

GREETINGS FROM THE HEART



Katrin Breu

Munich Orphanage Management

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been supporting the Munich orphanage for years now. With the help of the foundation, we were able to renovate our gym. Now we are looking forward to a new climbing frame and a playground for little children. Thanks to the foundation, our summer parties and sports festivals become unforgettable events for the kids. Working together on joint projects is always a pleasure.

Thank you very much!



Michael Becking

Head of the School Country Home,
Education and Meeting Center Wartaweil

For many years, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been supporting our school country home under the label DRYING LITTLE TEARS. Thanks to this help, projects such as a year-round curling rink, a free-standing climbing wall and the renovation of the rooms have been realized.

In addition to financial support, dedicated employees also lend a helping hand. This year, we are particularly looking forward to redesigning the herb garden together. These special projects create valuable experiences and unforgettable memories for the children who visit our center year after year.



Prof. Richard Delorme

Hôpital Robert Debré

On behalf of all the professionals, children and their families, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the DRYING LITTLE TEARS Foundation and its founder, Mrs Regine Sixt, as well as Mr Doyen, SIXT President Europe, for their invaluable support to the child psychiatry department at the Robert-Debré hospital in Paris (France).

Your generosity has enabled us to significantly improve the day-to-day lives of young patients by providing them with spaces adapted to their well-being. These initiatives bring comfort and lightness, transforming realities into happy prospects. Your commitment sends out a message of hope and solidarity. It reminds these children and their families that they are not alone in their journey. This caring presence plays a major role in their recovery.

DRYING LITTLE TEARS Foundation: your involvement and unwavering support make all the difference. Your commitment is a perfect illustration of the values you stand for: humanity, generosity and commitment to the most vulnerable children. We are fortunate to have you by our side and grateful to be able to count on partners who share our values and missions. Together, we will continue to provide a healing environment and bring smiles back to the faces of these young patients.

Thank you very much.



Ursula Espeter and Markus Schnorrenberg

Management of TABALiNGO Sport & Kultur integrativ e.V., Stolberg, Rheinland

We have been working with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation for many years. The last joint project was the construction of our bouldering center.

As a non-profit organisation, we rely on the support of foundations like yours. Only in this way can plans and projects be realized. We are very grateful to the founder for her initiative!

We are particularly looking forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of our children and young people and wish the foundation all the best!

GREETINGS FROM THE HEART



Amanda Jones

Philanthropy Manager, Alder Hey Children's Charity

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has achieved remarkable milestones in its mission to support children in need over the past 25 years. One of its most notable achievements is the foundation's global reach — expanding its presence to support projects in over 100 countries. This worldwide impact highlights its unwavering commitment to helping children, regardless of geographical boundaries. Providing access to education has been particularly impactful, with the construction and renovation of schools, learning centers, and libraries empowering countless children with the tools they need to build brighter futures.

The Foundation consistently demonstrates its ability to set a clear vision and pursue it with focus and determination. With many of our goals clearly aligned, we have worked collaboratively to realize many projects over the last ten years. The leadership team has always been fully supportive and committed to helping us achieve our shared mission of improving the lives of children and young people. Celebrating this 25-year milestone is a testament to the foundation's enduring dedication to making a difference. On behalf of everyone at the Alder Hey Children's Charity, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

The next chapter of Regine Sixt Children's Aid promises even greater opportunities to bring care and joy to children around the world. We look forward to seeing the incredible impact it will continue to achieve over the next 25 years.



Conal Presho

Head of Fundraising ARK

On behalf of Ark, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation on the remarkable milestone of your 25th anniversary!

We are deeply grateful for your generous support in equipping the Ark Start Nursery at Ark Globe Academy. Your contributions have created a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for our children, giving them access to resources and opportunities that are setting them up and will help shape their futures. Here is a quote from a child at Ark Start Globe: "I like nursery because it's so nice that I never want to go home." Your foundation's unwavering commitment to improving the lives of children worldwide is truly inspiring. The impact of DRYING LITTLE TEARS resonates deeply, not only through your incredible work in education, health, welfare and emergency aid but also through the passion of SIXT employees who champion these initiatives in over 110 countries. By supporting facilities for all-day childcare and educational programmes, you empower children to dream, grow and thrive.

Your global efforts, from addressing medical needs to fostering access to education, have been transformative for countless lives, and we are honoured to have been a part of this journey through your support of Ark Start.

Thank you, Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, for your dedication and for believing in the potential of every child. Together, we are building a brighter future!

BUILDING BRIDGES OF HOPE: PARTNERS IN CREATING GLOBAL IMPACT

For a quarter of a century, your trust and partnership have formed the basis of our mission to bring hope and support to children in need around the globe. The collaborative spirit we've fostered with countless organizations in the humanitarian sector has enabled us to implement transformative projects that have forever changed young lives and communities worldwide.

Together, we've turned ambitious visions into tangible realities, creating lasting impacts and paving the way for brighter futures. Your expertise, dedication and shared commitment to improving children's lives have been instrumental in every success we've achieved.

Some of our valued project partners:



THE IMPACT



DRYING LITTLE TEARS: MORE THAN JUST THE OFFICIAL CSR PROGRAM OF SIXT SE



Nico Gabriel

Member of the Management Board / COO

25 YEARS OF IMPACT AND COMMITMENT

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is an impressive example of what sincere commitment can achieve and that persistence and determination always pay off. Regine Sixt has been the driving force behind the foundation from its very beginning. It is thanks to her that this commitment is also deeply rooted in our corporate culture and also shapes the way we as a company think about responsibility. Having been part of SIXT for many years, I know how much this foundation also means to our employees. Congratulations on this impressive milestone!



Vinzenz Pflanz

Member of the Management Board / CBO

WHEN BUSINESS AND RESPONSIBILITY GO HAND IN HAND

Beyond the mere numbers of supported projects, it is the passion behind the work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation that makes the difference. To see the commitment, passion, will and love of Regine Sixt over such a number of years has both inspired and humbled me in the face of the Sixt family's life's work. It reminds us all of what is possible when business and responsibility go hand in hand. Congratulations on this remarkable and unmatched achievement!

THE IMPACT

This year marks a remarkable milestone, as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of DRYING LITTLE TEARS, the charity program founded by Regine Sixt that has since become the cornerstone of the corporate social responsibility efforts of SIXT SE. What began as a personal commitment to help children in need has blossomed into a global initiative, bringing hope and support to thousands of young lives. Reflecting on this anniversary, the board is highlighting the lasting impact of this program and reaffirms their dedication to continue Regine Sixt's vision of creating positive, tangible change for the most vulnerable in society.



Dr. Franz Weinberger

Member of the Management Board / CFO

25 YEARS OF IMPACT BY EXAMPLE

Over the last 25 years, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has achieved remarkable impact by supporting more than 400 projects in over 65 countries. This is the result of the relentless dedication of Regine Sixt, which has inspired many at SIXT. I have had the privilege of working with some of those who have been committed to these causes for years, and their dedication to these values has shaped my own path. I am grateful to carry this spirit forward and applaud this remarkable milestone!



Friederike-Katharina Reichenberger

President People & Culture

25 YEARS OF IMPACT AND INSPIRATION

For 25 years, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been a beacon of hope for children in need worldwide. It has provided support for projects in the areas of health, education, welfare and emergency aid. This success is inseparable from the tireless dedication of Regine Sixt herself, whose passion and commitment inspire us all. As someone who grew into leadership at SIXT, I deeply admire how this foundation embodies our values of responsibility and care. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone!



HEALTH

Every child has the right to medical assistance and care in case of illness. That's why we build hospitals, mobile medical facilities, and intensive care units in children's clinics. We provide medical equipment, and our employees visit sick children worldwide to offer them strength and courage.

Regine Sixt is in constant communication with doctors worldwide to assess the needs of children suffering from health issues. It is crucial to ensure that the medical equipment and machines we provide are sustainable. Additionally, some of our projects focus on another important aspect: we create safe spaces in hospitals, such as play areas and family rooms, which can be used during hospital stays. Studies have shown that these spaces help calm children and accelerate the healing process.





SHELTERING YOUNG DREAMS: CHILDREN'S PARADISE ENHANCED

**BILD HILFT e.V. "EIN HERZ FÜR KINDER"
SOUTH AFRICA, CAPE TOWN (2011-2013)**

The Little Lambs Kindergarten has transformed into a childhood development oasis through comprehensive support from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. Building upon earlier playground renovations completed with BILD hilft e.V. "Ein Herz für Kinder", the foundation undertook an extensive facility upgrade addressing both structural necessities and quality-of-life improvements. Critical repairs fixed roof damage and wall cracks, while fresh paint revitalized classrooms. Modern sanitary facilities enhanced daily comfort.

The most impactful changes came from outdoor space additions. New sun roofs over sandboxes now protect children at play, while an expanded canopy over a classroom's forecourt revolutionized space utilization. This sheltered area provides relief from Cape Town's intense summer heat, allowing outdoor classes and meals when indoor temperatures become uncomfortable. The versatile covered space also offers protection during rainy seasons, ensuring an environment where children receive nutritious meals and care to learn and grow.

PEDIATRIC CARE: EXPANDING HORIZONS IN THE HOLY CITY

**HADASSAH MEDICAL CENTER /
BILD HILFT e.V. "EIN HERZ FÜR KINDER"
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2014)**

In the sacred city of Jerusalem, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, in partnership with BILD hilft e.V. "Ein Herz für Kinder", has made a profound impact on pediatric healthcare through a transformative initiative at the Hadassah Medical Center. This project focused on the Mount Scopus and Ein Kerem hospitals, ensuring that every child receives the medical care they need.

Mount Scopus, Jerusalem's largest children's hospital, plays a vital role in treating 3,500 inpatients and 9,000 outpatients annually, serving both Israeli and Palestinian families. However, with occupancy rates reaching

100%—and even 150% in winter months—the hospital faced severe overcrowding. Before renovations, young patients were often treated in hallways, with no quiet spaces for parents or doctors, despite the critical role of a calm environment in the healing process.

Recognizing the urgent need for expansion after 34 years, the foundation's intervention was funding crucial construction work to increase capacity, ensuring no child is turned away and equipping the hospital with cutting-edge medical technology, including advanced monitors, precision newborn scales, and specialized patient beds.

This comprehensive support expanded the hospital's 30-bed capacity, fully modernized its emergency room and intensive care unit, and significantly improved treatment conditions. By investing in both infrastructure and equipment, the foundation has significantly enhanced the Hadassah Medical Center's ability to serve children from all backgrounds, embodying its mission to provide exceptional care where it's needed most.



OVERCOMING HANDICAPS: SUPPORT FOR TRAINING FOR THE PARALYMPICS

**LEBENSILFE-WERK WEIMAR / APOLDA e.V.
WEIMAR, GERMANY (2022)**

Sophie has successfully navigated significant challenges in her life. With the help of a pedagogical team, psychotherapy, and a structured daily routine, she has improved her ability to manage daily life. Engaging in figure skating training supported by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has opened new opportunities for Sophie, enhancing her self-esteem, motor skills, and sense of community.

Through her dedication to ice skating training, she has built trust in others, honed her resilience in overcoming setbacks, and ultimately earned a spot on the Paralympics squad, demonstrating her unwavering commitment and determination.



SUPPORT TO BRIDGE DIVIDES: SPECIALIZED CARE CENTER SETS NEW STANDARDS

TOR ZUM LEBEN - LIFEGATE REHABILITATION e.V. WEST BANK, BEIT JALA (2012)

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation partnered with Lifegate to establish a rehabilitation center for children with special needs. The June 2012 inauguration marked the completion of comprehensively equipped therapy rooms transforming lives throughout

the region. This innovative facility combines a special needs school serving 40 children with a kindergarten offering specialized occupational, speech and music therapy. The center's holistic approach addresses every aspect of child development from education to medical rehabilitation.

As the only facility of its kind regionally, it serves as a beacon for families seeking comprehensive support. Family engagement ensures therapeutic progress continues at home through parent participation. Perhaps most significantly, the facility bridges communities, providing care also to Palestinian children alongside their peers, demonstrating how commitment to children's welfare transcends political boundaries. This creates lasting connections through shared healthcare values.

MOBILITY MATTERS: EXPANDING END-OF-LIFE CARE REACH

PALLIATIVTEAM FRANKFURT gGmbH GERMANY, FRANKFURT (2013)

Enabling the expansion of vital home-based palliative services for terminally ill children across South Hesse, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation provided PalliativTeam Süd Hessen with a MINI. This thoughtful contribution demonstrates how strategic mobility solutions can enhance the delivery of critical healthcare services.

The foundation's gift of a MINI has transformed the team's ability to provide comprehensive end-of-life care by enabling medical professionals to reach young patients in their homes. This mobility solution ensures

that children can receive expert care while remaining in familiar, comforting surroundings, supported by family and cherished belongings. The vehicle serves as a mobile extension of their compassionate mission, bringing comfort and professional support directly to families during their most challenging moments.



NURTURING HOPE: A HAVEN FOR FAMILIES BATTLING CANCER

FÖRDERVEREIN FÜR KREBSKRANKE KINDER e.V. FREIBURG I.BR. GERMANY, FREIBURG (2011)

In Freiburg, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has extended support to families facing childhood cancer through a significant donation to the Förderverein für krebskranke Kinder e.V. Freiburg i.Br. This contribution strengthens vital services provided by the organization's parental home, operational since 1995, which has provided over 375,550 overnight stays to families during their children's prolonged inpatient treatment.

The foundation's contribution enabled the facility to acquire essential medical equipment and fund critical research projects, fostering hope for future breakthroughs. The parental home provides families with daily life necessities, creating normalcy amidst medical challenges. As one father expressed, "I don't even want to imagine how we could have managed without the parental home - humanely, logistically, financially." This initiative demonstrates the foundation's commitment to holistic care, recognizing that healing extends beyond hospital walls to encompass the entire family unit.



Photo: Christina Dages

RALLYING SUPPORT: HISTORIC RACING EVENT PARTNERS IN CENTER'S REVIVAL

**1000 MIGLIA s.r.l.
ITALY, MODENA (2014)**

When natural disaster struck the therapy center La Lucciola in Stufione di Ravarino, Modena, an extraordinary partnership emerged. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation joined forces with 1000 Miglia s.r.l. — Europe's most legendary street rally — and Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. to rebuild this vital facility serving children with physical, mental and multiple disabilities.

La Lucciola's unique approach for children aged 3 to 18 transforms everyday activities into powerful learning experiences. From tending animals and maintaining vegetable gardens to cooking activities, young clients develop essential life skills through practical engagement. The center's holistic methodology incorporates music, art and theater, creating a rich therapeutic environment. The earthquake had severely damaged the facilities, threatening crucial services. Through this collaborative intervention, the foundation and its partners enabled the complete reconstruction and re-equipping of the premises, ensuring the continuation of La Lucciola's vital work.



TRANSFORMING LIVES: CARE CENTER FINDS POWERFUL ALLIES

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
SOUTH AFRICA, MANDENI (2013-2014)**

A landmark collaboration between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and BUSINESS TRAVELLER magazine enabled the Blessed Gérard's Care Center — South Africa's largest hospital and social center dedicated to AIDS patients — to receive vital support.

Located 100 kilometers north of Durban, this essential facility serves sick, abandoned and vulnerable children and was founded by Bavarian priest Father Gerhard Lagleder with a focus on disease prevention. The center encompasses a kindergarten serving 68 children and a home caring for 29 residents aged 3-17 facing various social challenges. The foundation addressed critical infrastructure needs, including interior and exterior painting, replacement of tiles, sanitary facilities and doors, plus installation of new electrical systems and cooling fans. The partnership was celebrated at the 2013 BUSINESS TRAVELLER AWARDS where Regine Sixt received the inaugural Charity Award, with Editor-in-Chief Marc Tügel calling her "a woman who moves mountains."

LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS: A MULTICULTURAL SCHOOL WITHIN A HEALING SPACE

**HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2014)**

In Hadassah Hospital's Mother-Child Center, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation created an extraordinary educational space where healing meets learning. The Regine Sixt School combines medical treatment with comprehensive education for children of all backgrounds and faiths. The foundation provided technical

equipment and furniture, creating a fully equipped learning environment with five computer stations, a teaching kitchen and tutoring spaces.

This facility serves young patients in Hebrew, Arabic, English or Russian, ensuring educational continuity during treatment. The curriculum mirrors traditional schooling while celebrating cultural diversity through Jewish, Christian and Muslim holidays. Children engage in activities from sciences to cooking, adapted to their age groups and medical conditions. Teachers collaborate with healthcare providers to prepare children for procedures using specially designed materials. As the Hadassah Medical Organization Director noted, "The Regine Sixt School offers education, entertainment and therapeutic activities in colorful spaces... helping us dry the little tears of sick children from all sectors of Israeli society."



HEALING HEARTS, HOLDING HOPE: A SANCTUARY OF COMPASSION

**HAND AUFS HERZ e.V.
EL SALVADOR, SANTA ANA (2014-2015)**

In El Salvador, where hundreds of children are born annually with congenital heart defects, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation collaborated with Mauritia Mack, wife of Europa-Park owner Jürgen Mack, and

Leonardo to create a lifeline of hope. Where once parents huddled in hospital corridors, a dedicated mother house at the University Hospital of Santa Ana now offers dignified accommodation for up to 15 parents simultaneously — a critical support system for families navigating challenging moments. Guided by Professor Christian Schlensak's expertise, the initiative recognized that healing is deeply interconnected with family presence and emotional support. This project, funded through the 'Mauritia Mack by Leonardo' charity jewelry collection, addresses a profound need in pediatric cardiac care. The transformation demonstrates how strategic partnerships can illuminate paths of hope, providing essential support for families while their children receive vital medical treatment in this Central American nation.



BRIDGING DISTANCES: A LIFELINE FOR DELIVERING RURAL HEALTHCARE

**MISSIONARY COMMUNITY OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
KENYA, NARIOKOTOME (2015-2016)**

In northern Kenya's stark rural area, where agricultural survival is a daily challenge and medical care seemed a distant mirage, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation partnered with the Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle to redefine healthcare access. Where treatment once meant impossibly long journeys across harsh terrain, a new facility wing and diagnostic center now stand as symbols of healing.

The project extended the Primary Health Clinic in Nariokotome and constructed a building for laboratory, ultrasound and X-ray examinations. In a region where healthcare had been rudimentary — with the nearest hospital hundreds of kilometers away — this intervention became a lifeline for countless families. By delivering the fundamental human right to accessible healthcare, the foundation addressed the uncertainty that comes with medical vulnerability in remote areas, transforming basic medical services into comprehensive care for an entire community.

ENABLING DIGNITY: EMPOWERING YOUNG LIVES BEYOND LIMITATIONS

**DEUTSCHER KINDERHOSPIZVEREIN e.V.
GERMANY, OLPE (2014-2015)**

The Deutsche Kinderhospizverein e.V. organizes approximately 20 multi-day academy events annually for children and young people facing life-shortening illnesses. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation

recognized a critical need beyond medical support: the ability to fully engage and participate. By funding five mobile care beds and a critical manual suction pump, the foundation transformed average spaces into environments of extraordinary compassion. These essential pieces of equipment became bridges, allowing severely handicapped children to actively participate in seminars that might otherwise have been inaccessible. More than mere medical devices, these contributions represented a powerful statement: every child deserves dignity, every experience matters, and no one should be excluded because of physical limitations. The foundation's intervention ensured that these young participants could truly be present — fully integrated into shared learning experiences that celebrate their inherent worth and potential.





BREATHING HOPE INTO LIFE: A SPACE OF COMPASSIONATE CARE

ATEMREICH GmbH
GERMANY, MUNICH (2015-2016)

The AtemReich children's home offers a family-like environment for children with complex respiratory needs, transforming medical challenges into opportunities for connection and growth. DRYING LITTLE TEARS stepped forward with a comprehensive initiative

that went far beyond mere infrastructure support, renovating the Wiesengrün Group's premises and providing strategic equipment acquisitions. Four mobile ventilators ensured medical flexibility, while two carefully selected child seats opened pathways to outdoor adventures, breaking the confines of medical limitations. A new nursing bed provided comfort, and a dedicated computer became a lifeline, bridging distances between children and their often-distant parents. Perhaps most poignantly, a piano arrived — not just as an instrument, but as a therapeutic tool, introducing the healing power of music into these children's lives. This holistic approach demonstrates how thoughtfully selected equipment transforms daily experiences for children requiring extraordinary support.

BEYOND MEDICINE: ENHANCING TREATMENT EXPERIENCES

GERMAN HEART CENTER MUNICH (DHM)
GERMANY, MUNICH (2015)

In the sterile world of medical treatment at the German Heart Center Munich (DHM), a simple yet profound transformation was taking place. The cold, intimidating environment of cardiac treatment rooms was becoming a sanctuary of comfort for its youngest patients. Recognizing that healing extends far beyond medical procedures, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation made a strategic intervention.

Six carefully selected monitors with integrated DVD players that became windows of hope, transforming potentially traumatic treatment spaces into realms of imagination and temporary escape. The screens weren't merely technological devices, but carefully crafted emotional lifelines designed to comfort children facing challenging medical journeys and allow them to momentarily forget about the clinical surroundings. This thoughtful addition demonstrates how relatively simple enhancements can significantly improve children's emotional wellbeing during difficult medical experiences.



BALANCING TREATMENT WITH EDUCATION: BEYOND MEDICAL TREATMENT

OUR CHILDREN FOUNDATION ("YELADIM SHELANU")
ISRAEL, PETACH TIKVA (2015-2016)

At the Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation orchestrated a remarkable initiative within the hospital's surgical department. Recognizing that children are complete

beings whose emotional and educational needs are as crucial as physical treatment, a simple room was transformed into a sanctuary of continuity and hope: an educational and recreational space designed to counteract the disruption of extended medical treatments. Qualified teachers ensure hospitalized children maintain academic progress, preventing the additional trauma of falling behind in studies. Beyond academic support, the foundation introduced a holistic approach to emotional healing. Specially trained clowns, music therapists and art therapists became integral to the children's recovery journey, transforming sterile hospital corridors into spaces of laughter, creativity and resilience. This comprehensive approach addresses both intellectual development and emotional wellbeing during challenging medical journeys.



REWRITING FUTURES: A COMPASSIONATE APPROACH TO CHILDHOOD STROKE

**STIFTUNG DEUTSCHE SCHLAGANFALL-HILFE
GERMANY, MUNICH (2015-2020)**

When most envision a stroke, the image of an elderly patient comes to mind. Yet strokes affect 300-500 young Germans annually, with one-third occurring during pregnancy or birth. At Munich's Dr. von Hauner Children's Hospital, DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with the Stiftung Deutsche Schlaganfall-Hilfe to

establish Germany's first specialized pediatric stroke unit – a groundbreaking initiative led by Dr. Lucia Gerstl and Prof. Dr. Florian Heinen that transcends traditional medical treatment.

Understanding that only 20-30% of childhood strokes are diagnosed within the crucial six-hour window, the foundation's support over several years has enabled the operation of a comprehensive care center. In addition to medical equipment, the funds have been used to advance research and the range of services in this field. This pioneering center offers hope to families facing a diagnosis that often brings lifelong challenges including hemiplegia, speech disorders and epilepsy. The holistic approach addresses every dimension of recovery, from educational challenges to future career guidance, transforming a poorly understood condition into one with clearer treatment pathways.

TRANSFORMING LIVES: A NEW CENTER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

**FÖRDERVEREIN FREUNDKREIS MONGOLEI
MONGOLIA, ULAANBAATAR (2015)**

When children with special needs in Mongolia's capital faced limited access to professional care, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation created a transformative solution. In collaboration with the Förderverein Freundeskreis Mongolei and local NGO Enereliin Tuuchee, the foundation supported the relocation and renovation of a vital Children's Therapy Center in Ulaanbaatar, moving it from a cramped cellar space to a newly refurbished house.

The foundation's comprehensive support included funding for renovations, new furniture and essential equipment, creating an environment specifically designed to nurture children's development and healing. This project exemplifies the commitment to ensuring that children worldwide have access to appropriate therapeutic support regardless of location or circumstances. The new center stands as a symbol of hope for Mongolian families, offering professional treatment in a warm, welcoming space that promotes dignity and healing for young patients.



CREATING SAFE HAVENS: CHILDREN'S HOME FACILITIES RENEWAL

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
SOUTH AFRICA, MANDENI (2019)**

The Blessed Gérard's Care Center, operating one of South Africa's largest hospitals and social centers dedicated to AIDS patients, received transformative support through a partnership between DRYING LITTLE TEARS and BUSINESS TRAVELLER magazine.

Located 100 kilometers north of Durban, this vital facility serves as a sanctuary for 68 kindergarten children and 29 residential youths aged 3-17 facing challenges from AIDS, neglect and family difficulties.

Following extensive renovations as part of a previous collaboration, the foundation supported the furnishing of critical areas such as the infant ward, children's home and kindergarten, providing new resources, furniture and equipment for proper day-to-day care. The comprehensive support also included learning materials, play equipment and specialized infant care items.

CREATING MAGIC MOMENTS: A STAGE FOR YOUNG PATIENTS' SPIRITS

**ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S CHARITY
ENGLAND, LIVERPOOL (2016-2018)**

By transforming the clinical atmosphere of a hospital waiting area, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation funded an innovative performance space in the entrance hall of Liverpool's renowned Alder Hey Children's Hospital. This creative initiative addresses the emotional and psychological needs of young patients facing the stress of medical treatments.

The performance area serves as more than just an entertainment venue - it's a sanctuary where children can momentarily forget their medical concerns and immerse themselves in live performances. By replacing sterile waiting rooms with an engaging space, the foundation has created an environment where anxiety gives way to anticipation. Young patients find comfort in shared experiences. This thoughtful addition demonstrates the foundation's understanding that healing encompasses both physical and emotional well-being.



NURTURING THROUGH TOUCH: A SPECIALIZED HAVEN FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN

**JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2016)**

The relocation of ELIYA's Jerusalem center presented a unique opportunity to expand specialized care for visually impaired children. Drawing on three decades of expertise in intensive child support across Israel,

ELIYA partnered with DRYING LITTLE TEARS, Jonathon E. Lyons and the Jerusalem Foundation to create an innovative new wing dedicated to blind children. This thoughtfully designed space transcends traditional accessibility creation of a comprehensive therapeutic environment featuring a specially equipped classroom, a sophisticated multi-sensory room, accessible bathroom facilities and dedicated storage areas.

Each element was carefully planned to promote independence in young learners who navigate their world through touch and sound. By helping to create this nurturing environment, the foundation ensures that visually impaired children in Jerusalem have access to specialized care needed to build self-confidence through play-based learning.

BRIGHTENING NEW BEGINNINGS: A REVITALIZED MATERNITY CARE UNIT

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
NIGERIA, UMUZIKE (2016-2018)**

Through a strategic partnership with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation undertook a comprehensive renovation of the maternity ward and pediatric department at

Malteser International Hospital in Umuzike. This vital project focused on creating a safer, more comfortable environment for mothers and their newborns. The foundation's support enabled a complete transformation of the facilities, addressing both structural and practical needs. Essential improvements included the installation of new flooring, replacement of damaged doors and leaky windows, and enhancement of lighting systems. The addition of new cribs and other essential equipment elevated the standard of care available to mothers and infants. By improving the hospital's infrastructure and resources, the project continues supporting countless families in the Umuzike region, providing professional care in a welcoming setting that honors the precious moments of new life.



CREATING COMFORT: A LIVING ROOM FOR LIFE'S MOST PRECIOUS MOMENTS

**HET LINDENHOFJE
NETHERLANDS, AMSTERDAM (2017)**

At Amsterdam's Het Lindenhofje children's hospice, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has

created a space where love and comfort meet professional care. Understanding that families facing their children's serious illnesses need both medical support and emotional sanctuary, the foundation funded the renovation and furnishing of a spacious living room.

This thoughtfully designed space serves as a warm haven within the hospice, where children and youth under 18 with their families can spend quality time together during visiting hours. The room provides a home-like environment that complements the facility's professional medical care, offering families a dignified setting for their precious moments together.



HELPING TOGETHER: NEW RESPIRATOR FOR THE MOTHER-CHILD CLINIC

**THE INSTITUTE FOR THE CARE OF MOTHER AND CHILD
(ÚPMD)
CZECH REPUBLIC, PRAGUE (2014-2017)**

The longstanding collaboration between SIXT Czech Republic and the Institute for Mother and Child Care in Prague is a remarkable example of social responsibility in action. Over the years, this partnership has provided essential support to one of the most specialized and respected clinics in the Czech Republic, renowned for

its expertise in prenatal care and neonatal care. Together with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, SIXT Czech Republic has consistently supported the Institute by financing necessary medical equipment, including life-saving respirators, Ultrasonic devices and ventilators used in prenatal diagnostics. These advanced devices are essential for detecting early complications and ensuring that mothers and their babies receive the highest level of care possible.

This ongoing support ensures that the Institute for Mother and Child Care is equipped with the most advanced technology available, enabling it to continue providing world-class care to its patients. Through the sustained partnership countless lives are being improved, and the future of prenatal and neonatal healthcare in the Czech Republic is looking brighter than ever.

HEALING HEARTS & MINDS: A SAFE SPACE FOR FAMILIES FACING CANCER

**LEBENSMUT e.V. - FÖRDERVEREIN FÜR
PSYCHO-ONKOLOGIE
GERMANY, MUNICH (2017)**

The delicate challenge of explaining cancer to young children requires expert guidance and a nurturing environment. DRYING LITTLE TEARS recognized this critical need by supporting the creation of a specialized group therapy room for the FreiRaum initiative, working in partnership with the psycho-oncological department at the LMU Hospital.

This thoughtfully designed space provides a sanctuary where families can address the complex emotional responses that children experience when confronting a parent's cancer diagnosis. The foundation's support acknowledges how different age groups process such news, particularly addressing preschool children's tendency to develop feelings of guilt about causing the illness. Through this collaboration with leading health-care professionals, the foundation has established a vital resource where families find tools and support needed to navigate these challenging conversations with children of various ages.

EMPOWERING SILENT VOICES: TECHNOLOGY BRIDGES COMMUNICATION GAPS

**KREMBO WINGS
ISRAEL, RAMAT HASHARON (2017)**

The powerful 'Krembo Wings' initiative received vital support from DRYING LITTLE TEARS through advanced communication aids for children with speech disabilities. This groundbreaking project

serves young Israelis aged seven to eighteen who refused to let communication challenges isolate them from peers. Since its founding in 2002, 'Krembo Wings' has grown to support approximately 5,000 young people across Israel. The foundation's contribution of specialized technology helps to break down barriers that once kept these children confined to their homes. As Regine Sixt expressed: "Communication is essential, creates new worlds and deepens mutual trust." This philosophy drives the project's success, enabling young people to express themselves and form meaningful connections. The foundation's commitment ensures every child has a voice in shaping their world, creating a vibrant community where differences in communication abilities don't impede friendship and personal growth.





CREATING JOY IN MOTION: A RAILWAY TO RECOVERY

**INITIATIVE KREBSKRANKE KINDER MÜNCHEN e.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2017-2018)**

During construction of a new facility at Munich's Schwabing Children's Hospital, an unexpected opportunity arose to bring extra joy to young patients. When Ward 24d relocated temporarily, providing children with additional play space, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation responded to their heartfelt wish for an expanded Brio railway system.

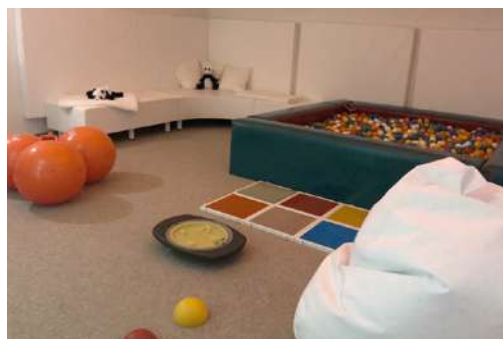
Understanding that play serves as a vital component of healing, particularly during periods of medical treatment, DRYING LITTLE TEARS ensured that these young patients could immerse themselves in the magical world of toy trains. The expanded railway set offered more than just entertainment - it provided a welcome distraction from hospital routines and created opportunities for social interaction among young patients. This initiative demonstrates the foundation's attention to the emotional well-being of children during challenging medical experiences.

PAINTING HOPE: MAKING MEDICAL CARE MORE CHILD-FRIENDLY

**CHILDREN'S RELIEF BETHLEHEM /
CARITAS BABY HOSPITAL (CBH)
WEST BANK, BETHLEHEM (2017-2018)**

Standing as an "oasis of peace" in the West Bank, the Caritas Baby Hospital serves as the region's only dedicated pediatric facility. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation transformed this crucial medical center's

exterior into a welcoming space that speaks to its young patients' hearts. The hospital provides essential care to children across the Southern West Bank and Bethlehem area, regardless of social or religious background. Operating solely on private donations, the 82-bed facility treats thousands of children annually, including those from surrounding Jerusalem villages. The foundation's support focused on renovating and repainting the hospital's façades with child-friendly designs, creating an environment that helps to ease young patients' anxiety. This transformation reflects the understanding that healing environments extend beyond medical equipment to include spaces that comfort and inspire in a region where quality healthcare for children is crucial.



FOSTERING INNER PEACE: A THERAPEUTIC HAVEN FOR YOUNG MINDS

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, LEEZEN (2017-2018)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation established a specialized relaxation room at a social-therapeutic day care facility in Leezen, creating a sanctuary for primary school children facing unique challenges. This

thoughtfully designed space serves as a crucial intervention point for young minds overwhelmed by daily stressors, particularly benefiting children with psychosocial and psycho-physical impairments. The foundation's support enabled the implementation of carefully planned design elements and specialized equipment facilitating therapeutic relaxation and perception exercises. By helping children from socially disadvantaged families learn to manage stress and improve their perception of others, the relaxation room becomes a tool for long-term emotional development. This project exemplifies the foundation's commitment to addressing not only physical but also psychological needs of vulnerable children.



CREATING CONNECTIONS: A MULTIFUNCTIONAL SPACE FOR YOUNG MINDS

**FÖRDERVEREIN freuNde e.V.
GERMANY, KASSEL (2018)**

The pediatric neurology ward at Kassel Hospital received a transformative gift when DRYING LITTLE TEARS together with Förderverein freuNde e.V. turned a simple school room into a dynamic multifunctional space. This renovation project fulfilled the long-held

dreams of medical staff by creating a versatile environment serving multiple therapeutic and educational purposes. The thoughtfully designed room provides a peaceful retreat from the ward's busy atmosphere, offering young patients a space where learning, therapy and play naturally intersect. Beyond its practical functions, the room creates an inviting setting for crucial conversations between medical staff and parents, particularly when addressing sensitive topics about their children's care. This project demonstrates the foundation's understanding that healing environments must support not just medical treatment, but the full spectrum of educational, emotional and social needs that arise during a child's hospital stay.

DELIVERING COMFORT: ADVANCED RECOVERY CARE FOR YOUNG PATIENTS

**SHRINER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN
USA, TAMPA, FLORIDA (2018)**

The Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, Florida, renowned for its free treatment of severe burns and orthopedic conditions, enhanced its recovery care capabilities through support from DRYING LITTLE TEARS. The foundation's donation of specialized heated beds ensures optimal post-operative care for young patients from across the Americas and Africa.

Since 1922, this remarkable institution has provided life-changing medical care to over 1.3 million children, regardless of their families' ability to pay. The state-of-the-art warming beds represent a crucial element in the recovery process, helping to maintain patients' body temperature and comfort during the critical

post-surgical period. This investment in specialized medical equipment exemplifies the foundation's commitment to supporting world-class pediatric care facilities, ensuring children can focus on healing and recovery in optimal conditions.



LIFTING BARRIERS: MAKING ADVENTURE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

**KREMBO WINGS
ISRAEL, RAMAT HASHARON (2018)**

The youth initiative "Krembo Wings" embodies the spirit of inclusion, bringing together children with and without special needs for weekly activities that are fostering connection and understanding. While their main facility offers barrier-free access, the organization's programming often extends to various locations throughout the community. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation eliminated a significant participation obstacle by providing a portable wheelchair stair lift.



This innovative solution ensures no child is left behind when activities take place in venues not originally designed with wheelchair accessibility. The foundation's strategic investment in mobility equipment reflects its commitment to breaking down physical barriers limiting children's opportunities for growth and social connection. Thanks to this portable lift, "Krembo Wings" can now truly fulfill its mission of inclusive programming, ensuring that every child, regardless of mobility challenges, can participate in valuable activities to build up confidence, friendship and understanding across all ability levels.

FINDING THEIR VOICE: COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY OPENS NEW WORLDS

**VEREIN ZUR UNTERSTÜTZUNG DES
DR. VON HAUNERSCHEN KINDERSPITALS e.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2018)**

At the Integrated Social Pediatric Center of LMU Hospital, a groundbreaking initiative is helping children with severe speech limitations to find their voice. DRYING LITTLE TEARS in partnership with the Verein zur Unterstützung des Dr. von Hauner'schen Kinderospitals e.V., funded these state-of-the-art communication aids opening new expression pathways for young patients with cerebral movement disorders, genetic syndromes and complex developmental challenges.

The comprehensive suite of electronic communication devices complements traditional speech therapy methods, including manually coded language and symbol cards. Research confirms that this integrated approach, combining electronic aids with sign language, significantly enhances language comprehension and communication abilities. This investment in assistive technology reflects the foundation's understanding that communication is fundamental to human dignity and social participation, ensuring that affected children can still express their thoughts, wishes and needs effectively despite their challenges.



BREATHING LIFE: SPECIALIZED THERAPY ENHANCES CARE QUALITY

**ATEMREICH GmbH
GERMANY, MUNICH (2018)**

The AtemReich children's home offers a loving environment to children who are seriously ill or living with disabilities. It provides security where - despite

difficult circumstances - children can live as normally, comfortably and dignified as possible, with their families able to remain with them at all times.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has supported the Munich facility for several years, including financing a group room renovation in 2016. The procurement of a new therapy bed enables better care for the children as it can be specially adapted to their individual needs. This thoughtful contribution demonstrates the foundation's ongoing commitment to improving quality of life for children with complex medical conditions, recognizing that specialized equipment plays a crucial role in providing dignified, personalized care for vulnerable young patients.

ADVANCING EXCELLENCE: TRAINING TOMORROW'S PEDIATRIC HEROES

**ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S CHARITY
ENGLAND, LIVERPOOL (2019)**

At Liverpool's prestigious Alder Hey Children's Hospital, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has made a vital contribution to pediatric emergency care education by funding state-of-the-art resuscitation trolleys and specialized patient beds for their simulation suite. This

equipment enhances the hospital's world-class Advanced Pediatric Life Support (APLS) training program, where medical professionals hone their life-saving skills in realistic scenarios. The foundation's strategic investment in training equipment allows for more efficient and effective learning experiences. The new resuscitation trolleys minimize downtime between training scenarios, enabling more healthcare professionals to receive crucial emergency response training. This enhanced efficiency means more medical staff can perfect their skills in identifying and treating life-threatening pediatric emergencies. This contribution exemplifies the foundation's commitment to improving children's healthcare at every level - from direct patient care to professional education.



CREATING HEALING ESCAPES: A PLAYROOM TRANSFORMS HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE

**CHARITÉ – UNIVERSITÄTSMEDIZIN BERLIN
GERMANY, BERLIN (2019)**

At Berlin's prestigious Charité where over 132,000 children receive care annually, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation transformed a clinical space into a vibrant haven of imagination.

Understanding that the extended hospital stays weigh heavily on young spirits, the foundation funded a comprehensive renovation of the interdisciplinary children's ward playroom. The thoughtfully executed project included a child-friendly flooring installation, creating a safe foundation for play.

New playmats, a charming playhouse and carefully selected toys have turned the space into a magical retreat where young patients momentarily escape hospital realities. This renovated playroom serves as more than recreational space — it's a crucial meeting point where children and parents find moments of joy and normalcy amid medical treatments, embodying the foundation's commitment to addressing emotional needs alongside physical healing.



DELIVERING COMFORT: MODERN TECHNOLOGY BRIGHTENS MEDICAL JOURNEYS

**GERMAN HEART CENTER MUNICH (DHM)
GERMANY, MUNICH (2018)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS continues its longstanding partnership with the German Heart Centre Munich (DHM), enhancing young cardiac patients' experiences through thoughtful technological additions. Building on years of holiday visits and previous entertainment devices, the foundation has expanded its support with innovative mobile solutions: Two additional inpatient treatment rooms now feature state-of-the-art monitors mounted on rolling stands, allowing flexible positioning and easy transport between rooms.

This ensures children can access entertainment wherever they receive treatment, providing crucial distraction during lengthy medical procedures. The foundation's comprehensive approach combines human connection — through regular Easter and Christmas visits by SIXT employees — with practical solutions that are making hospital stays more bearable. These entertainment systems serve as more than mere distraction; they create moments of normalcy and joy in an otherwise clinical environment for children with serious heart conditions.

HEALING THROUGH GIVING: PERSONAL GENEROSITY CREATES MEDICAL MIRACLES

**PEDIATRIC UROLOGY TEAM AUSTRIA FOR ERITREA
ERITREA, ASMARA (2019)**

A remarkable act of generosity by Konstantin and Noni Sixt, who redirected their birthday gifts to charitable donations, enabled DRYING LITTLE TEARS to support vital pediatric urological care in Eritrea.

Their thoughtful decision funded crucial medical missions by the Pediatric Urology Team Austria for Eritrea, bringing specialized healthcare to one of the world's poorest regions. In April 2019, eleven dedicated doctors traveled with 420 kilograms of medical supplies to the IOCCA clinic. Despite challenging conditions including power outages, the team performed 71 surgeries and treated 205 outpatients during their five-day

mission. Parents journeyed from across the country, often waiting long hours, knowing this represented their only opportunity for specialized care for their children. This project exemplifies the foundation's commitment to reaching children in the world's most underserved areas, providing life-changing surgical care to young patients who would otherwise have no access to such specialized treatment.





NURTURING MEMORIES: A SACRED SPACE FOR HEALING HEARTS

**NORTHERN IRELAND HOSPICE LIMITED
NORTHERN IRELAND, BELFAST (2019)**

The Northern Ireland Children's Hospice undertook the sensitive task of renovating its cherished "Quiet Garden" at Horizon House, with crucial support from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. This meaningful space serves as a sanctuary for over 70 bereaved families annually, offering a peaceful setting to remember children who have passed away.

The initiative began when local Sixt franchisee David McCulla recognized the need to revitalize this 17-year-old memorial garden. After launching a community fundraising effort, the foundation provided the remaining funds needed to complete the renovation. This collaboration between local leadership and the foundation exemplifies the organization's commitment to supporting families through their most challenging moments. The renewed garden continues to serve as a vital element of the hospice's comprehensive care program, which supports 230 children each year, providing grieving families with a serene environment for reflection and remembrance.

EMPOWERING FEARLESS FUTURES: TRANSFORMING LIVES FOR GIRLS

**STICHTING PROJECT FEARLESS
NETHERLANDS, AMSTERDAM (2019)**

In the dynamic landscape of youth empowerment, the Fearless Project stands as a role model of education, challenging societal limitations and nurturing of the potential of young girls. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation recognized the critical importance of build-

ing self-confidence and resilience in an increasingly complex social environment. Through an innovative program integrating sports, personal development and critical dialogue, Fearless provides girls with powerful tools to navigate today's challenges. The project goes beyond physical training, creating a holistic approach to personal growth that addresses critical issues like social media influence, body image and societal expectations. Participants learn to deconstruct harmful stereotypes, develop robust self-awareness and cultivate the courage to pursue their aspirations without compromise. Particularly impactful is the project's targeted support for girls struggling with eating disorders, offering preventative strategies and psychological resilience. This training empowers the next generation of fearless leaders ready to transform their communities.



NURTURING COMFORT: A SANCTUARY FOR FAMILIES IN MEDICAL CRISIS

**VEREIN ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER KLINISCHEN
KINDERHEILKUNDE OFFENBURG e.V.
GERMANY, OFFENBURG (2019)**

In the delicate ecosystem of pediatric care, the emotional well-being of families is as crucial as medical treatment. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation recognized this profound truth, partnering with Mauritia Mack, wife of Europa-Park owner

Jürgen Mack, and the glass and jewelry manufacturer Leonardo, to redefine parental support at the Ortenau Children's Hospital. The foundation's initiative created a compassionate environment for parents navigating their most challenging moments. By carefully refurbishing parents' rooms with new beds, thoughtfully designed seating and considerate furnishings, they transformed sterile medical spaces into havens of comfort and hope. A significant addition was the establishment of a centralized children's outpatient center, streamlining medical examinations for newborns and pediatric patients. This innovative approach not only improves medical efficiency but also reduces stress for families during vulnerable moments. The project exemplifies a holistic approach to healthcare — recognizing that healing extends beyond medical procedures to encompass emotional support and familial comfort.



HEALING SPACES: SANCTUARIES OF COMFORT FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

**ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S CHARITY
ENGLAND, LIVERPOOL (2020)**

In the heart of Liverpool, the Alder Hey Children's Hospital has long been a symbol of medical resilience. Yet, DRYING LITTLE TEARS recognized that healing extends far beyond medical treatment: It requires emotional support and dignified spaces for families

navigating profound challenges. Through a transformative donation, the foundation enabled the creation of two specialized counseling and pastoral care rooms. These carefully crafted sanctuaries of serenity feature a harmonious blend of materials, soft lighting and thoughtful design. The multiple pyramid roof and walled garden create an architectural embrace, while the interior's clinker brick walls and high vaulted ceilings speak to both strength and gentleness. Particularly poignant was the timing — completed during the COVID-19 pandemic when most bereavement services were confined to digital platforms. For the Alder Hey team, these rooms represent more than physical space; they are vessels of hope, compassion and human connection during families' most vulnerable experiences, embodying the foundation's holistic approach to healing.



CREATING SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS: FAMILY SPACES ENHANCE CANCER TREATMENT

**GRUPE FRANCO-AFRICAIN D'ONCOLOGIE
PÉDIATRIQUE (GFAOP)
TUNISIA, TUNIS (2020)**

In the challenging landscape of pediatric oncology, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has crafted a compassionate initiative that transcends medical treatment, focusing on the holistic well-being of children and their families

EMPOWERING MATERNAL HEALTH: TRANSFORMING CHILDBIRTH IN UKRAINE'S HEARTLAND

**PARTNERSCHAFTENVEREIN PULLACH I. ISARTAL e.V.
UKRAINE, BARYSHIVKA (2019-2020)**

In Baryshivka's hospital, where once limited medical resources challenged safe childbirth, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation emerged as a symbol of hope, improving maternal and infant healthcare. Cooperating with the Partnerschaftenverein Pullach i. Isartal e.V., the foundation strategically invested in cutting-edge medical technology. A state-of-the-art gynaecological chair, complemented by an advanced fetal monitor and a specialized warming bed, represented more than mere equipment: They symbolized a commitment to protecting life's most vulnerable moments.

The impact was immediate and profound. With approximately 300 children born annually in this hospital, the new technologies now enable precise monitoring of infant vital signs, empowering medical professionals to respond instantaneously to potential complications. Each piece of equipment became a silent guardian, ensuring safer and more compassionate births in this rural Ukrainian community. This strategic intervention demonstrates how targeted medical technology can transform healthcare outcomes even in challenging settings.



at the Hôpital d'Enfants Béchir Hamza. Partnering with the Groupe Franco-Africain d'Oncologie Pédiatrique (GFAOP), the foundation undertook a transformative project by renovating parents' accommodation and creating a dedicated pediatric playroom. The pediatric cancer ward, offering 14 beds and treating approximately 80 new children annually, now offers a protected, vibrant play area where young patients can momentarily escape the clinical environment. By enabling parents to stay closely involved, the project significantly improves treatment continuity and reduces patient dropout rates. More than a physical renovation, this initiative represents a holistic approach to pediatric care, creating spaces of hope, distraction and familial connection during life's most challenging moments. This project demonstrates how thoughtful design can support the emotional journey of healing.



CANCER TREATMENT: REVOLUTIONARY TECHNOLOGY OFFERS NEW HOPE

**MÜNCHEN KLINIK SCHWABING
GERMANY, MUNICH (2021)**

In the relentless battle against childhood cancer, technological innovation can be a lifeline. At Schwabing Children's Hospital, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation was funding a state-of-the-art real-time PCR device (QuantStudio 6 Flex Systems). This sophisticated technology allows analysis of tumor-specific gene expressions, creating unprecedented opportunities for individualized therapies tailored to each child's unique genetic profile.

The impact is profound. Approximately 10-12 young patients annually will benefit from this technology, with possibilities of cure even in complex cases of disease relapse or metastasis. Prof. Dr. Stefan Burdach, leading the Translational Pediatric Oncology Research Group of TUM, celebrated the foundation's contribution: "With the new device, we can now derive an individualized therapy that offers enormous help and avoids toxic side effects for these children who have suffered through a long history of the disease," underscoring the device's potential to revolutionize pediatric cancer care.

CREATING HEALING SPACES: DAY CLINIC TRANSFORMS CANCER CARE

**GROUPE FRANCO-AFRICAIN D'ONCOLOGIE
PÉDIATRIQUE (GFAOP)
TOGO, LOME (2021)**

In the heart of Togo, where pediatric cancer treatment was once a distant dream, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has created a transformative sanctuary of healing and hope. As the country's sole pediatric oncology facility,

this day clinic represents a critical lifeline for children battling cancer across the nation. Recognizing the profound challenges faced by families traveling vast distances for treatment, the foundation's activities went beyond medical support by creating a comprehensive living and relaxation area complete with a kitchen and bathroom. The additions of both indoor and outdoor play areas transform the clinical environment into a space of comfort, distraction and childhood resilience. Many parents, struggling with financial constraints, now have a supportive environment that enables continued treatment. The carefully designed spaces acknowledge that healing encompasses more than medical intervention: It requires emotional support, family connection and moments of joy. This powerful testament to the foundation's mission brings comprehensive care to those most vulnerable children.



CREATIVE HEALING: TRANSFORMING HOSPITAL EXPERIENCES THROUGH ART

**FOUNDATION VRIENDEN VAN HET UMC UTRECHT
NETHERLANDS, UTRECHT (2021)**

In the sterile landscape of pediatric healthcare, where monotony and isolation can weigh heavily on young patients, DRYING LITTLE TEARS discovered a powerful antidote: creativity and connection. At the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital, COVID-19 restrictions had stripped away essential childhood experiences, limiting visitor interactions and leaving children with minimal stimulation. Recognizing this profound challenge, the foundation crafted an innovative intervention focused on restoring hope and joy through handicraft activities, music and interactive games. This carefully designed program transcended mere distraction: It became a therapeutic lifeline. By providing children with

opportunities for creative expression and playful engagement, the foundation transformed clinical environments into realms of imagination and healing. Handicraft sessions, musical moments and interactive games offered young patients a critical emotional respite from medical challenges. So, this donation represented an affirmation that healing encompasses emotional and psychological well-being, not just medical treatment.





ILLUMINATING LEARNING: SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS

ATEMZEIT e.V.
GERMANY, WÖLFERSHEIM (2020)

In the delicate realm of pediatric care, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has illuminated a path of hope and learning for critically ill and disabled children at Haus Atemzeit. Recognizing the unique learning challenges faced by children with complex medical needs, the foundation's

strategic donation went far beyond conventional support. A sophisticated light box, specialized learning materials and an innovative training device were carefully selected to engage children's multiple sensory pathways, enabling profound educational experiences for visually impaired and seriously ill children. By donating positioning aids like specialized side sleeper pillows, the children's physical comfort is ensured while they get simultaneous support of their educational journey. The foundation's actions provide more than adaptive learning tools — they offer a holistic approach to child development. This nuanced approach transforms medical care into an opportunity for growth, allowing parents and caregivers to develop essential skills for supporting their children's comprehensive development in challenging circumstances.

NURTURING POTENTIAL: REVITALIZING THERAPEU- TIC ENVIRONMENTS

JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
SOUTH AFRICA, PRETORIA (2021)

In the resilient landscape of South African child development, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has transformed the Baby Therapy Centre into a cutting-edge sanctuary of healing and potential. For over 27 years, this remarkable center has championed early childhood intervention, addressing developmental challenges with profound compassion. The foundation's strategic renovation reimagined the entire therapeutic environment by modernizing reception areas, therapy rooms, waiting spaces and bathroom installations.

A critical technological upgrade of the IT infrastructure, implemented with local expertise, expanded the center's capacity to serve infants and children up to six years old. The foundation's investment means that more children can access specialized support, dramatically improving their chances for autonomous and fulfilling lives. As Maryke Allers, the center's Fundraising Coordinator, expressed: "These therapy interventions are critical to improving quality of life. We can't stress enough how grateful we are to be able to continue our important work." The renovation ensures these vital services remain accessible despite economic setbacks.



COMPASSIONATE SPACES: CREATING SANCTUARIES FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES

BJÖRN SCHULZ STIFTUNG
GERMANY, BERLIN (2021)

In the delicate landscape of loss, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation recognized that healing requires more than medical intervention: it demands

profound emotional sensitivity. Therefore, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported the Björn Schulz Stiftung by constructing a new winter garden that provides a more protected space for funeral services and personal grieving. The old winter garden being an exposed space vulnerable to intense summer heat and lacking privacy, this area became a sanctuary of compassion through the foundation's targeted donation. The new winter garden now offers a protected retreat for grieving families navigating the most profound of human experiences. This project transcends architectural modification by providing a space where families can say goodbye with dignity, free from external intrusion and solar discomfort.



CONNECTING ANCIENT AND NEW: A HISTORIC HAVEN GETS A MODERN UPDATE

**CIRCOLO ST. PIETRO
ITALY, ROME (2022)**

Nestled in the heart of Rome, mere steps from the Colosseum and Laterano, the 19th-century St. Paul VI Family Home underwent a remarkable transformation. DRYING LITTLE TEARS played a pivotal role in this delicate balance of preserving historical character while creating modern spaces for today's needs. The foundation's contribution centered on establishing a state-of-the-art playroom, which has become the jewel of this renovated sanctuary.

Complementing this space, an amphitheater was crafted to host volunteer-led performances and events, creating a unique blend of play and cultural enrichment for resident children and their caregivers. This thoughtful renovation exemplifies the foundation's commitment to honoring heritage while meeting contemporary needs.

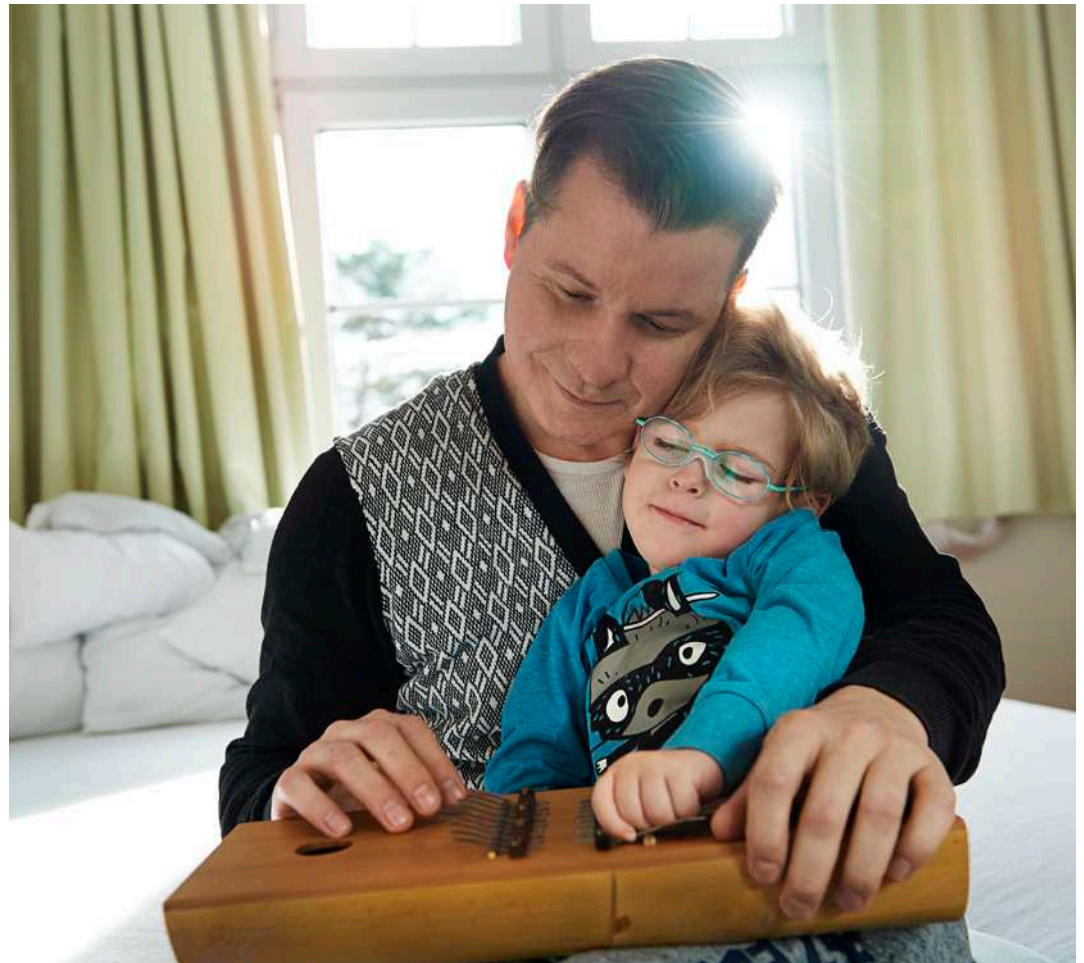


HARMONIZING HEALING: MUSIC THERAPY TRANSFORMS EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION

**BJÖRN SCHULZ STIFTUNG
GERMANY, BERLIN (2021)**

In the delicate world of pediatric healing, music emerges as a profound therapeutic instrument, capable of transcending physical limitations and emotional boundaries. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has masterfully demonstrated this transformative potential

by equipping the Sonnenhof Hospice, run by the Björn Schulz Stiftung, with advanced recording technology, enabling a revolutionary approach to music therapy for both affected children and their siblings. For the Björn Schulz Stiftung, music is more than just melody: it is a sanctuary of emotional expression for children navigating complex medical journeys. By providing state-of-the-art technical equipment, the foundation empowered young patients to compose, record and ultimately process their deepest emotions. These musical interventions serve multiple profound purposes: They help children to articulate unspoken feelings, to build self-confidence and to engage in meaningful creative expression. Some patients even develop original compositions, transforming their personal narratives of grief, fear and pain into powerful artistic statements that aid in psychological healing.



VISIONARY CARE: TRANSFORMING EYE TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2021)**

For 138 years, the St. John Eye Hospital has stood as a center of hope in Jerusalem, transcending cultural boundaries to provide critical eye care. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation recognized this institution's remarkable mission, partnering to trans-

form pediatric ophthalmological care in a region marked by complex socioeconomic challenges. By supporting the hospital's reconstruction, replacing medical devices and refurbishing waiting and reception areas, a comprehensive care environment was created that dignifies every patient's experience. The hospital's achievements are profound: training Palestinian ophthalmologists, achieving international JCI accreditation and maintaining a commitment to providing free services to those most in need. The foundation's support ensures that children with special eye conditions receive not just medical treatment, but a pathway to normalcy. For countless children, this goes beyond medical intervention: Each treatment represents an opportunity to escape social stigma, restore vision and reclaim the fundamental right to see the world clearly.



LIFELINES OF CONFIDENCE: SAVING CHILDREN WITH PRECISION TECHNOLOGY

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
WEST BANK, BETHLEHEM (2022)**

In the complex landscape of maternal and infant health-care, the Malteser maternity clinic “Holy Family Hospital” stands as a beacon of hope. The Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation has transformed premature infant care through strategic medical equipment donations. As the largest gynecologic and obstetric clinic in the West Bank, the hospital serves 5,000 deliveries annually. It has 63 beds, a neonatal intensive care unit with 18 cribs, a maternal intensive care unit with 2 beds and a day hospital with 6 beds.

The foundation’s support replaced outdated equipment with cutting-edge technology, including two advanced premature ultrasound machines and four state-of-the-art incubators. These precision instruments enable rapid care for premature babies requiring intensive attention. By providing healthcare professionals with sophisticated diagnostic and supportive equipment, the foundation ensures that every tiny patient receives the highest standard of care.



NEW HOPE FOR HEALING: DAY HOSPITAL TRANSFORMS CANCER TREATMENT

**GROUPE FRANCO-AFRICAIN D’ONCOLOGIE
PÉDIATRIQUE (GFAOP)
BURKINA FASO, OUEDRAOGO (2022)**

In the heart of West Africa, a sign of medical hope has emerged at the Yalgado Ouedraogo University Hospital Center. The Regine Sixt Children’s Aid

Foundation has transformed pediatric cancer care through a strategic implementation that goes far beyond bricks and mortar: The newly inaugurated day hospital for the children’s cancer ward represents a quantum leap in medical accessibility. By supporting the construction of this dedicated facility, the foundation has enabled doctors to work more effectively, dramatically expanding treatment capacity for a region with critical medical needs. With approximately 800 cancer cases registered annually, the new day hospital offers a lifeline to countless children. The ability to provide outpatient treatment means that more children can receive essential care without the overwhelming burden of extended hospital stays. This approach not only improves medical outcomes but also minimizes disruption to family life.



SLOPES OF POSSIBILITY: REDEFINING WINTER SPORTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

**STIFTUNG PFENNIGPARADE
AUSTRIA, SÖLL (2022)**

In Tyrol’s pristine Kaiser Mountains, a remarkable transformation unfolded: Where snow once represented limitation, the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation created a landscape of possibility. Through innovative skibob training, children with disabilities discovered a world where physical

challenges dissolve into exhilarating mountain adventures. The winter sports program of Stiftung Pfennigparade, supported by the foundation, went beyond typical recreational activities. Carefully designed adaptive skibobs enabled wheelchair users to experience the joy of alpine descents, challenging conventional perceptions of disability. Children who traditionally viewed snow as an obstacle found themselves racing down mountainsides with unprecedented freedom.

Over two sun-drenched days, planned to accommodate COVID-19 protocols, children, their families and caregivers experienced true inclusion. Friends joined together, breaking down barriers and creating moments of unrestrained celebration. This initiative demonstrated that every single child deserves to experience life’s thrilling moments.

ULTRASOUND DEVICE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE: TRANSFORMING PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

**PALLIATIVTEAM FRANKFURT gGmbH
GERMANY, DARMSTADT (2022)**

In the sensitive realm of pediatric palliative care, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has introduced a revolutionary tool that redefines medical support for terminally ill children and their families: A compact and mobile ultrasound device has become a lifeline for the children's palliative team in southern Hesse. This innovative instrument addresses a critical challenge: Minimizing medical stress for fragile patients. By enabling precise diagnostic assessments directly in the home environment, the foundation eliminates the traumatic need for hospital transitions.

Dr. Daniel Stanze, the palliative care medical director, described the device's transformative potential. This pocket-sized technology provides smartphone-compatible imaging, enabling rapid diagnostics and immediate symptom management. "This guarantees me fast and reliable diagnoses and assessments that allows me to take immediate measures to alleviate symptoms," he comments. The novel instrument ensures that terminally ill children can remain in comfortable, familiar spaces while receiving expert medical attention.



PLAYFUL HEALING: TRANSFORMING REHABILITATION THROUGH INNOVATIVE PLAY

**ORDRE DE MALTE FRANCE
FRANCE, ROQUETAILLADE (2023)**

At the Centre Pédiatrique de Médecine Physique et de Réadaptation (CPMPR) Saint Jacques, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has redefined pediatric healing, transforming a simple playground into a multisensory haven. Serving

children and adolescents with complex medical conditions — from motor and neurological challenges to orthopedic and sensory deficits — the center now offers a revolutionary inclusive play environment. The foundation's carefully curated donation introduces specialized equipment like sensory sound flowers, therapeutic hammocks and accessible picnic tables, creating a space that celebrates each child's unique abilities. Serving up to 30 children weekly, this playground transcends traditional rehabilitation. For children potentially facing months of intensive treatment, these play spaces offer more than physical recreation: They provide moments of childhood joy, normalcy and familial connection. The innovative design ensures that every child, regardless of physical limitation, can experience the universal language of play. Families find respite, children discover new possibilities and healing extends beyond medical intervention into emotional restoration.

COMPASSIONATE CARE: REDEFINING PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE SUPPORT

**ATEMZEIT e.V.
GERMANY, WÖLFERSHEIM (2022)**

In the delicate world of pediatric intensive care, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has crafted a profound intervention at the Atemzeit intensive care home. By donating four additional child-friendly care beds and mobile ventilation vehicles, the foundation has transformed medical care for critically ill children. These items are not merely medical devices, but carefully engineered instruments of compassion. The innovative beds, featuring four easily operable lowering rails and motor-adjustable height, represent a holistic approach to pediatric care.

Accessible from all sides, the beds facilitate medical treatment, therapy and personal care with unprecedented ease and dignity. The mobile ventilation trolleys provide an optimal technological platform, enabling

comprehensive medical support for children and young people aged 0-18 with serious illnesses or multiple disabilities. Each bed and trolley becomes a testament to the foundation's commitment: that medical care can be both technically advanced and deeply humane for children facing extraordinary health challenges.



LIFELINES OF HOPE: ADVANCING PEDIATRIC CARDIAC EMERGENCY CARE

**GERMAN HEART CENTER MUNICH (DHM)
GERMANY, MUNICH (2024)**

In the critical world of pediatric cardiac care, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has engineered a comprehensive project that extends beyond technological innovation: It became a holistic approach to saving young lives at the German Heart Center Munich (DHM). The foundation's strategic donation

of three cutting-edge resuscitation emergency carts represents a quantum leap in medical preparedness. Equipped with the latest technology and complemented by specialized VR training software, these carts transform emergency response capabilities for children with congenital heart conditions.

The foundation's vision transcends immediate medical needs. By partnering with H.O.P.E. – we help children e.V., the replaced emergency carts found new purpose in Ukrainian hospitals, creating a cascade of humanitarian support during times of profound medical challenge. The donation empowers medical professionals with enhanced training tools, enabling them to respond with unprecedented precision and confidence in life-critical moments. Each vehicle becomes a mobile sanctuary of hope, potentially bridging the gap between medical crisis and recovery.



EMPOWERING YOUNG BODIES: WHERE MOVEMENT MEETS DEVELOPMENT

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, FRIEDRICHSHAFEN (2023)**

The Purzelbaum Kindergarten has unveiled an innovative playground designed to address developmental challenges in children aged 1-5 years. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation funded this specialized space that tackles common delays in movement, motor skills and coordination through thoughtfully designed play equipment. A centerpiece of the renovation is the new climbing tower with a wooden slide, carefully engineered to enhance children's perception of height and depth while developing body awareness.

What makes this project particularly special is its collaborative approach, as parents actively participated in constructing willow houses and tunnels. That strengthened the vital partnership between educators and families. The slide offers young ones the opportunity to experience and control different speeds, building crucial motor skills through play in an environment specifically designed to support their physical and cognitive development.

DRYING TEARS THROUGH PLAY: TRANSFORMING PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY SPACES

**HÔPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE ROBERT-DEBRÉ
FRANCE, PARIS (2023)**

In the high-stakes environment of pediatric emergency care, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has discovered a profound healing support: the transformative power of recreation. At the Hôpital universitaire

Robert-Debré, a carefully designed play area emerges as a beacon of hope, turning moments of medical anxiety into opportunities for childhood resilience. More than a simple renovation, this project reimagines the pediatric emergency department as a child-centered space. By creating a dedicated play corner, the foundation acknowledges that emotional healing is as critical as medical treatment. Children can now momentarily escape the clinical environment, finding solace and distraction precisely when they need it most. The carefully crafted space serves a dual purpose: alleviating children's stress while providing medical staff with a powerful tool for emotional support. Each toy, each colorful surface becomes an instrument of comfort, transforming potentially traumatic medical experiences into moments of unexpected joy.





HEALING HARMONIES: MUSIC AS MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPICE CARE

**STIFTUNG AMBULANTES KINDERHOSPIZ MÜNCHEN
GERMANY, EICHENDORF (2024)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has discovered a profound healing instrument in the tender world of pediatric hospice care: music. At the Haus ANNA Eichendorf, a sanctuary of the Stiftung Ambulantes Kinderhospiz München, carefully selected musical instruments become tools of emotional resilience and expression. The foundation's strategic donation — including a guitar set, piano, therapy singing bowls and a soothing sound cradle — transcends traditional medical intervention.

As the first of four planned part-time children's hospices in Bavaria, the Haus ANNA Eichendorf bridges critical gaps in pediatric palliative care. By offering day, night and weekend support, the facility provides families with essential respite and comprehensive emotional support. Each carefully chosen instrument represents more than a musical tool: It is a conduit for healing, self-discovery and momentary joy. In spaces where medical challenges can feel overwhelming, music offers a language of hope, connection and profound human expression.

NURTURING NEW LIVES: ADVANCED CARE FOR THE SMALLEST PATIENTS

**KLINIKEN DER STADT UND DES LANDKREISES
ROSENHEIM GmbH
GERMANY, ROSENHEIM (2024)**

The RoMed Klinikum Rosenheim's perinatal center stands as a symbol of hope for families in southern Germany, providing critical care for premature babies and sick newborns. Through the thoughtful initiative of SIXT employee Carina, DRYING LITTLE TEARS

has equipped the facility's mother-child rooms with essential monitoring technology. Two state-of-the-art 24/7 monitoring systems now operate around the clock, continuously tracking vital parameters including heart rate, blood pressure and oxygen saturation.

Dr. Med. Uhlig, chief physician at the Level 1 perinatal center, emphasizes the dual focus of their mission: delivering exceptional medical care while creating an environment that nurtures both babies and their families. "Professional care for our vulnerable newborns is essential," he notes. "The foundation's support has significantly enhanced our ability to maintain constant vigilance over our tiny patients while promoting early mother-child bonding." This project exemplifies the foundation's commitment to supporting local health-care initiatives that make a profound difference in children's earliest moments of life.



CREATING TRUE COMFORT: NEW HORIZONS IN PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

**MALTESER KINDERHILFE GmbH
AUSTRIA, AMSTETTEN (2024)**

The Hilde Umdasch Haus stands as a testament to compassionate care, offering a warm, family-like environment for children requiring specialized medical attention. Through the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's support, this facility run by MALTESER

Kinderhilfe has received vital new therapy beds, transforming the daily lives of its young residents. Currently home to nine permanent residents and two children in short-term therapy, the house serves multiple needs: from temporary respite care to long-term support.

A dedicated hospice space allows families to spend precious final moments together, while two parent living units enable close proximity during treatment periods. The new therapy beds play a crucial role in fostering inclusion and community within the facility. Children who cannot remain in wheelchairs for extended periods can now participate fully in daily activities, ensuring they remain connected to the vibrant life of the house. This equipment enhances the facility's holistic approach, combining medical care and various therapeutic options with the warmth of shared experiences.



TRANSFORMING HOPE: BARRIER-FREE CARE FOR FAMILIES FIGHTING CANCER

**FÖRDERKREIS KREBSKRANKE KINDER e.V. STUTTGART
STUTTGART, GERMANY (2024)**

When cancer strikes a family, every small comfort becomes a lifeline. Das Blaue Haus run by Förderkreis krebskranke Kinder e.V. Stuttgart, a sanctuary for families battling childhood cancer, has been transformed through a remarkable collaboration between the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation

and LEONHARD WEISS GmbH & Co. KG, turning practical accessibility into a profound statement of dignity and support. By creating barrier-free access and modernizing outdoor areas, the foundation has designed a space that speaks directly to families’ needs. Personal testimonials reveal the project’s deeper impact.

A mother, whose daughter uses a wheelchair, now finds the advice center more welcoming: “My daughter, who can only get around in a wheelchair, now prefers to visit the advice center because access to the rooms is much easier.” Another parent celebrates how eliminating stairs has simplified their visits. This project embodies the foundation’s core mission: not just providing physical infrastructure, but creating environments of hope, comfort and unconditional support for families facing their most vulnerable moments.

HEALING HEARTS AND MINDS: COMPREHENSIVE CARE INNOVATIONS

**HÔPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE ROBERT-DEBRÉ
FRANCE, PARIS (2016-2019)**

The Hôpital Universitaire Robert-Debré is the largest pediatric hospital in France, dedicated to caring for the health needs of children, adolescents, women, and expectant mothers. Its maternity ward focuses on high-risk pregnancies, overseeing over 3,000 deliveries annually. Through several charity events organized amongst others by DRYING LITTLE TEARS, funds were raised for the refurbishment of 20 sterile rooms in the paediatric immunohematology department as well as for the renovation of the educational center. The center is a welcoming space with a veranda, a fully equipped kitchen and cozy furniture. Every week therapeutic group events are organized for patients and their families such as discussion groups, theatre workshops, music lessons and therapeutic cooking.



ENHANCING COMFORT: REVOLUTIONARY THERAPY SOLUTIONS TRANSFORM DAILY CARE

**WIENER KINDERHOSPIZ gGmbH
AUSTRIA, VIENNA (2024)**

MOMO Kinderpalliativzentrum run by Wiener Kinderhospiz gGmbH has undergone a remarkable transformation through DRYING LITTLE TEARS’ funding of innovative therapeutic furniture. This thoughtfully curated collection of equipment enables young patients

to participate more fully in daily activities while receiving specialized care. A versatile mobile care bed allows children to rest in the center’s MOMO ZeitRaum while remaining connected to ongoing activities. The new array of seating options, including bean bags, soft floor building blocks and custom cubes, provides children the freedom to find comfortable positions during group activities. The innovative Wellenreiter therapy chair offers quick adjustments to accommodate each child’s needs, while an electrically adjustable chair provides comfort for extended periods. The crown jewel of these additions is a sound massage rocking chair that combines musical therapy with physical relaxation. Its unique design creates vibrations that can be experienced through multiple senses, promoting enhanced body awareness and deep relaxation in both seated and lying positions.

A large group of children in orange school uniforms posing for a photo outdoors under a tree. The children are arranged in several rows, with some sitting on the ground in the front. A man in an orange polo shirt stands on the left side of the group. The background shows a large tree with green leaves and a building with a white wall and a yellow string hanging from it.

EDUCATION

Every child has the right to develop their abilities and attend school. However, in many countries, these basic necessities are lacking. Schools and qualified teachers are often in short supply. To address this, we support and finance the construction of classrooms and schools. We collaborate with our partners to develop learning programs and improve local infrastructure. Education is the foundation for peaceful coexistence and economic development.

One of our first educational projects took place in Vietnam, in collaboration with the Dariu Foundation, a long-standing partner. Together, we have built not only classrooms but also mobile libraries and supported the digitalization of schools for children. Initially, our primary focus was on making education accessible to all children, but today, driving digitalization in schools worldwide has become increasingly important.

Another area of education close to our hearts is music education. Music plays a significant role in helping children develop social skills, while also bringing joy and fostering creativity in learning.



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BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES: OPENING DOORS TO EARLY EDUCATION

**THE DARIU FOUNDATION
VIETNAM, LUC SY THANH (2012)**

In the heart of Luc Sy Thanh, a transformative partnership with the Dariu Foundation has created ripples

of positive change that extend far beyond classroom walls. The 2012 construction of a new preschool kindergarten stands as a testament to how strategic philanthropy can lift entire communities. Through this carefully planned initiative, DRYING LITTLE TEARS supported the construction of a modern facility that provides comprehensive early education and care for 120 children. The facility, which welcomed its first young learners in November 2012, serves a dual purpose as both an educational cornerstone and a nutrition center. Parents, previously constrained by childcare duties, now have the freedom to pursue expanded employment opportunities, directly enhancing household incomes and economic stability.

RIISING FROM RUBBLE: REBUILDING A SCHOOL IN HAITI

**BILD HILFT e.V. "EIN HERZ FÜR KINDER"
HAITI, DELMAS (2011)**

In the aftermath of Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake, DRYING LITTLE TEARS in partnership with BILD hilft e.V. 'Ein Herz für Kinder' embarked on a vital mission to restore educational opportunities in Delmas. The La Garenne school and kindergarten, once a vibrant learning center for 290 children, had been reduced to ruins, leaving its dedicated team of twelve teachers without classrooms and hundreds of young minds without a place to grow. Understanding the critical role of education in post-disaster recovery, the foundation responded to the community's call for help when both state funding and local resources proved insufficient. The project's success lay not only in rebuilding walls and roofs but in reestablishing a safe haven where children could return to their studies, supported by their original teaching staff who had shown unwavering dedication throughout the crisis.



DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT: MODERNIZING EDUCATION NOW

**TEL AVIV FOUNDATION e.V.
ISRAEL, JAFFA (2012)**

The diverse Neve Golan neighborhood of Jaffa was the place where DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with the Tel Aviv Yaffo Foundation to bridge the digital divide at Hashmonaim School, where education serves as a powerful equalizer for children from varied ethnic and religious backgrounds. Understanding that technological literacy is crucial for future success, this project spearheaded the installation of a comprehensive wireless computer system and installed new laptops for integration into daily lessons. This initiative serves over 300 students, many of whom come from economically challenged backgrounds with limited access to modern technology at home.



BRIDGING HEARTS AND MINDS: EMPOWERING UNITY THROUGH MONTESSORI EDUCATION

BILD HILFT e.V. "EIN HERZ FÜR KINDER" TANZANIA, MTWARA (2011-2012)

The vibrant coastal region of Mtwara, Tanzania, was the place where DRYING LITTLE TEARS in partnership with BILD hilft e.V. 'Ein Herz für Kinder' has helped to forge a remarkable model of early childhood education that transcends religious and cultural boundaries. The foundation provided financial support for the construction of the day-care center. This innovative center welcomes 160 Muslim and Christian children, aged two to six, creating an environment where diversity flourishes naturally. Perhaps most significantly, the kindergarten serves as a pioneering platform for interfaith understanding. Here, children from different religious backgrounds don't simply coexist – they forge friendships, share experiences and develop mutual respect. The Montessori approach, enhanced by early English language instruction, provides these young learners with vital tools for future success in our interconnected world.

HOPE GROWS HERE: EXPANDING A VITAL CARE CENTER

MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V. BELARUS, VORONOVA (2012)

In the Diocese of Grodno's Voronova region, a project of specialized care shines brighter thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's commitment to expanding essential services for children with severe

and multiple disabilities. The foundation's support has transformed a crucial facility into an even more comprehensive haven of hope and professional care.

Through strategic renovation and expansion initiatives, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has helped to increase the facility's capacity from serving 16 children and their families to accommodating 36 young people up to age 18. At the heart of this center's mission lies an extensive therapy program that opens new possibilities for its young residents. The professional staff delivers comprehensive care that goes beyond basic support, creating an environment where dignity and development flourish side by side.



BUILDING SPACES FOR LEARNING: EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL ACCESS IN RURAL KENYA

BONFAREMO e.V. KENYA, LOITOKITOK (2013)

While the abolition of primary school fees in Kenya in 2003 opened doors for children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, the lack of corresponding investment in school infrastructure threatened to undermine this significant educational reform. DRYING LITTLE TEARS stepped into this critical gap in Loitokitok, demonstrating its commitment to supporting Kenya's educational transformation. The foundation's strategic investment in constructing two additional classrooms in partnership with Bonfaremo e.V. directly addressed one of the most pressing challenges facing Kenya's educational system. By funding these new classrooms, the foundation helped bridge the gap between policy and practice.



FURNISHING THE FUTURE: EQUIPPING A SCHOOL IN WAR-AFFECTED REGION

FORUM AFRIKA e.V.
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, TSHIKAPA (2012)

In a region deeply scarred by years of civil conflict, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has taken decisive action to support education at the Complexe Scolaire Mundedi primary school in Tshikapa. This aid initiative demonstrates how targeted assistance can create immediate positive impact in areas where government infrastructure faces significant challenges.

By providing essential school furniture, the foundation has helped to create a more conducive learning environment for students who demonstrate remarkable resilience in pursuing their education despite challenging circumstances. By furnishing classrooms with proper equipment, the foundation helps to transform bare rooms into proper learning spaces, enabling students to focus on their studies and on their future with dignity.



WHERE LEARNING BLOOMS: CREATION OF AN INTERGENERATIONAL GARDEN

MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
GERMANY, BERLIN (2013)

In Berlin's vibrant Neukölln district, DRYING LITTLE TEARS in partnership with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V.

has cultivated a unique space where education, play and community connection flourish together. At the MANNA family center, that unites people across age groups, religions and cultures, the foundation has brought to life an innovative learning and play garden that transcends traditional educational boundaries.

This thoughtfully designed space embodies the center's motto "Making Children Strong" by creating an environment where learning happens naturally through hands-on exploration. The project encompasses both a modern playground and an educational garden, carefully crafted to facilitate intergenerational interaction and experiential learning.

A BEACON OF HOPE: NOURISHING BODIES AND MINDS IN A SLUM

GERMAN DOCTORS e.V.
BANGLADESH, DHAKA (2013-2014)

In one of the world's most densely populated cities, where poverty and overcrowding create daily challenges for millions, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with German Doctors e.V. to create an oasis of learning and nourishment for children in Dhaka's urban slums.

In a country of approximately 160 million inhabitants, where resources are stretched incredibly thin, the foundation's support helps to ensure that some of Dhaka's most vulnerable children receive not only crucial educational opportunities but also essential daily nutrition.



BREAKING CYCLES OF HARDSHIP: NEW CLASSROOMS FOR STREET CHILDREN

**DON BOSCO MISSION BONN
NAMIBIA, RUNDU (2013-2015)**

In Namibia's second-largest town, where the impact of HIV/AIDS has left an increasing number of children orphaned and struggling on the streets, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with the Salesians of

Don Bosco to expand crucial support facilities for vulnerable youth. The foundation's construction of four new classrooms at the Don Bosco Youth Center has significantly enhanced the capacity to serve children from the community's most marginalized segments. Beyond traditional classroom learning, the expanded center provides essential services including meals, washing facilities and recreational spaces. What sets this project apart is its comprehensive approach to family reunification, with dedicated social workers helping reconnect children with surviving relatives when possible. Through specialized literacy programs and supplementary education, the center works to prepare children for reintegration into mainstream schooling. This helps to create lasting pathways out of street life.



INVESTING IN FUTURES: THE SUPPORT OF A TUTORING INITIATIVE

**DIE CHANCENSTIFTUNG - BILDUNGSPATEN
FÜR DEUTSCHLAND
GERMANY, SCHWERIN (2013-2014)**

It is not widely known, but Germany is a country where over 50,000 young people annually leave school without diplomas. Therefore, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has partnered with "Chancenstiftung - Bildungspaten für Deutschland" to tackle educational inequality head-on. This collaboration directly addresses what former Federal President Horst Köhler identified as a critical social justice issue: Educational opportunities should never be determined by socioeconomic background.

Through this targeted initiative, the foundation helped provide intensive tutoring support for ten children from low-income families across Schwerin, Magdeburg, Potsdam, Erfurt and Dresden. Each student received four hours of professional tutoring weekly in their challenging subjects, creating a vital academic support system that many families couldn't otherwise afford. This project is particularly significant given Germany's position as one of Europe's underperformers in educational spending, with investments still falling below OECD averages.

BREAKING BARRIERS: BETTER EDUCATION FOR ROMA AND SINTI CHILDREN

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
SLOVAKIA, ORECHOV DVOR (2014)**

In a groundbreaking initiative to address educational disparities, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation joined forces with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. and the Sisters of the Salesian Order to create transformative opportunities for Roma and Sinti children in Orechov Dvor. This collaboration demonstrates how strategic partnerships can help to break cycles of educational disadvantage that have historically affected these communities.

Through targeted construction measures at the center, the foundation has helped to create a supportive environment where school-age children can overcome traditional barriers to academic success. This initiative

represents a comprehensive approach to addressing the complex challenges that often lead to school dropouts among Roma and Sinti youth. The project's fundamental goal is to create sustainable pathways for genuine integration, ensuring that these young students not only stay in school but also thrive there.





A SPACE FOR EVERY CHILD: TRANSFORMING A SPECIAL NEEDS KINDERGARTEN

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
ROMANIA, CLUJ (2014)**

A remarkable partnership of Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. with DRYING LITTLE TEARS has orchestrated a comprehensive transformation of Cluj's Maltese Kindergarten, creating a state-of-the-art facility that serves children with severe physical disabilities and their families.

This multi-faceted initiative encompassed complete building renovation, interior modernization and the construction of an accessible playground designed to meet the unique needs of the children. The renovated center offers comprehensive therapy, independence training and crucial support services for parents, including pedagogic and social assistance. Understanding that modern education requires modern tools, the foundation also equipped the facility with computers and electronic devices, ensuring that technology can enhance therapeutic and educational programs.

CREATING SAFE HAVENS: EXPANDING A VITAL PRESCHOOL SANCTUARY

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
MEXICO, MEXICO CITY (2014-2015)**

One of Latin America's largest metropolises became the place where DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. to expand the Internado San Juan Bosco, transforming it into a manifestation of

hope for the city's most vulnerable young children. This initiative demonstrates how targeted philanthropy can create safe spaces for children facing extraordinary challenges. Through comprehensive support for the boarding preschool's expansion, the foundation has helped to create a nurturing environment for children aged four to six who come from low-income and fractured households. In a city where many young children face risks of violence, drug exposure and abuse, this facility serves as a sanctuary where childhood can flourish. The expanded facility provides a holistic approach to child development, combining traditional education with crucial psychological support and social skills training.



EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS: TRANSFORMING AN AFTER-SCHOOL CARE CENTER

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
POLAND, POZNAN (2014)**

In the heart of Poznan, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. to enhance an essential after-school sanctuary that serves local children from economically challenged families. Through a comprehensive equipment provision program, the foundation has outfitted the center with everything needed to create a nurturing learning environment. Under the guidance of qualified teaching staff, students receive comprehensive support including structured recreational activities, cultural programs and vital psychological and pedagogical assistance. The improvements span from essential infrastructure – including kitchen facilities, bathroom equipment and furniture – to educational and recreational resources like laptops and sports equipment. These enhancements serve children aged seven to sixteen, providing them with a well-equipped space for both academic and personal development.



BRIDGING HERITAGE AND TOMORROW: EXPANDING A SINTI AND ROMA STUDY CENTER

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
HUNGARY, TARNABOD (2014-2015)**

Just 80 kilometers east of Budapest, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has partnered with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. to transform educational

opportunities for Roma and Sinti children in Tarnabod. This collaboration has expanded and rehabilitated a vital study center that serves as both an educational hub and a symbol of resilience. The expanded facility supports approximately 150 children of various ages, offering comprehensive educational support while honoring cultural heritage. A standout feature of the program is the teaching of Lovari, the traditional Roma language that nearly vanished during World War II when a huge part of the Sinti and Roma population was deported to concentration camps by the Nazis. The center's impact is already evident in its remarkable outcomes: school dropout rates have decreased significantly, and several students have advanced to university education.

ENABLING ACTIVE LIVES: PROMOTING INCLUSIVE ATHLETICS

**FAIRPLAY
ENGLAND, CHESTERFIELD (2014-2015)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has joined forces with Fairplay, a pioneering British aid organization, to transform how young people with severe disabilities experience sports and physical activity. Understanding that play and physical activity are fundamental rights of childhood, the foundation provided comprehensive funding for specialized sports and play equipment, while also supporting the organization with engaging events. This initiative serves young people up to age 25, ensuring that disability never becomes a barrier to experiencing the joy of movement and play. Through this carefully curated selection of equipment and activities, Fairplay helps participants to develop a natural appreciation for fitness and physical well-being.



FOSTERING FEMALE SCIENTISTS: EMPOWERING EDUCATION FOR GIRLS' SCHOOL

**JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2014-2015)**

In the historic city of Jerusalem, DRYING LITTLE TEARS and the Jerusalem Foundation has taken a decisive step toward advancing girls' education in

STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) through the creation of a dedicated science classroom at the A-Tur Girls' School. This strategic initiative directly addresses a critical gap in educational infrastructure that had previously limited students' access to hands-on scientific learning.

In a world where scientific literacy increasingly determines career opportunities, particularly for young women, the foundation's investment in specialized facilities helps to ensure that these students don't fall behind in crucial STEM education. The new science classroom creates a space where theoretical concepts come alive through practical experimentation and discovery. This project symbolizes a commitment to breaking down traditional barriers that have historically limited girls' participation in scientific fields.

ART BUILDS BRIDGES BETWEEN COMMUNITIES: COOPERATION BEYOND CONFLICTS

**VEREIN ZUR FÖRDERUNG DES ISRAEL MUSEUMS
IN JERUSALEM e.V.
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2015)**

Where politics often divides, art has the power to unite. This profound truth came to life through the groundbreaking Bridging the Gap program of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, which brought together Jewish and Arab schoolchildren from Jerusalem's Adam School and Ein Rafa School in a remarkable cultural exchange initiative: DRYING LITTLE TEARS provided crucial support to launch this transformative project, which evolved from a modest pilot in 2014 into a comprehensive cultural bridge-building program.



The initiative engaged 108 students, along with their teachers and parents, in a thoughtfully crafted curriculum that transcended traditional boundaries. Through shared museum visits, collaborative workshops and artistic expression, students discovered common ground that politics had long denied them. The program's success manifested not just in the artwork created, but in the meaningful connections forged between communities. Even during politically challenging periods, the universal language of art proved stronger than division.



BUILDING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JUNIOR SCHOOL

**REINER MEUTSCH STIFTUNG FLY & HELP
KENYA, UKUNDA (2014-2015)**

In the bustling coastal town of Ukunda, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has helped to transform a grass-roots educational initiative into a model of academic excellence. The Mekaela Ratinga Junior School, originally founded

by local and German collaboration, entered an exciting new chapter when it joined the prestigious Mekaela Academies network in August 2014. Through strategic expansion support, the foundation, in partnership with the Reiner Meutsch Stiftung FLY & HELP, has helped to create a comprehensive learning environment.

The expansion project encompassed the construction and equipping of five new classrooms, a teachers' room, modern sanitation facilities and a library – infrastructure essential for delivering high-quality education. This carefully planned growth enables the school to serve up to 360 students while maintaining intimate class sizes of no more than 40 children. The expanded facility supports a staff of ten teachers and four teaching assistants.

FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES: EXPANDING A VITAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**REINER MEUTSCH STIFTUNG FLY & HELP
SENEGAL, NIANIAR (2014-2015)**

In a country where only less than half of school-age children receive formal education, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with World Vision to transform an overcrowded village school into a more conducive

learning environment. The primary school in Nianiar, established by the government in 2010, had been struggling to serve 240 students with just two permanent classrooms and two temporary structures. The foundation addressed critical infrastructure needs by constructing two additional classrooms and new toilet facilities in 2014. The initiative also established a dedicated reading corner and provided essential school supplies, creating a more comprehensive educational environment. This expansion project directly tackles one of the most pressing challenges facing Senegalese education: the lack of adequate facilities in rural areas. By doubling the number of permanent classrooms, the project helps to ensure that overcrowding no longer stands as a barrier to quality education.



FOSTERING ISLAND DREAMS: SHAPING YOUNG LEADERS

**THE WHIM OUTREACH COMMUNITY CENTER
BARBADOS, SPEIGHTSTOWN (2015)**

At the heart of Speightstown, the WHIM Outreach Community Center stands as an indicator of hope and development for over 6,000 local residents. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's strategic support has transformed this vital community resource, enhancing

its capacity to nurture young minds through play, learning and collaborative projects. Through the foundation's activities, the center received a comprehensive upgrade, including a new playground and essential furniture. This enhancement enables dedicated staff to implement innovative group projects where children discover the power of collective achievement through guided play and structured activities. "The employees of the WHIM Community Center do a great job! They enable many children to develop their personalities in a calm and peaceful environment," notes Regine Sixt, highlighting the project's significance. "I am delighted that by supporting WHIM we can enhance a project for the benefit of the children of Barbados!"



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION CHAMPIONS: CREATING EQUAL PLAY FOR ALL

**EVANGELISCHE STIFTUNG MICHAELSHOF
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2016)**

The Michaelshof stands as a beacon of educational innovation, where children of all abilities learn and grow together in a nurturing environment. This pioneering inclusive school and day nursery demonstrates how shared experiences can break down barriers and foster understanding. Recognizing the limited availability of state and federal funding for care-intensive educational facilities, DRYING LITTLE TEARS stepped forward with comprehensive support. The foundation's contribution extended beyond basic necessities, funding crucial interior fittings and equipment to create an optimal learning environment. The crown jewel of this initiative was the construction of a new soccer field, providing a space where children of all abilities can come together through the universal language of sport.



A SANCTUARY OF HOPE: RENOVATING A YOUTH HAVEN

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
LITHUANIA, VIEKŠNIAI (2015)**

In the small town of Vieکشniai in Lithuania, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation together with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., has transformed a crucial day-care center into a modern sanctuary for children facing significant life challenges. This renovation project builds upon the Municipality's 2012 initiative to create a safe space for children exposed to poverty, violence and the risks of unsupervised street life. The foundation has helped to create distinct spaces essential for child development: a dedicated homework room for academic support, a playroom for creative expression and updated kitchen and sanitation facilities. These improvements enhance the center's ability to provide its vital services, including hot meals, language classes and social skills development. The center's success stems from the dedication of Malteser volunteers and social workers, whose empathy and creativity help create an environment where children can thrive.





COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT: DREAMS FOR ROMA AND SINTI YOUTH COME TRUE

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
HUNGARY, PÉCS (2016)**

Transformative change often begins with a single space where dignity and opportunity converge. The establishment of a comprehensive community center in Pécs marked a milestone in supporting Roma and Sinti children, alongside other vulnerable young members of the local community. Through a strategic partnership between the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. and the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS, the MENŐ JÖVŐ Children's Community Centre has been equipped with essential facilities that serve multiple needs. The foundation's contribution enabled the creation of modern sanitary and medical facilities, a nurturing baby room, an engaging nursery and a vibrant playground where children can thrive through play and social interaction. The project's crowning achievement was the construction of an additional classroom, specifically designed to provide after-school education. This supports the academic development and future opportunities for local children.

RURAL EDUCATION LEGACY: REVITALIZING A CORNERSTONE OF HOPE

**ROTARY SOZIALVEREIN LAHR e.V.
NAMIBIA, KHOMA (2017-2022)**

Standing proudly in the Khomas region since 1972, Baumgartsbrunn Farm School has transformed countless lives, opening doors to education for more than 3,000 children from farming communities. This vital institution evolved from a simple schoolhouse

into a comprehensive educational village, where ten dedicated teachers guide 300 students toward brighter futures. When deteriorating conditions threatened the school's closure in 2008, the Rotary Sozialverein Lahr e.V. initiated a complete renovation project. DRYING LITTLE TEARS joined this crucial endeavor, funding the construction of a playground and a volleyball court and equipping dormitories with essential beds and mattresses. The foundation's support extended to renovating staff accommodations and kitchen facilities, ensuring a nurturing environment for both students and educators. Despite pandemic-related challenges, the school fully resumed operations in 2022, standing as a manifestation of educational excellence.



SHAPING CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT: UNLOCKING POTENTIAL THROUGH SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

**COMMIT - CLUB BEHINDERTER UND IHRER FREUNDE
IN MAINZ UND UMGEBUNG e.V.
GERMANY, MAINZ (2017)**

Meaningful inclusion flourishes when communities provide the right tools for every child to thrive. The Commit Club Behinderter und Ihrer Freunde in Mainz und Umgebung e.V. exemplifies this principle through their comprehensive approach to integration assistance in schools and day care centers. Recognizing the growing need for specialized support, DRYING LITTLE TEARS provided funding for carefully selected materials designed to support children with early childhood autism. The club's dedicated team utilizes these items to strengthen integration assistance across educational settings, improving daily routines and fostering meaningful participation in community life. This targeted approach helps young students develop essential skills while building confidence in their abilities.





THE ART OF SACRED SOUNDS: CULTIVATING TOMORROW'S ARTISTS

**FONDAZIONE CANTIERE INTERNAZIONALE D'ARTE
DI MONTEPULCIANO
ITALY, MONTEPULCIANO (2017)**

Nestled in the heart of Tuscany, Montepulciano's schools now resonate with the transformative power of music, thanks to the Takabanda project of the Fondazione Cantiere Internazionale d'Arte di Montepulciano. This visionary initiative, led by the Istituto di Musica "H. W. Henze" and supported by DRYING LITTLE TEARS, integrates professional musical instruction into the educational landscape, offering children a unique opportunity to develop their artistic talents.

With growing enthusiasm for music education across the region, the project aspires to establish woodwind ensembles and big bands in all local schools. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has played a crucial role in making this vision a reality by providing professional-grade instruments and ensuring that young students receive high-quality training alongside their regular academic curriculum.

The historic halls of the institute now echo with new melodies as students explore their artistic potential under the guidance of professionals from the Istituto di Musica "H. W. Henze". Through this harmonious blend of education and artistry, students not only develop their musical and cognitive skills but also gain confidence and self-expression.

By bridging the gap between traditional education and specialized artistic training, the Takabanda project ensures that music becomes an integral part of students' lives, fostering creativity, discipline, and joy. As the program expands, it continues to create unprecedented opportunities for young musicians, shaping a future where every child in Montepulciano can experience the life-changing power of music.



NURTURING FAITH: A SACRED JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
ITALY, ROME (2017)**

Sacred traditions gain deeper meaning when they embrace all members of the faithful community. The second Rome pilgrimage created a transformative experience for children facing health challenges and their families, offering spiritual renewal and prayer services within the hallowed walls of the Pope's Basilicas. DRYING LITTLE TEARS supported this meaningful journey, recognizing that families managing health challenges and disabilities often face daily obstacles that others may never encounter. Through carefully planned devotional celebrations, participants found spiritual solace and connection in Christianity's most sacred spaces. The pilgrimage offered families a respite from daily challenges and an opportunity to draw strength from shared faith and community. Prayers echoed with hope and determination. This initiative reflects the foundation's commitment to supporting not just physical needs, but also the spiritual and emotional well-being.



A NEW LEARNING JOURNEY: BRINGING BOOKS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

**THE DARIU FOUNDATION
VIETNAM, MEKONG RIVER DELTA (2017)**

Wheels of knowledge roll through the scenic Mekong River Delta, carrying possibilities to children who dream of broader horizons. Through a pioneering partnership

between The Dariu Foundation and the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, three mobile libraries now traverse rural Vietnam's landscape, bringing books and digital resources to young minds eager to learn.

This innovative initiative combines traditional literacy with modern technology, offering internet access and literature to children who previously had limited educational resources. The mobile libraries serve as vehicles of empowerment, particularly supporting communities where The Dariu Foundation already works to strengthen low-income women through microfinance and educational programs. The project exemplifies how strategic mobility can overcome geographical barriers to education.

RESTORING HOPE: CREATING EDUCATION FOR DISPLACED YOUTH

**HELP ALLIANCE gGmbH
JORDAN, AZRAQ (2017)**

Life-changing opportunities emerge when education bridges the gap between displacement and dignity. Near the city of Azraq, where Syrian refugee families have sought safety, the Azraq Catch-Up School was founded to provide education to Syrian children. By supporting this school, a powerful collaboration between help alliance gGmbH and DRYING LITTLE TEARS opens doors to learning and stability. The foundation has strengthened this vital initiative, ensuring more refugee children and young adults can continue their academic journeys despite challenging circumstances. These educational programs provide structure, purpose and a sense of normalcy in lives disrupted by conflict. The project creates safe spaces where young minds can focus on learning rather than the uncertainties of displacement.





EMPOWERING EDUCATION: A GATEWAY TO LITERACY AND LEARNING

**TOR ZUM LEBEN - LIFEGATE REHABILITATION e.V.
WEST BANK, BEIT JALA (2017)**

LIFEGATE's school rehabilitation center stands as a testament to educational innovation, where 200 children with physical and mental impairments find their path to literacy and social integration. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has enhanced this vital mission through a strategic initiative to create an optimal learning environment.

The foundation undertook a comprehensive furnishing project, equipping the school center with new furniture specifically designed to help students maintain focus during lessons. This thoughtful intervention removes physical barriers to learning, allowing children to concentrate on developing essential literacy skills. By addressing the fundamental needs of classroom comfort, this initiative supports LIFEGATE's broader mission of combating illiteracy among children with disabilities.

OPENING DOORS TO LEARNING: NEW HOPE FOR REFUGEE GIRLS

**ORA KINDERHILFE INTERNATIONAL e.V.
LEBANON, BEKAA VALLEY (2017-2018)**

Life-changing educational opportunities emerged for Syrian and Iraqi refugee children when DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with Ora Kinderhilfe International e.V. to establish and equip vital preschool and primary school facilities in the Bekaa Valley close to Beirut. This strategic initiative particularly targets the often-overlooked educational needs of young refugee girls. The project addresses deep-rooted cultural challenges that frequently limit educational access for girls within refugee families. "Girls often have a very low status in the family, particularly if they have brothers. In many Muslim families from Syria, it still tends to be the boys who are allowed to go to school," shares Myrna, a teacher at the educational center. Through this carefully structured project, the foundation helps break down traditional barriers to female education while respecting cultural sensitivities.





ENRICHING YOUNG MINDS: PLAY LIBRARIES SPARK EARLY DEVELOPMENT

**GIVING BACK - DIE CARGLASS GmbH STIFTUNG
SOUTH AFRICA, MULTIPLE CITIES (2018)**

Early childhood development gained powerful momentum across South Africa when the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation partnered with the GIVING BACK - Die Carglass GmbH Stiftung to establish innovative play libraries. This strategic initiative has revolutionized access to educational play resources for children from socially disadvantaged families. The foundation's investment enabled the creation of four fully-equipped play libraries, each carefully stocked with age-appropriate resources. These dynamic spaces feature an extensive collection of toys for toddlers and children, complemented by comprehensive craft supplies and specialized materials for art education. A thoughtfully curated lending program ensures these educational resources reach beyond library walls, extending their impact into homes and communities.

BUILDING BRIDGES OF KNOWLEDGE: A SANCTUARY OF LEARNING UNITES

**REINER MEUTSCH STIFTUNG FLY & HELP
TANZANIA, MKENDA (2017-2018)**

In Mkenda, a small village in Tanzania that became home to refugees from Mozambique's civil war,

DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with the Reiner Meutsch Stiftung FLY & HELP to expand upon the successful kindergarten program established by dedicated nuns. Together, they constructed a vital preschool facility that bridges the gap between early childhood education and primary schooling. The new facility features three well-equipped classrooms, modern sanitary facilities and a kitchen, serving approximately 120 children.

This comprehensive learning environment ensures that young students can continue their educational journey in a safe, nurturing space that promotes both academic and social development.



BRIDGING CULTURAL DIVIDES: TECHNOLOGY AND SPORT UNITE YOUNG HEARTS

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
HUNGARY, TARNABOD (2018)**

The story of transformation continues at Tarnabod's care center for Roma and Sinti children, where the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has expanded

its successful 2016 collaboration with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. This vital facility, serving 150 children of various ages, combines educational support with essential social integration programs. Building upon the foundation's initial investment in establishing a study center, this strategic expansion introduced modern learning tools through a comprehensive technology upgrade and library enhancement.

The project's scope extends beyond traditional education, incorporating newly paved sports areas equipped with soccer gear, encouraging physical activity and team building. An innovative gardening program, complete with vegetable beds, adds practical life skills to the curriculum.



TRANSFORMING LIVES FOR THE BETTER: A BEACON OF LEARNING IS RISING

CARGO HUMAN CARE e.V. KENYA, KABIRIA (2018)

Beyond the bustling streets of Nairobi, hope takes physical form in the newly constructed Happy Child Education Center. This transformative two-story facility stands as a testament to the power of

collaborative philanthropy, bringing quality education to 45 children in one of the city's most underserved communities. DRYING LITTLE TEARS joined forces with Cargo Human Care e.V., help alliance gGmbH and the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) to create this comprehensive educational facility.

The project delivered not only modern classrooms but also essential sanitary facilities, ensuring a dignified learning environment for young students. During the momentous opening ceremony, Bishop Timothy Ranji captured the project's significance with his words: "This is more than a drop in the ocean." Indeed, as the area's first educational facility of its kind, the center represents a great step forward in providing access to early childhood education.



RESTORING EDUCATIONAL DREAMS: A SCHOOL WELCOMES CHILDREN FROM ALL NATIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEUTSCHLAND e.V. LEBANON, BEIRUT (2018)

Educational possibilities expanded dramatically when the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation joined

RENEWING HOPE: TOWNSHIP'S CHILDREN FIND THEIR SANCTUARY

Stiftung Schweiz ForAfrika (FORMERLY STIFTUNG JAM SCHWEIZ) SOUTH AFRICA, HAMMANSKRAAL (2017-2018)

Rising from the challenges of township life, the Lerato Day-Care Center has been transformed through a comprehensive partnership between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Stiftung Schweiz ForAfrika (formerly Stiftung JAM Schweiz). This ambitious reconstruction project has created a nurturing haven for 45 children and 150 orphans in Hammanskraal, north of Pretoria. The foundation's holistic approach encompassed every aspect of childcare needs, from structural improvements to nutritional support. Building renovations provided safe, modern facilities, while the planting of shade trees and expansion of the vegetable garden created sustainable outdoor spaces. A new playground, coupled with furniture and learning materials, ensures both educational and recreational needs are met. Since its 2014 founding, Lerato has evolved into more than just a day-care center - it stands as a manifestation of hope for vulnerable children.



forces with Habitat for Humanity Deutschland e.V. to transform a vital educational facility in Beirut. This comprehensive renovation and re-equipment project created a new learning environment for 1,500 refugee children from Syrian and Pakistani communities, including 50 students with special needs.

Through strategic facility improvements and modern equipment provision, the foundation has helped to create an inclusive school sanctuary where children aged 3 to 14 can continue their educational journey despite displacement from their home countries.

The renovated school stands as a testament to the power of international cooperation in addressing the educational needs of refugee communities.

DELIVERING LASTING CARE: FROM CRISIS RESPONSE TO SUSTAINABLE HAVEN

**VEREIN ENTWICKLUNGSHILFE
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG e.V.
NEPAL, LALITPUR (2019)**

Rising from the aftermath of Nepal's devastating 2015 earthquake, the Bungamati Family House emerged as a sanctuary for 14 traumatized orphans through the collaborative efforts of Verein Entwicklungshilfe Baden-Württemberg e.V. and local village administration.

The foundation extended its support beyond initial emergency response in 2015. As monsoon season approached in 2019, urgent infrastructure improvements became critical for the children's well-being. The foundation's timely intervention enabled essential upgrades to electrical and sanitation systems, while interior modifications ensured spaces better suited to the children's specific needs. Rather than simply providing temporary relief, the project ensures that these young survivors receive continuous care in a properly equipped, child-friendly environment.



REVITALIZING RURAL EDUCATION: A SCHOOL SHAPES TOMORROW'S LEADERS

**THE DARIU FOUNDATION
VIETNAM, VINH LONG PROVINCE (2018-2019)**

Deep in the Mekong River Delta, 400 children discovered new educational possibilities when DRYING

LITTLE TEARS, in collaboration with The Dariu Foundation, transformed their Binh Phuoc C Primary School into a modern learning facility. This comprehensive renovation project delivered essential infrastructure that reaches far beyond basic classroom needs.

Six newly constructed classrooms now provide spacious, well-equipped learning environments, while modern sanitary facilities and water tanks ensure proper hygiene and hydration for all students. The addition of a playground recognizes the vital role of physical activity in child development, creating spaces for both learning and joy.

ADVANCING INCLUSIVE MOVEMENT: WHERE EVERY CHILD FINDS THEIR RHYTHM

**SOPHIE-SCHOLL-SCHULEN gGmbH
GERMANY, BAD NAUHEIM (2018)**

The Sophie-Scholl-Schule Wetterau stands as a testament to parental vision and educational innovation, where 110 students together with 25 children with disabilities learn side by side in an environment that celebrates diversity. Building upon its 2015 support for

pavilion renovation, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has once again championed inclusion and supported the creation of a movement hall.

This state-of-the-art facility features a custom-designed exercise program that adapts to each child's unique abilities and needs. The thoughtfully engineered space seamlessly integrates wheelchair accessibility and specialized equipment, ensuring that physical activity becomes a unifying experience rather than a dividing one. The movement hall transcends traditional physical education spaces, embodying the school's core values of tolerance over exclusion and appreciation over discrimination. Its innovative design ensures that children with mobility challenges can fully participate alongside their peers.





CONDUCTING SOCIAL HARMONY: MUSIC UNITES BEYOND CULTURES

**THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
ISRAEL, BE'ER SHEVA (2019)**

Musical notes weave threads of unity through Israel's diverse communities as 'Sulamot - Music for Social Change' transforms young lives through the universal language of melody. Since its 2010 inception as a collaboration between the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Tel Aviv University, the program has empowered 1,200 children aged 5 to 18 across 18 orchestras, including a specialized program for visually impaired young people.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has amplified this harmonious mission by providing instruments to two schools, enabling 120 Muslim and Jewish children to perform together on clarinets, saxophones, double basses and flutes.

Through ensemble practice and performance preparation, young musicians develop crucial social skills while discovering their unique talents. Beyond musical education, Sulamot creates spaces where cultural boundaries dissolve into shared artistic expression.

IGNITING INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL: A RURAL CAMPUS REDEFINES LEARNING

**DIAKONIE ROSTOCKER STADTMISSION e.V.
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2019)**

Educational innovation bloomed near Rostock when LandSchulCampus opened its doors to 75 students aged 6 to 11, embodying a revolutionary approach to inclusive learning. By providing new classroom equipment, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported this groundbreaking school concept, where inclusion is not just a principle - it is woven into the very fabric of daily education. Understanding that each child's learning journey is unique, LandSchulCampus creates an environment where differences are celebrated as strengths.

Modern, barrier-free classrooms provide the perfect setting for children with and without special needs to learn to-gether, while the comprehensive after-school care program ensures continuous support throughout the day. This innovative institution empowers young voices through self-determined learning approaches, recognizing that true education extends beyond traditional academic boundaries.





STAGING DREAMS: ARTS EDUCATION TAKES CENTER STAGE

**EDWARD4EDUCATION CHARITY FOUNDATION
ST. LUCIA, ST. LUCIA (2020)**

Creative expression found a permanent home at Ciceron Secondary School when DRYING LITTLE TEARS, in partnership with Edward4Education Charity Foundation, established a dedicated theater space, opening new horizons for student development. This innovative addition to the school's facilities recognizes theater's unique power to nurture empathy, creativity and cognitive development in young minds. The project caught the attention of Claudia Edward, renowned jazz musician and founder of Edward4-Education Charity Foundation, who praised its transformative potential: "Many thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation for helping the students of the Ciceron Secondary School to find a home for theater arts. With your contribution and support, the dream of many students can become a reality." This purpose-built performance space provides students with opportunities to explore dramatic arts, develop public speaking skills and build confidence through collaborative creative expression.

TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES: MUSIC BECOMES A PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

**FONDATION TÉNOR POUR LA CULTURE
MOROCCO, RABAT (2022)**

At the intersection of education and artistry, Mazaya's innovative socio-cultural program orchestrates new beginnings for school dropouts from disadvantaged backgrounds. Through the Regine Sixt Children's Aid

Foundation's provision of musical instruments, this unique initiative of the Fondation Tenor pour la Culture has expanded its reach, offering more young people the chance to rebuild their futures through music.

The program's distinctive approach combines traditional academic education with professional music training, creating pathways to both social and professional integration. The impact of this investment resonates through individual success stories that prove the program's effectiveness. Former students now flourish as music teachers, while one graduate has achieved particular distinction as a professional cellist with the Moroccan Philharmonic Orchestra.



NURTURING POTENTIAL: TRANSFORMING THE SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

**THE SCHOOLHOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS INC.
BARBADOS, ST. MICHAEL (2019)**

In Barbados, the Schoolhouse for Special Needs provides essential education for children with special needs from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. Under director Yasmin Vlahakis's vision, this institution has become a vital resource for vulnerable children. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has significantly enhanced the facility by upgrading the library's equipment and repurposing a container as an additional learning area. These improvements create tangible opportunities for children who might otherwise be overlooked. With seven committed teachers, the Schoolhouse offers more than education – it's an environment where children with special needs develop independence, discover talents and build confidence.



ILLUMINATING PATHWAYS: BUILDING LEARNING SPACES THAT SPARK CURIOSITY

**JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2019)**

Kiryat Menachem, a small town southwest of Jerusalem, was founded in the 1950s when many North African migrants settled there. Today, approximately 17,000 people live in this community, and the Tal Chaim School serves 120 children from grades 1 to 6. About a quarter of these children come from Ethiopian migrant families, many of whom grow up in challenging economic conditions. The Jerusalem Foundation is an independent non-profit organization and works on a global scale, have made it their mission to fight poverty in Kiryat Menachem and make education available for children and young people.

Together with DRYING LITTLE TEARS both have taken significant steps to improve education in this community. A learning center was established at the school in 2018 with financial support from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, providing vital resources for the children's education. Building on this success, the foundation has now introduced a second innovative initiative: the creation of interactive learning rooms focused on subjects like math, Hebrew, and natural sciences.

These new spaces transcend traditional classrooms, with cheerful colors and intuitive environments designed to engage and inspire students. Involving the children in the design process ensured that the rooms reflect their needs and desires.

As a result, learning now extends beyond classroom walls, offering children the chance to study in a more stimulating and interactive environment. The goal of this project is to eventually serve up to 300 children, ensuring that every student in Kiryat Menachem has access to a high-quality, engaging, and supportive education.

BRIDGING FUTURES: A LEARNING CAFÉ WHERE HOPE MEETS OPPORTUNITY

**BÜRGERSTIFTUNG HOLZKIRCHEN
GERMANY, HOLZKIRCHEN (2020)**

In Bavaria, the LernCafé has become a vital educational resource serving approximately 50 children aged 5 to 17, including Ukrainian refugees seeking integration. DRYING LITTLE TEARS supported this unique space where volunteer tutors, including retired teachers and students, provide academic guidance in a warm atmosphere. Beyond homework assistance, the café fosters social integration through collaborative activities, art workshops and cultural exchanges. This comprehensive approach yields impressive results: rapid school integration, new friendships and a community that transcends cultural boundaries. Project manager Ulrike Henking notes: "The funding from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation gave

our project great start-up help! Without it, we would never have been able to help our children so directly and effectively!"



REBUILDING CHILDHOOD BEYOND BORDERS: THERAPEUTIC INTEGRATION FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

**KATHOLISCHE KIRCHENSTIFTUNG ST. BARTHOLOMÄUS
GERMANY, DEISENHOFEN (2020)**

At Kinderhaus St. Bartholomäus, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has implemented an innovative therapeutic approach for refugee children that addresses complex emotional and linguistic challenges. This initiative goes beyond traditional integration support, recognizing that therapeutic intervention is essential for children coping with displacement trauma.



The program provides targeted measures for both children and educators, helping traumatized children reconnect with language while creating supportive environments. The results are remarkable: Friendships between refugee and German children have blossomed, often extending to family connections. Parents report expanded cultural horizons as carefully designed support transforms barriers into opportunities for genuine connection. This project succeeds because it understands that integration is also about healing emotional wounds through community.



CULTIVATING GREEN FUTURES: REIMAGINING URBAN EDUCATION

**JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2021)**

In Kiryat Menachem's urban landscape, the Tal Chajim primary school has transformed into an environmental classroom through the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's and Jonathan E. Lyons' creation of a garden and relaxation space. This project transcends typical landscaping by involving children from design through implementation. Students collaborated with design teams throughout the process, making the space authentically theirs. The garden now serves multiple functions – students study outdoors, release energy after classes, and develop environmental awareness in a neighborhood where nature access is limited. The foundation's approach exemplifies participatory design, ensuring the space meets children's actual needs rather than adult assumptions. This garden now offers the entire community a renewed connection to nature.

DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT: NOTEBOOKS AS BRIDGES TO OPPORTUNITY

**LA ESPERANZA GRANADA
NICARAGUA, GRANADA (2020)**

At Granada's Nueva Esperanza High School, DRYING LITTLE TEARS supported a transformative technology program providing notebooks to 150 students, nearly

75% of whom are young women. These devices serve as crucial learning tools in the school's progressive approach to remedial teaching. Since 2020, the program has created tangible pathways to academic success by enabling students to master essential computer programs, explore languages and engage with diverse educational content.

By bridging technological gaps, the foundation empowers young learners to expand their horizons and potential. Each notebook symbolizes opportunity and educational transformation in a community where digital access isn't guaranteed.



CODING THE FUTURE: EMPOWERING DIGITAL LITERACY

**THE DARIU FOUNDATION
VIETNAM, HO CHI MINH (2020)**

An innovative partnership between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and The Dariu Foundation is bringing computational thinking to 3,000 children across 11 Vietnamese schools. By introducing 170 programmable mini-computers, this initiative transforms learning from passive to active engagement. Children aged 6 to 12 learn programming through playful methods that spark curiosity and creativity. They become creators rather than just consumers of technology, developing skills that could reshape their futures. This collaboration builds on a partnership dating to 2012, which has already supported kindergarten construction, mobile libraries and school renovations. The digital education program represents a strategic expansion of this commitment to rural Vietnamese children.



GIVING CHILDREN A CHANCE: EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

INGEAR Initiative GEgen ARmut e.V. KENYA, KIBERA (2021)

In Nairobi's impoverished neighborhoods, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported a comprehensive program of INGEAR INitiative GEgen ARmut e.V. addressing both educational and healthcare needs

of vulnerable orphans. By supporting school fees and making donations to a Medical Fund, the foundation creates sustainable pathways out of poverty.

The Medical Fund covers essential healthcare in a country without universal health insurance. This holistic approach has yielded tangible results – renovation of sanitary facilities and ongoing educational support have enabled several students to advance to secondary schools, a significant achievement in this challenging environment. By simultaneously supporting health, infrastructure and educational costs, the foundation creates genuine opportunities for children to break cycles of poverty.

BUILDING DIGITAL BRIDGES: EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

CENTRO SOCIALE PIZZILLI ITALY, POTENZA BASILICATA (2021)

In the historic heart of Potenza Basilicata, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has created a transformative media room at "Centro Sociale Pizzilli", serving children from economically challenged backgrounds and refugee families. This facility bridges critical technology gaps for those outside traditional educational systems. Recognizing that many families struggle with digital literacy, the foundation established a space where children receive personalized support navigating online resources, completing schoolwork and developing digital skills. The media room provides more than internet access – it creates a supportive environment where technology becomes accessible and understandable. For refugee children and those facing economic hardship, this resource offers a crucial connection to educational opportunities.



A REAL HOUSE OF HOPE: SUPPORTING TRAINEES

HELP ALLIANCE gGmbH KENIA, MOMBASA (2021)

St. Joseph's House of Hope school in Mombasa, Kenya, a project of help alliance gGmbH, enables children from socially disadvantaged families to attend school. Over the years, the school has grown into a complex educational institution, with offerings ranging from kindergarten to high school graduation. A particular focus is on practical training, which enables young people to learn a trade. With the support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS and help alliance gGmbH, it has been possible to expand the range of courses and to include the new training classes for cooking, baking and catering as well as hair, beauty and massage training.

RECLAIMING CHILDHOOD: A SANCTUARY FOR STREET CHILDREN

**MOVIMIENTO DE APOYO A MENORES ABANDONADOS (MAMA) A.C.
MEXICO, GUADALAJARA (2021)**

In Guadalajara, where survival often overshadows childhood, the MAMA A.C. Center stands as a symbol of hope. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has equipped a purposefully designed playroom that serves as a multifunctional haven for street children, providing safety, community and development opportunities.

Educational and cultural workshops offer skill development, while language exchange creates pathways for communication and integration. The playroom serves a dual purpose – offering children a nurturing space to learn while supporting parents engaged in informal street work. By supporting the center, the foundation contributes to a holistic support system recognizing each child's dignity and potential.



SAFEGUARDING LEARNING: A SHIELD AGAINST PANDEMIC CHALLENGES

**FUNDACIÓN FEDERICO FLIEDNER
SPAIN, MADRID (2021)**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, DRYING LITTLE TEARS collaborated with Fundación Federico Fliedner

to equip Colegio El Porvenir with a specialized COVID-19 isolation room, demonstrating proactive health management in educational settings. This facility features advanced air filtration systems to protect the school community.

The thoughtfully designed space allows symptomatic children to receive appropriate care while minimizing transmission risk to classmates and teachers. This intervention represents a commitment to educational continuity during a global health crisis. By creating infrastructure that addresses both individual and collective well-being, the foundation enabled learning to continue safely despite pandemic challenges.

ROBOTICS REVOLUTION: INNOVATIVE LEARNING IN UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES

**FONDAZIONE DI COMUNITÀ MILANO
ITALY, MILAN (2021)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, together with the Fondazione di Comunità Milano, has introduced innovative educational technology to three Milan schools, serving disadvantaged families. This initiative equips classrooms with modern PCs, tablets and Thymio robots, transforming traditional education into collaborative learning experiences. Teachers received specialized training to implement new pedagogical approaches that cultivate multiple intelligences and logical-mathematical skills through digital discovery. The Thymio robots serve dual

purposes – they teach programming fundamentals while helping children recognize emotions through color-changing features that connect technological learning with emotional intelligence. This project addresses educational equity by ensuring that disadvantaged students can access advanced learning tools. By creating active, collaborative digital environments, the foundation helps children develop essential skills for future success.





HEALING THROUGH STORIES: A LIBRARY OF HOPE

**KINDERHILFE - HILFE FÜR KREBS- UND SCHWERKRANKE KINDER e.V.
GERMANY, BERLIN (2023)**

At the family meeting house Barbara-Schulz-Haus run by KINDERHILFE Hilfe für krebs- und schwerkranke Kinder e.V., DRYING LITTLE TEARS has created a vibrant children's library serving as a multisensory haven for kids battling cancer and serious illnesses. This innovative space goes beyond traditional reading, equipped with audio and video technology for interactive story-telling experiences. The children can borrow books, radio plays and films, participate in readings, and engage in therapeutic activities like karaoke nights, game days and children's yoga.

For siblings facing the emotional journey of a family in medical crisis, the library offers connection and normalcy through planned overnight stays and group activities. This provides emotional support and respite from medical challenges. More than a physical space, this library represents a commitment to holistic healing – nurturing young spirits through creativity, connection and the transformative power of stories.

REIMAGINING NEURODIVERSITY: TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

**ORGANIZACIÓN MATER MISERICORDIAE
SPAIN, PALMA (2022)**

In Palma, the the Special Education Center of Centro Mater run by the Organización Mater has unveiled a groundbreaking Special Education Center for children with autism spectrum disorders. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has created two extraordinary classrooms featuring neutral colors, soundproof windows and abundant natural light – elements specially designed to support optimal learning for neurodivergent children. The center that has been supporting inclusive education since 1964 introduces a revolutionary care model focused on child autonomy, including a dedicated self-relaxation area where children can manage sensory overwhelm. This holistic approach transforms education from a challenge to an opportunity for growth and self-discovery. By creating spaces that honor individual neurological differences, the foundation demonstrates that true inclusion requires understanding, adapting and celebrating each child's unique way of experiencing the world.



CRAFTING CREATIVITY: TRANSFORMING PLAY INTO PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**GEMEINNÜTZIGE UND HILFS-GESELLSCHAFT
DER STADT ST. GALLEN
SWITZERLAND, ST. GALLEN (2024)**

At GHG Tempelackers day-care center, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has reimagined a simple room into a vibrant workshop celebrating childhood imagination. Beyond renovation, this project provides children with a sanctuary for artistic exploration, equipped with a new workbench and carefully selected furniture.

The space invites young minds to explore, create and express themselves freely. It becomes a haven of activity where children transform materials into heartfelt gifts for loved ones, especially for Christmas and Mother's Day. By providing tools, materials and an environment encouraging expression, every craft becomes a story and every artwork a celebration of childhood's potential.



NURTURING DREAMS: A PATHWAY FROM POVERTY TO POSSIBILITY

**SIDDHARTHA - HILFE FÜR NEPAL e.V.
NEPAL, DHULIKEL (2023)**

In rural Nepal, education serves as a transformative force, and DRYING LITTLE TEARS has become an architect of hope for 80 children aged 4 to 12 at the

Garisiddhi school. By providing school uniforms, winter clothing, books, school bags and writing materials, the foundation creates a comprehensive support system affirming each child's potential. For economically vulnerable families, these provisions represent more than material gifts. A daily hot meal and complete school supplies become powerful incentives, encouraging consistent attendance and engagement. Each uniform becomes a symbol of dignity, each textbook a key to future opportunities. The foundation's partnership with "Siddhartha - Hilfe für Nepal e.V." is creating a sustainable pathway from current limitations to future possibilities.

FOSTERING HOPE: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN CHALLENGING REGIONS

**WINGS FOR AFGHANISTAN e.V.
AFGHANISTAN, LAGHMAN (2023)**

In a country where education faces daily challenges, the DRYING LITTLE TEARS has created a lifeline for 200 Afghan schoolchildren. Through a project

championed by SIXT employee Farin T. and partner Wings for Afghanistan e.V., the foundation has transformed a school into a sanctuary of sustenance and safety. This project addresses critical survival needs by providing daily meals for nearly two months, combating hunger – a fundamental barrier to learning. Additional provisions of heaters, carpets and wood ensure the school remains viable during harsh winter months, protecting children from hunger and exposure. This project represents a strategic intervention shielding children from violence and child labor, offering a protected space where education can flourish. Each meal served and each warm classroom affirm that children deserve nourishment, safety and the opportunity to learn – wherever they live.



OUR PROJECTS: EDUCATION

ORCHESTRATING DREAMS: CULTURAL PRESERVATION THROUGH MUSICAL EDUCATION

**BELLE VUE COMBINED SCHOOL
ST. LUCIA, BELLE VUE (2024)**

At Belle Vue Combined School, a musical transformation is unfolding that harmonizes tradition, education and personal growth. DRYING LITTLE

TEARS has created a state-of-the-art music classroom serving as both learning space and cultural sanctuary. It is soundproofed and equipped with diverse instruments from percussion to keyboards, violins, clarinets, and microphones. This represents an investment in cultural preservation and personal development. The school's goal of ensuring every primary student learns at least one instrument speaks to a vision of holistic education. Supported by the Ministry of Culture and local musicians, this project transforms music from an extracurricular activity into a tool for personal and collective empowerment. In this rural community, each note played connects young musicians to their cultural roots and future potential.



DIGITAL BRIDGES: EMPOWERING REFUGEE YOUTH

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST gGmbH
GERMANY, LEIPZIG (2023)**

At a Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. initial reception center, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has pioneered a transformative approach to refugee education and integration. By providing laptops, the foundation creates opportunities for children and youth to continue their educational journeys despite displacement, enabling homeschooling, educational project participation and development of IT, social media and online skills. This project extends beyond academics. Thoughtfully chosen games provide recreational opportunities, allowing children to connect, play and find normalcy during challenging transitions.

As Rainer Schumacher from the Malteser Hilfsdienst notes: "The expected hope that digital skills can be promoted has been confirmed right from the start and laptops are now an integral part. The teachers will continue to incorporate them creatively."

TIMES OF TRANSFORMATION: REIMAGINING HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCES

**ZENTRUM FÜR KINDESENTWICKLUNG e.V. BERLIN
GERMANY, BERLIN (2024)**

At the Zentrum für Kindesentwicklung e.V. (ZKE), the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has redesigned the waiting area and created new play and learning opportunities. By converting a typically stressful environment into a landscape of learning and connection, the foundation has created an intentional space that turns potentially challenging moments into opportunities for developmental engagement. The innovative play and learning areas encourage parents to connect meaningfully with their children, moving beyond digital distractions towards interactive experiences. The ZKE, serving children from birth to 18 with developmental challenges, now offers a holistic approach extending care beyond medical treatment. Suggested by a SIXT employee, this project demonstrates how strategic design can transform institutional spaces into nurturing environments where waiting time becomes a valuable developmental opportunity.





NURTURING MINDS: REDESIGN OF READING CORNERS

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, BERLIN AND BAVARIA (2024)**

As part of the reading aloud campaign, DRYING LITTLE TEARS supported several projects connected to reading. In 18 Johanniter children's facilities in Upper Bavaria and Berlin, the existing reading corners were redesigned and in some cases expanded. With new, colorful cushions and bookshelves, the reading corners became more child-friendly. SIXT employees actively designed and built some of the reading corners.

DIGITAL COMPANIONS: BRIDGING EDUCATION AND HEALING

**INITIATIVE KREBSKRANKE KINDER MÜNCHEN e.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2024)**

A remarkable technological innovation is transforming educational experiences for hospitalized children. DRYING LITTLE TEARS championed a groundbreaking project using school avatars to reconnect young patients with their classrooms, ensuring medical

challenges don't become educational barriers. These sophisticated robots, equipped with cameras and microphones, attend classes for children unable to be physically present, creating a lifeline of social and academic continuity. For children like Cara, a young cancer patient, the avatar becomes a bridge to normalcy, allowing participation in recess, engagement with classmates and a sense of belonging. Launched by Initiative krebskranke Kinder München e.V. in autumn 2023, the "School Avatars" project has already transformed multiple young patients' experiences.

Both children and teachers have embraced this approach, recognizing its potential to mitigate the emotional and educational isolation of serious illness.



BREAKING BARRIERS: A LANDSCAPE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

**CBM CHRISTOFFEL-BLINDENMISSION CHRISTIAN
BLIND MISSION e.V.
KENYA, TURKANA COUNTY (2024)**

In rural Kenya, DRYING LITTLE TEARS, collaborating with CBM Christoffel-Blindenmission Christian Blind Mission e.V., has transformed 26 school facilities into inclusive learning environments. These renovated schools across Turkana County now feature crucial adaptations: ramps, modified door openers, handrails and barrier-free sanitary facilities – each modification representing a statement about dignity and educational access. Building on CBM's century-long commitment to breaking cycles of poverty and disability, this project extends beyond infrastructure. In 2022 alone, CBM supported 62 million people across 44 countries, with approximately 360,000 children gaining improved educational access. These barrier-free schools now stand as symbols of possibility, where every child, regardless of physical ability, can learn, grow and dream. Each ramp and handrail becomes a bridge to potential.



PROGRESS THROUGH LEARNING: A NEW SCHOOL AS DRIVER OF TRANSFORMATION

**STIFTUNG STERN - HILFE FÜR MENSCHEN e.V. /
DEUTSCHE WELTHUNGERHILFE e.V.
KENYA, KINAKONI (2024)**

In the arid landscapes of rural Kenya, where drought and poverty threaten the survival of communities, a remarkable transformation is taking place in Kinakoni village. With the support of Stiftung stern - Hilfe für Menschen e.V., and Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V., this collaborative project is addressing critical issues like poverty and hunger while providing sustainable solutions that can be replicated in other villages.

A cornerstone of the initiative is education. The elementary school, once in a state of disrepair, is being renovated with DRYING LITTLE TEARS' support. The upgraded facility will include 11 blocks of classrooms and an administration block fully furnished with desks for learners, chairs and tables. The funding also includes the refurbishment of a girl's dormitory, construction of a new kitchen equipped with boilers, construction of latrines, refurbishment of a 50m³ tank, fabrication of furniture for learners, establishment of a farm pond and kitchen garden, plus school fencing with a gate.

The finalization is enabling the school to accommodate 250 pupils across all subjects. This is more than just a construction project—it's a strategic intervention aimed at breaking generational cycles of economic vulnerability and ensuring children have the opportunity to graduate and build a brighter future.

This project is especially critical for the village's 5,000 residents, who face worsening conditions due to drought and widespread child malnutrition. Over the next three years, the three organizations will work closely with the community to address urgent challenges and help build self-sufficiency, offering a chance for growth and stability in the face of adversity.





Every child has the right to a safe home, a supportive family environment, and parental care. Unfortunately, the reality is often very different. This is why we support the construction of children's homes, orphanages, and playgrounds around the world. We also renovate day-care centers, especially for disadvantaged children and children with disabilities, as without our support, these facilities often would not be built.

As a partner to organizations such as the Johanniter, Order of Malta, Christus König, and many others, we help socially disadvantaged children who are often overlooked. One of our biggest goals is to ensure that every child has equal opportunities to start their life.







A HAVEN OF HOPE: RESTORING CHILDREN'S LIVES

**MALTESE URSULINE SISTERS OF ST. ANGELA MERICI
MALTA, SLIEMA (2012)**

Along Malta's picturesque northeastern coast, the Ursuline Sisters of St. Angela Merici have created more than a shelter – they've built a sanctuary of healing for Malta's most vulnerable children. Through a partnership sparked by local Sixt Franchise employees, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation embarked on renovating a building within this vital children's home.

The foundation's activities focused on upgrading and equipping structures providing critical care for more than 50 infants and toddlers aged zero to four years. These young residents, arriving due to abandonment, abuse or pressing social circumstances, receive individualized attention essential for emotional and physical development. By supporting the Ursuline Sisters' mission, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation continues its commitment to drying little tears through creating nurturing environments where society's youngest survivors begin healing journeys and rediscover childhood joy.

HEALING THROUGH NATURE: THERAPEUTIC PETTING ZOO BRINGS COMFORT TO YOUNG PATIENTS

**BJÖRN SCHULZ STIFTUNG
GERMANY, GSTADT AM CHIEMSEE (2011)**

On the serene western shores of Lake Chiemsee, the historic Irmengard-Hof has transformed into a sanctuary where healing meets hope. Through a partnership

between DRYING LITTLE TEARS and the Björn Schulz Stiftung, this idyllic farm now features a therapeutic petting zoo supporting children facing challenging health battles. The foundation's investment in creating a specialized animal enclosure enables young patients and their families to experience healing through animal companionship. Within the farm setting, children undergoing cancer treatment and those with chronic illnesses and disabilities find solace with donkeys, rabbits and guinea pigs.

This animal therapy complements comprehensive support services, including grief counseling, recreational areas and educational spaces for pediatric healthcare seminars. The Irmengard-Hof serves as more than a retreat; it's where families heal and find strength together in a nurturing environment.



CREATING NEW HORIZONS: PLAY- GROUND RESTORATION BRINGS JOY

**JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2011)**

In the center of Jerusalem's Ha Notrim neighborhood, a vibrant playground has become a symbol of hope and inclusion, thanks to a collaborative effort between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the

Jerusalem Foundation. The renovation project transformed a once tired play area into a dynamic space where children from diverse backgrounds can thrive together.

The revitalized playground serves as a daily sanctuary for three- to five-year-olds from disadvantaged families, many of whom are children of immigrants seeking a better life in Israel. Beyond providing a safe space for play and social interaction, the facility operates as a comprehensive care center, offering extended afternoon hours and nutritious daily meals at no cost to families. This initiative exemplifies the foundation's commitment to creating nurturing environments where children can experience the simple joys of childhood, regardless of their circumstances.



PILGRIMAGE OF GENEROSITY: EUROPEAN YOUTH HAVEN FINDS SUPPORT

**HEE e.V.
SPAIN, FONCEBADÓN (2012-2014)**

In northern Spain's Castille region, the hogar europeo de encuentro (hee), a house of encounters, stands as a beacon for Europe's disadvantaged youth. This retreat center, where young people across the continent find spiritual guidance and forge connections, received crucial support through collaborative philanthropy.

In October 2012, industry leaders united in their commitment to youth development, as Mauritia Mack, wife of Europa-Park owner Jürgen Mack, joined with Bianca and Oliver Kleine of Leonardo glassware to present a significant donation.

The funds were received by HEE e.V. Chairman Norbert Scheiwe and Pallottine Father Gaspar Vega Fidalgo to strengthen the organization's vital mission. Through support of this transnational youth initiative, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation demonstrates commitment to fostering spaces where young people discover potential beyond limitations of circumstances, finding guidance, community and hope along their journey towards a brighter future.



BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES: REVITALIZING A CHILDREN'S DAY-CARE NETWORK

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
LITHUANIA, VILNIUS (2012)**

In a strategic alliance spanning four vital communities across Lithuania, DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. to transform day care centers serving as lifelines for families facing significant challenges. The comprehensive renovation

encompassed facilities in Vilnius, Kaunas, Marijampole and Siauliai, each operating as essential support hubs for socially disadvantaged children. Understanding that environment shapes opportunity, the foundation undertook complete modernization of these spaces. The renovation delivered new furniture and engaging play equipment for both lounge and preschool areas, creating stimulating environments where children can thrive. Each center maintains unique programming and structured daily schedules, ensuring quality care for children whose parents face unemployment, disability or illness. This collaborative effort exemplifies the foundation's commitment to creating sustainable support systems in communities where they're needed most, strengthening Lithuania's social infrastructure for its most vulnerable families.



SAFEGUARDING CHILDHOOD: A MODERN PLAY-SPACE EMPOWERS JERUSALEM'S YOUNG HEARTS

**JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
ISRAEL, HAR CHOMA, JERUSALEM (2013)**

At Jerusalem's southern edge, where every child's right to safe play intersects with community responsibility, an essential transformation has occurred.

Through partnership between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the Jerusalem Foundation, the HaMamzi Kindergarten's outdated playground has been reinvented as a secure haven for 70 energetic toddlers. When safety assessments revealed existing play facilities no longer met current standards, the foundation ensured these youngest Har Homa community members wouldn't be deprived of safe outdoor play and development. The new playground stands as testament to creating environments where children explore, grow and thrive without compromising wellbeing. This initiative represents more than infrastructure upgrade: It's investment in daily joy and physical development of dozens of young children who now access secure space, ensuring safety and childhood wonder coexist in one of Jerusalem's growing neighborhoods.

REVITALIZED RECREATION: FINDING JOY IN RENEWED URBAN SANCTUARY

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
HUNGARY, BUDAPEST (2013-2014)**

In the heart of Hungary's vibrant capital, the collaboration between DRYING LITTLE TEARS and Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. has transformed a vital community space into a center for childhood development. The renovation encompassed both a multifunctional playground and companion playhouse, creating an integrated recreational environment for local children.

The initiative, culminating in an opening ceremony on October 18th 2014, demonstrates understanding that safe, well-equipped play spaces are essential for healthy development. Through meticulous renovation and thoughtful furnishing, the project created an environment for structured and imaginative play. By reimagining both outdoor and indoor facilities, the foundation created a year-round haven where children explore, socialize and develop crucial skills, providing a sanctuary amidst urban surroundings.



A HEALING HUB: WHERE HEALTHCARE MEETS EDUCATION

**INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST
GABON, MAYUMBA (2013)**

In Gabon's equatorial heartland, a former mission station has transformed into a vital lifeline through partnership between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, under the guidance of Monsignore Prof. Dr. Rudolf Michael Schmitz's guidance.

This innovative dual-purpose facility addresses both healthcare needs and educational aspirations. The health center provides critical first-aid services and medication management, tackling prevalent challenges like malaria and other insect-borne fevers. Additionally, it offers specialized treatment for severe conditions like leprosy and tuberculosis. What distinguishes this project is its integration of healthcare with education. The center's rooms double as study spaces, enabling patients to maintain academic progress despite health challenges.

This approach ensures illness doesn't become a learning barrier, providing supervised homework support and educational continuity, strengthening both medical and educational infrastructure in the region.

SENSORY SANCTUARY: INNOVATIVE THERAPY SPACE AIDS YOUNGEST TRAUMA SURVIVORS

**WIZO-DEUTSCHLAND e.V.
ISRAEL, TEL AVIV (2014)**

In Tel Aviv, healing meets innovation: DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with WIZO to create a groundbreaking snoezelen room at the Beit Pa'amoni Center for Babies at Risk. This specialized

multi-sensory environment serves as a gentle catalyst for healing among 25 of society's most vulnerable young souls. The carefully designed space harnesses therapeutic power of controlled sensory stimulation: Soft light effects dance across walls, soothing sounds fill the air, tactile materials invite exploration and gentle aromas create an atmosphere of calm. Each element helps traumatized toddlers to begin emotional recovery in a secure environment. At Beit Pa'amoni, which translates to "House of Bells," this innovative therapy room complements the comprehensive care program provided by WIZO's team of professionals. The snoezelen concept, originally developed in the Netherlands, has proven particularly effective helping young children process and overcome early trauma through guided sensory experiences.



MUSICAL ASPIRATIONS: CREATIVE SPACE AMPLIFIES YOUNG VOICES

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
GERMANY, HAMBURG (2014-2015)**

In Hamburg's Volksdorf district, a groundbreaking initiative has transformed the local youth center into a hub of creative expression. Through the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's support, a state-of-the-art recording studio and computer room now offer young

people professional space to explore musical talents and digital skills. This facility serves as more than recreational space: It's a sanctuary where youth can channel the pressures of school, family and social life into meaningful artistic expression. The project puts creative control in young hands, allowing participants to choose their musical direction through rap, vocal performance or instrumental music. Under experienced mentors' guidance, young artists navigate complete production processes, gaining technical skills while building self-confidence. The dual-purpose space combines musical production with computing resources, preparing youth for both creative and technical futures. This combination reflects understanding that modern youth development requires both artistic skills and digital literacy in an increasingly technology-driven world.



EMPOWERING THROUGH SPORT: STREET CHILDREN FIND THEIR PATH

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
BRAZIL, SÃO PAULO (2013-2017)**

In Brazil's largest metropolis, where soccer runs through the city's veins, an innovative youth initiative transforms lives through sport. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, partnering with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., has embraced a grass-roots movement that emerged from an unexpected source: children themselves.

Central to this project is the renovation of a sports center and construction of a new soccer field. What makes this initiative remarkable is its inception: Children aged six to eleven conceived of using their beloved sport as a vehicle for social change, reaching out to peers in vulnerable circumstances. The program harnesses soccer's ability to teach invaluable life skills – discipline, teamwork and perseverance – while providing an alternative to street life for at-risk youth. Through structured athletic activities, children find not just a safe haven from delinquency, but a pathway to personal growth and community integration in one of South America's most challenging urban environments.

RESTORING HOPE: A QUARTER CENTURY OF REFUGE

**CARITAS BUCHAREST ASSOCIATION
ROMANIA, BUCHAREST (2014)**

In northern Bucharest, St. John's House has stood as sanctuary for street children and those from disadvantaged families for 25 remarkable years. Through partnership between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Asociatia Caritas Bucuresti, this vital institution has undergone a significant transformation to enhance its capacity serving society's most vulnerable young members.

The foundation's intervention focused on three crucial areas: renovating children's bedrooms to create comforting personal spaces, establishing a dedicated therapy room for psychological healing and expanding recreation areas to foster social development. These improvements ensure that the facility continues its quarter-century legacy providing comprehensive care

to children who have faced life on Bucharest's streets. Under Caritas's experienced guidance, enhanced facilities enable holistic rehabilitation, combining safe shelter with therapeutic support and recreational activities that are essential for healthy childhood development. The renovation project strengthens St. John's House's ability to offer both immediate refuge and long-term pathways to stability for its young residents.



BEYOND CONTAINERS: THE RISE OF A CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**Stiftung Schweiz ForAfrika
SOUTH AFRICA, JOHANNESBURG (2014)**

In the heart of the Orange Farm township, a remarkable transformation has revitalized the nursery home Rise Up through a collaborative venture between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Stiftung Schweiz ForAfrika (formerly Stiftung JAM Schweiz).

This renovation has revolutionized daily lives of 72 young children who previously attended the Rise Up day care center in makeshift conditions. Before intervention, children navigated early education between two shipping containers and a wooden shack, using plastic buckets instead of proper sanitation. The foundation delivered complete metamorphosis: A new insulated prefabricated structure stands on solid concrete foundation, featuring four rooms, a fully equipped kitchen and proper toilets. Security was enhanced with perimeter fencing, while grounds blossomed with playground climbing equipment, a vegetable garden and shade trees. Inside, classrooms burst with educational potential, equipped with comfortable mattresses, warm blankets, age-appropriate furniture and engaging learning materials. Local contractors brought the vision to life, adding vibrant colors to the buildings that mirror the bright futures being shaped within.



CULTIVATING URBAN NATURE: AN OASIS OF LEARNING IS BLOOMING

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
GERMANY, BERLIN (2014)**

In Neukölln, a diverse district in Berlin, the family center MANNA run by the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. hosts the innovative project "ZusammenWachsen" (Growing Together) that bridges the gap between urban childhood and environmental awareness. Building upon its successful 2013 playground initiative, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has extended its support to enhance this unique educational garden experience. At the heart of the project, a newly renovated gazebo serves as an outdoor classroom where city children discover the wonders of nature firsthand. The foundation's contribution encompassed both structural repairs and interior outfitting of this vital learning space, creating a weatherproof hub for environmental education and hands-on gardening activities.

What makes this initiative particularly meaningful is the personal involvement of SIXT staff members, who volunteered their time to create raised garden beds and construct an innovative herb wheel, demonstrating corporate citizenship in action. This hands-on approach exemplifies how community engagement can transform urban spaces into living laboratories of learning.

BREAKING BARRIERS: PIONEER INCLUSIVE CAMP SETS NEW STANDARDS

**LANDESVERBAND BAYERN FÜR KÖRPER- UND
MEHRFACHBEHINDERTE MENSCHEN e.V.
GERMANY, WARTAWEIL (2015)**

On Lake Ammersee's shores, the school camp in Wartaweil stands as Germany's first fully accessible educational camp, where inclusion is a living reality. Through the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's support, this facility has enhanced recreational offerings to create barrier-free adventures for all children. The 2.7-hectare property combines

accessibility with immersive natural experiences. A pioneering wheelchair swing and an innovative nature discovery park invite children of all abilities to explore through multisensory experiences, from meandering barefoot paths to an engaging herb garden. A specially designed lakeside boardwalk ensures that every child can experience the joy of swimming and boating in Lake Ammersee. During its inauguration, foundation board member Alexander Sixt highlighted Wartaweil's role as a shining example of inclusive design, praising specialized amenities including care baths, adaptive beds and comprehensive accessibility features making outdoor recreation accessible to all. The facility demonstrates how thoughtful design eliminates barriers to outdoor education. Through this initiative, the foundation advances its mission by supporting spaces where every child, regardless of physical ability, can fully participate in transformative outdoor learning and play experiences, creating memories that transcend physical limitations.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: HISTORIC PLAYGROUND REVIVAL

**BERLINER MISSIONSWERK
WEST BANK, BETHLEHEM (2015)**

In the ancient town of Beit Jala near Bethlehem, the Talitha Kumi Education Center stands as a symbol of comprehensive education, offering everything from early childhood care to hospitality training. A memorable 2012 visit by Regine Sixt and former German President Christian Wulff laid the groundwork for a partnership enhancing the center's early education facilities.

When urgent renovation needs for the kindergarten playground emerged in early 2015, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation demonstrated remarkable agility. Within days of identifying the need in March, the foundation's board approved funding, enabling swift construction commencement. Just two months later, the completely renovated playground welcomed its young guests.

At this facility, supported by the Berliner Missionswerk, 120 children aged three to six years now enjoy a secure, stimulating environment for play and learning. The renovated space provides young minds freedom to explore and develop in age-appropriate groups, supporting both educational and social development in this historically significant region.

A PLACE CALLED HOME: ORPHANAGE RECEIVES LIFE-CHANGING SHELTER

**COMPASSIONATE ORPHANAGE
NIGERIA, LAGOS (2015)**

The transformative power of shelter took center stage at the Compassionate Orphanage in Lagos's Greenland Estate, where the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation undertook a crucial renovation. The initiative focused on replacing the deteriorated roof of the girls' dormitory, addressing a critical need that had left young residents vulnerable to the elements

for years. A poignant moment marked completion when Sebastian Szautner, representing SIXT Germany, joined SIXT Nigeria for an emotional unveiling ceremony. The children, dressed in their finest attire, offered heartfelt prayers for their renewed sanctuary — a home where they could finally rest secure.

The project caught Lagos's Daily Sun newspaper's attention, highlighting the foundation's commitment to society's most vulnerable members. The publication emphasized the profound value in serving others, particularly those less privileged. This initiative exemplifies dedication to drying little tears through practical interventions providing immediate relief while creating lasting impact. For young residents, the new roof represents more than physical protection — it symbolizes security, dignity and a promise of a brighter tomorrow.





SANCTUARY REIMAGINED: A COMMUNITY SPACE NURTURES NEW BEGINNINGS

**SOZIALDIENST KATHOLISCHER FRAUEN MÜNCHEN e.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2015)**

In Munich's historic Au district, the Mutter-Kind-Haus Karolina serves as a vital haven where single mothers and pregnant women find support to build stronger futures. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported the transformation of this shelter's courtyard into a vibrant community space nurturing both parent and child development.

Home to 10 mothers and their 13 children, the facility's courtyard serves as the heart of daily life and community connection. Recognizing the space's potential to enhance residents' quality of life, together with the mothers of the house, the foundation could undertake a redesign. Through collaborative planning, these women helped shape their children's future play space, ensuring it would meet their families' unique needs. The renovation delivered new play equipment transforming the previously underutilized courtyard into an engaging outdoor environment where children can explore while their mothers build supportive relationships with fellow residents. This thoughtful design creates opportunities for both supervised play and community building among families facing similar challenges.

DRIVING INCLUSION: EDUCATIONAL EVOLUTION MARKS A NEW CHAPTER

**EVANGELISCHE STIFTUNG MICHAELSHOF
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2015)**

In Rostock, where innovation meets historical legacy, the Michaelshof has transformed from its 1845 origins as a safe house established by Johann Hinrich Wicherns. Through support from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Silvia Gorgas, this

institution has evolved into a cutting-edge inclusive learning environment. The foundation's intervention included creating an accessible rooftop terrace with safety glass balustrades and weather-resistant wooden flooring, complete with protective awnings. The 2013/2014 academic year marked a pivotal moment as Michaelshof transitioned to full inclusion, bringing students with and without disabilities together. By summer 2015, the expanded facility boasted 1000 square meters enabling the after-school program to grow from serving a handful of children to accommodating 132 students. "Society's task is to create social spaces so inclusion can succeed," reflects Alexandra Falkner, Michaelschule's director. "The foundation's support has enabled us to implement a successful day-to-day care center with differentiated offers."



EXPANDING CARE HORIZONS: HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND CENTER ENHANCES FOSTER SERVICES

**KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER (KDC)
UNITED STATES, NEW BEDFORD (2015)**

In Massachusetts, where historical architecture meets modern social service needs, the Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC) stands as a cornerstone of support for families and children facing developmental challenges. DRYING LITTLE TEARS played a pivotal role in expanding these vital services through renovating a Foster Care Suite within the organization's newly acquired historic building. This space creates a welcoming environment where foster families receive support and resources needed to provide stable homes for children with developmental disabilities. As one of Massachusetts' largest social service providers, KDC annually serves 4,300 children under the age of three through

its comprehensive network of education, healthcare and specialized day school programs. The expansion into Southeast Massachusetts represents a strategic move to extend these crucial services to a broader community in need.

The foundation's targeted support of the Foster Care Suite renovation demonstrates its understanding that physical infrastructure plays a crucial role in delivering quality social services for vulnerable children and families navigating complex needs.





A LEGACY OF INCLUSION: SOPHIE SCHOLL SCHOOL'S GATHERING PLACE RENEWED

FÖRDERVEREIN DER SOPHIE-SCHOLL-SCHULE WETTERAU e.V. GERMANY, BAD NAUHEIM (2015)

Named after one of Germany's most inspiring resistance figures, the Sophie-Scholl-Schule Wetterau stands as a testament to inclusive education, where accessibility isn't just an accommodation but a fundamental right. At this forward-thinking institution, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has helped to preserve a beloved symbol of the school's inclusive spirit by renovating its central pavilion.

This space, long considered the school's flagship structure, serves as more than just a playground shelter: It's a gathering place embodying the institution's vision of creating a society where every square meter is accessible to all, particularly children with disabilities. When this iconic structure required urgent renovation, the foundation stepped forward to ensure its preservation and enhancement.

This seemingly simple structural project carries profound symbolism, representing the school's broader mission of breaking down barriers in all areas of society. The restored pavilion continues to serve as a visual reminder of the school's commitment to creating spaces where every child feels welcomed and valued.



LEADING CHANGE: TOWNSHIP DAY CARE CENTER'S COMPLETE METAMORPHOSIS

Stiftung Schweiz ForAfrika SOUTH AFRICA, JOHANNESBURG (2015)

In the Orange Farm township near Johannesburg, a visit by SIXT employees to the Mahou Day Care Center revealed conditions demanding immediate intervention. Through continued partnership between the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Stiftung Schweiz For Afrika (formerly Stiftung JAM Schweiz), what began

as a concerning discovery transformed into an opportunity for meaningful change. This project represents the second successful collaboration between these organizations in the Orange Farm township, demonstrating their shared commitment to creating sustainable early childhood development facilities in communities where they're needed most. The foundation's comprehensive funding enabled a complete renewal of the center's building, replacing inadequate facilities with a proper learning environment. The initiative exemplifies how corporate social responsibility can catalyze transformation when guided by direct observation and swift action. SIXT employees' first-hand witness of the center's challenging conditions sparked a rapid response that would change the daily reality for local children and their caregivers. This created spaces where children can begin their educational journey with hope and promise.



ENRICHING YOUNG LIVES: A HAVEN OF PLAY AT MUNICH'S HISTORIC CARE CENTER

KINDERHILFE SALBERGHAUS PUTZBRUNN e.V. GERMANY, PUTZBRUNN (2015)

Where professionalism meets compassion, the Salberghaus stands as a comprehensive children and youth services facility, offering a spectrum of care options for children under 10 years old. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's intervention has enhanced this vital institution's ability to serve its

young residents through thoughtful outdoor space improvements. Understanding that therapeutic care extends beyond indoor spaces, the foundation financed a complete playground renovation project. A key feature of the enhancement included the installation of a strategic beech hedge, creating both privacy from street view and distinct recreational zones for the special education center's terraces. This careful attention to design ensures that children can play freely while maintaining the dignity and security essential to their healing process.

The facility's holistic approach combines direct childcare with comprehensive family support services, offering guidance and assistance to parents navigating challenging circumstances. This dual focus on child and family welfare creates a supportive ecosystem for sustainable positive outcomes.

RECONCILING DIFFERENCES: EQUIPMENT FOR UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINORS

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
GERMANY, ERFURT (2015)**

Together with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports a facility for unaccompanied minor refugees (UMR) in Erfurt. The foundation has ensured that initial equipment and appropriate infrastructure are provided for these unaccompanied youths who have arrived in Germany without family support or guardians.



The primary goal of this initiative is to bring different cultures together, fostering understanding and integration. By providing essential resources and creating appropriate living conditions, the foundation helps create a stable environment where these young refugees can begin rebuilding their lives after difficult journeys. This support demonstrates the foundation's commitment to addressing urgent humanitarian needs while promoting cross-cultural understanding. By providing basic necessities and infrastructure, the project helps to create a basis upon which these young people can establish new beginnings while honoring their cultural backgrounds, ultimately supporting their successful integration into German society.



REBUILDING LIVES: A FAMILY HOME RISES FROM NEPAL'S GREATEST DISASTER

**VEREIN ENTWICKLUNGSHILFE
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG e.V.
NEPAL, BUNGAMATI (2015-2016)**

In the wake of Nepal's most devastating natural disaster, where seismic fury claimed over 8,000 lives and injured more than 22,000 in April and May 2015, hope emerged in the form of a vital sanctuary for its youngest survivors. DRYING LITTLE TEARS in partnership with Nepal's Honorary Consul General

Ann-Katrin Bauknecht, Verein Entwicklungshilfe Baden-Württemberg e.V., and MAITI-Nepal, supported the establishment of the Bungamati Family House, creating a nurturing haven for children orphaned by the catastrophic earthquakes. Located just eight kilometers from Kathmandu, where landslides and structural collapses forever altered the landscape and countless lives, this project represents more than just physical shelter. The Bungamati Family House concept combines safe housing with educational opportunities, providing young survivors with both immediate security and long-term prospects for development. This collaborative effort between international diplomacy, local expertise and humanitarian vision demonstrates how strategic partnerships can create sustainable solutions. Through MAITI-Nepal's established presence and understanding of local needs, the project ensures culturally sensitive support for these vulnerable children.

PIONEERING INTEGRATION: INCLUSIVE SPACE UNITES CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES

**ASSOCIATION POUR L'INNOVATION EN MATIÈRE
D'INTÉGRATION (APIMI)
FRANCE, BORDEAUX (2016)**

In the heart of France's wine landscape, the Association Pour l'Innovation en Matière d'Intégration (APIMI) has revolutionized the approach to childhood inclusion through its innovative "collective integration" model.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's support has helped to manifest this vision through constructing new meeting rooms designed to foster meaningful connections between children of all abilities.

APIMI's groundbreaking methodology goes beyond traditional integration approaches by actively engaging both children without disabilities and their families in the care and support of children with disabilities. This two-way exchange creates a rich tapestry of understanding and mutual support, transforming the concept of inclusion from theory into daily practice. The new meeting spaces, funded by the foundation, provide the physical infrastructure necessary for these meaningful interactions to flourish. These carefully designed rooms serve as catalysts for social connection, enabling APIMI to channel socio-educational and civic engagement into practical support for families navigating the challenges of disability.



MOMENTS OF JOY: WHERE FAMILIES FIND RESPITE AT CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

**STERNTALERHOF - VEREIN FÜR GANZHEITLICHE
LEBENSBEGLEITUNG
AUSTRIA, LOIPERSDORF-KITZLADEN (2015)**

In the serene Austrian countryside, Sterntalerhof stands as a sanctuary where families facing the unimaginable challenge of a child's life-threatening illness find moments of precious normalcy. Understanding that a child's serious illness affects the

entire family unit, this specialized hospice creates spaces where joy and caregiving intertwine. Through the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's support, a new playground has emerged as a vital component of the facility's holistic care approach. This carefully designed space offers children a retreat where medical concerns temporarily fade into the background, allowing pure childhood joy to take center stage. Here, families sharing the weight of uncertain tomorrows can create memories filled with laughter and light. As SIXT Austria's Anke Stocker observed, "I was immediately touched by the concept of the Sterntalerhof, because the whole family is involved and there is a lot of laughter." This testament to the facility's unique atmosphere underscores its success in preserving moments of happiness for families navigating life's most challenging journey.



ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE: SPORTS PROGRAM CHAMPIONS SOCIAL CHANGE

**CLEAN WINNERS e.V.
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2016)**

In Rostock's vibrant sports community, Clean Winners e.V. has established itself as a powerful force for social transformation through athletics. Founded in 1997 by former tennis professional Carl-Uwe Steeb, this innovative program demonstrates how structured sports activities can create pathways to success for socially disadvantaged youth. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's commitment to funding Rostock's newest Clean Winners location extends the program's reach to even more young lives. This sustainable support ensures that trained sports pedagogues can deliver comprehensive programming that goes far beyond physical activity, incorporating weekend excursions and academic support through homework supervision. The program, which serves children aged 6-18 across 17 locations nationwide,

reaches approximately 360 young participants. Through carefully designed group activities, children develop essential life skills including fairness, tolerance, and responsibility. These values, learned on the playing field, create lasting impact in all areas of their lives.



SPARKING JOY: CHARITABLE GLASS AND JEWELRY COLLECTION BENEFITS YOUTH HOSPICE

**HOSPIZVEREIN OFFENBURG e.V.
GERMANY, OFFENBURG (2016)**

A unique fusion of luxury and compassion emerged when the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation joined forces with Mauritia Mack, wife of Europa-Park owner Jürgen Mack, and renowned glass and jewelry maker Leonardo to support KiJu, a vital youth hospice service in Ortenau, Offenburg. KiJu provides essential support to young people carrying extraordinary burdens, focusing on enriching children's quality of life through engaging activities, understanding that even the youngest clients often shoulder significant responsibilities.

Through this creative approach to fundraising, the foundation advances its mission of drying little tears by transforming beautiful objects into vehicles for positive change, bringing moments of joy to children facing life's greatest challenges while supporting vital services accompanying them on their journey. The initiative demonstrates how partnerships between commercial enterprises and humanitarian organizations can create innovative funding streams for essential services, ensuring that children with serious illnesses and their families receive the specialized care and support needed during difficult times.



EMBARKING ON SACRED JOURNEYS: YOUNG PILGRIMS FIND HOPE IN THE ETERNAL CITY

MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
ITALY, ROME (2016)

The sacred streets of Rome became pathways of new chances when the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported a transformative pilgrimage for 30 young people with disabilities and their caregivers. In partnership with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., this carefully curated journey offered participants an extraordinary opportunity to participate in the Year of Mercy celebrations, a cornerstone of Catholic spiritual life. Over six meaningful days in October, these remarkable young pilgrims explored the eternal city's rich religious heritage, forging connections that transcended physical limitations. The foundation's support ensured that each participant could fully immerse themselves in this profound spiritual experience, breaking down barriers that might otherwise have prevented their participation in such a significant religious observance. This initiative exemplified the foundation's commitment to creating inclusive experiences that nurture both the spiritual and emotional well-being of young people facing challenges.

ACCESSIBLE ADVENTURES: THERAPEUTIC PLAY SPACE TRANSFORMS RECOVERY JOURNEY

MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
FRANCE, MONTÉGUT (2016-2017)

At the Centre Pédiatrique de Médecine Physique et de Réadaptation St. Jacques in Roquetaillade, run by the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., where young burn survivors and children with severe injuries receive

specialized care, a groundbreaking playground project has redefined the healing experience. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's contribution to this initiative has created a space where physical challenges dissolve into moments of pure childhood joy. This barrier-free playground serves children and adolescents under 17 who are navigating complex recovery journeys. Understanding that healing extends beyond medical treatment, the foundation helped to create an environment where therapeutic benefits blend seamlessly with the simple pleasure of play. The thoughtfully designed space serves multiple purposes: It provides children with a welcome escape from their health challenges while offering families a neutral, welcoming environment for connection and support. This dual functionality transforms the playground into more than just a recreational space — it becomes a catalyst for emotional healing and family bonding.



NURTURING NEW BEGINNINGS: HISTORIC CASTLE BECOMES YOUTH REFUGEE CENTER

DIAKONISCHE WERK BAYERN E.V.
GERMANY, PULLACH (2016)

In a bold reimagining of heritage architecture for humanitarian purposes, the castle Burg Schwaneck has been transformed into specialized accommodation center for unaccompanied minor refugees. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, in collaboration with

German business integration initiatives, launched this pioneering project to create more than just shelter: It establishes a foundation for new beginnings. The initiative demonstrates innovative thinking in refugee support by repurposing a historic castle into a modern facility equipped with comprehensive infrastructure. This pilot project goes beyond basic accommodation, focusing on creating an environment where young refugees can begin rebuilding their lives in safety and dignity. The foundation's support, coordinated with broader economic integration efforts, ensures that these young people receive not just housing but access to resources and opportunities essential for successful integration into German society. Every aspect of the facility's equipment and infrastructure has been carefully chosen to support the residents' journey toward independence and self-sufficiency.





REVITALIZING DREAMS: CREATING DIGNITY AND PROGRESS IN EARLY EDUCATION

**Stiftung Schweiz ForAfrika
SOUTH AFRICA, JOHANNESBURG (2016)**

Zandspruit township's Dinoko Day Care Center stood as a symbol of both hardship and hope, where 85 children gathered daily despite leaking roofs and extreme temperatures that made learning nearly impossible. A single doorless toilet served the entire facility, challenging the dignity of both students and

staff. DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with Stiftung Schweiz ForAfrika (formerly Stiftung JAM Schweiz) to transform this challenging environment into a nurturing educational space. Their collaboration yielded a robust brick building featuring well-ventilated, properly insulated rooms that protect children from Johannesburg's seasonal extremes. The renovation delivered more than just structural improvements – it provided adequate sanitation facilities and furnished the center with essential learning and play equipment. These enhancements created an environment where children could focus on development rather than discomfort. This transformation exemplifies the foundation's dedication to creating dignified learning spaces that honor children's right to education and play, proving that thoughtful infrastructure investment can dramatically improve educational outcomes for vulnerable communities.



BUILDING UP SUPPORT: OFFERING HOME AWAY FROM HOME

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITY
GERMANY, MUNICH (2016)**

Moments of comfort become invaluable when families face the challenge of a child's serious illness. The Ronald McDonald House in Großhadern stands as a sanctuary for these families, offering proximity and solace during challenging times at the nearby medical center. DRYING LITTLE TEARS marked the facility's 20th anniversary with a meaningful contribution,

funding the complete renewal of the living room furnishings. This renovation enhanced the comfort of the house's 14 apartments, which shelter approximately 200 families annually during their children's medical treatments. These thoughtfully designed spaces provide more than just accommodation: They create an environment where families can maintain normalcy and gather strength while staying close to their hospitalized children.

The upgraded communal areas offer comfortable retreats where parents can find moments of respite and connection with others sharing similar experiences. This initiative reflects the foundation's understanding that supporting children's welfare extends beyond direct medical care to encompass the emotional well-being of entire families during times of medical crisis.

CREATING CHANGE: EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS

**DEUTSCHE PROVINZ DER SALESIANER DON BOSCO
INDIA, BANGALORE (2016)**

Personal transformation blossoms when innovation meets compassion at Bosco Vatsalya Bhavan girls' school. Through an inspired partnership between luxury and philanthropy, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS launched the distinctive 'Regine Sixt by Leonardo' charity jewelry collection to support disadvantaged girls in Bangalore. This creative fundraising initiative, orchestrated from Pullach, Germany, delivered more than just financial support – it provided hope and renewed confidence to young women from the local street children's orphanage.



The school's head expressed profound gratitude in a touching letter, highlighting how the foundation's support helped vulnerable girls rediscover their self-worth and embrace new possibilities. Each piece of jewelry sold represented a direct investment in these young lives. By combining creative philanthropy with direct action, the foundation demonstrates its commitment to innovative solutions that empower vulnerable youth, proving that fashion and compassion can work hand in hand to transform lives.

CREATING HEALING SPACES: A REVOLUTIONARY FAMILY-CENTERED CARE MODEL TAKES SHAPE

ATEMZEIT e.V.
GERMANY, WÖLFERSHEIM (2016-2017)

Pioneering healthcare took on a deeply personal dimension when DRYING LITTLE TEARS established a state-of-the-art therapy room at the house of AtemZeit e.V., marking a revolutionary approach to pediatric care in Hesse. This groundbreaking facility champions a unique concept where parents become integral participants in their child's round-the-clock medical journey.

Under the leadership of Nina Jäger, an experienced nurse with over 16 years of adult care expertise, the facility has emerged as Hesse's first institution to implement this innovative family-centered treatment model. The foundation's contribution ensured that the therapy room's equipment met the highest medical standards while creating a welcoming environment that acknowledges the vital role of family presence in healing. This transformative project exemplifies the foundation's commitment to advancing children's healthcare through innovative solutions that recognize the interconnected nature of medical treatment and emotional support. By keeping families together during treatment, the facility creates an environment where healing extends beyond physical care.



NOURISHING YOUNG LIVES: A BEACON OF HOPE RISES IN HISTORIC PÉCS

MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
HUNGARY, PÉCS (2017)

Deep in the heart of historic Pécs, Csilla's House of Providence stands as a testament to compassionate action through an exemplary partnership between DRYING LITTLE TEARS and the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V.. This vital social institution has been transformed

into a lifeline for the community's most vulnerable children through strategic renovation and re-equipment of its kitchen facilities. The foundation's intervention has enabled the soup kitchen to serve daily hot meals to children from a nearby day-care center serving handicapped and disadvantaged young people. Beyond its walls, the facility's impact reaches directly into homes, providing essential nutrition to more than 80 families through its delivery and take-away services. Through collaboration with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., this project epitomizes the foundation's commitment to creating sustainable solutions that address fundamental needs. The modernized kitchen facility serves not just as a source of nourishment but as a beacon of hope, demonstrating how targeted infrastructure improvements can create lasting positive change.

SECURING CHILDHOOD JOY: A COMMUNITY UNITES FOR COASTAL PLAY SPACE

ELTERNINITIATIVE "KLAUKSCHIETER" e.V.
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2016-2017)

Along the wind-swept Baltic coast, the spirited children of the Klaukschieter Day Care Center embody the robust nature of their maritime heritage, embracing outdoor play with characteristic northern German enthusiasm. Through a partnership with DRYING

LITTLE TEARS, this vibrant childhood hub received crucial support for safeguarding their outdoor play equipment. The foundation's funding catalyzed a remarkable community effort, bringing together parents, staff and volunteers in a collaborative building project.

Together, they transformed an aging storage space into a sturdy new shed, designed to withstand the robust coastal elements while protecting essential play equipment — from wheelbarrows and shovels to excavators and balls. This initiative brilliantly demonstrates the foundation's ability to nurture local partnerships to create sustainable solutions. Beyond merely providing funds, the project fostered community bonds and ensured that the young adventurers could continue their outdoor explorations safely, regardless of the Baltic's powerful winds.



LAUNCHING ADVENTURES: A VESSEL OF DISCOVERY SETS SAIL

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, TANGERMÜNDE (2018)**

Maritime imagination meets inclusive education at the 'Kleine Ritter' Day Care Center, where 199 children of varying abilities now embark on daily adventures aboard a specially designed play-ship.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation transformed an under-utilized outdoor space into an innovative playground centerpiece that captures young imaginations while fostering essential development skills. This nautical addition replaced an area previously challenged by poor lawn growth and outdated equipment, creating a dynamic platform where children with and without special needs play and learn together.

The play-ship's thoughtful design supports the center's comprehensive approach to early intervention, complementing their specialized therapy programs with engaging outdoor activities. As young sailors navigate their vessel, they naturally develop crucial motor coordination, while collaborative play enhances cognitive abilities and social skills.



EXPANDING HORIZONS OF PLAY: RIGHT TO JOY TAKES FLIGHT

**STERNTALERHOF - VEREIN FÜR GANZHEITLICHE
LEBENSBEGLEITUNG
AUSTRIA, LOIPERSDORF-KITZLADEN (2017)**

Laughter and joy gained new momentum at the Sterntalerhof children's hospice when the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation enhanced its previously established playground with a innovative addition – a specially designed wheelchair carousel. This thoughtful expansion transformed an already inclusive space into an even more comprehensive haven of play and delight. Building upon the foundation's earlier investment in the pedagogically designed playground, this wheelchair-accessible carousel represents a profound understanding that play remains vital even amid serious illness. The innovative equipment ensures that children with mobility challenges can experience the simple yet profound joy of spinning and playing alongside their peers. "Even seriously ill children must be able to play," emphasized Regine Sixt, capturing the heart of this initiative. "I am pleased that we have now managed to give children with limited motor functioning the chance to play through the construction of the wheelchair carousel."

ELEVATING ACCESSIBILITY: FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT TRANSFORMS YOUNG LIVES

**FÖRDERVEREIN KINDERLEBEN E.V.
GERMANY, HAMBURG (2017)**

Physical barriers once challenged the spirit of inclusion at Förderverein KinderLeben e.V. in Hamburg-Schnelsen, where firstfloor meeting spaces remained frustrating-

ly out of reach for children with mobility challenges. Parents and supporters faced the daily struggle of carrying disabled children upstairs, diverting precious energy from more meaningful interactions and care. DRYING LITTLE TEARS stepped in with a transformative solution, funding the installation of an exterior elevator that revolutionized the access. This strategic infrastructure enhancement eliminated the physical and emotional burden of navigating stairs, allowing children with disabilities to enter the facility with dignity. Beyond its mechanical function, the elevator represents a profound shift in how children with disabilities experience their support community. Parents and caregivers, freed from the physical demands of building access, can now focus their full attention on what truly matters - nurturing and supporting their children's development.





HARMONIZING HEARTS: WHERE MUSIC AND PLAY UNITE ALL CHILDREN

**LANDESVERBAND BAYERN FÜR KÖRPER- UND
MEHRFACHBEHINDERTE MENSCHEN E.V.
GERMANY, WARTAWEIL (2017)**

Musical notes and joyful laughter blend seamlessly at the school camp in Wartaweil, where DRYING LITTLE TEARS has once again demonstrated its ongoing commitment to inclusive education and therapy. Through the strategic provision of specialized equipment, the foundation has enhanced this unique educational and meeting center that brings together children with and without disabilities.

The foundation's contribution of carefully selected musical instruments, including guitars and Veeh harps, has expanded the center's therapeutic capabilities, enabling innovative approaches to pedagogy and healing. Complementing these musical additions, the installation of two new sand diggers in the park's play area has created new opportunities for inclusive outdoor recreation and social interaction. This continued investment in Wartaweil's facilities exemplifies the foundation's understanding that meaningful inclusion requires multiple touchpoints of engagement.

INSPIRING ACTIVE GROWTH: A MOVEMENT BRIDGES CULTURES

**AWO MÜNCHEN GEMEINÜTZIGE BETRIEBS-GmbH
GERMANY, MUNICH (2017)**

Dynamic learning takes flight at the day care center Grubenstraße in Munich's Moosach district, where innovative curative education programs unite children from diverse backgrounds through the universal language of movement. DRYING LITTLE TEARS, in partnership with the wholesale market Hamberger

Großmarkt GmbH, has transformed this vision into reality through a comprehensive playground renovation project. The foundation's strategic investment in new play and climbing equipment supports the center's core philosophy of fostering self-initiative, cooperative action and body awareness through movement-based experiences.

This thoughtfully designed outdoor space creates an environment where physical activity naturally encourages cross-cultural connections and personal development. Through this collaborative funding, the foundation has helped create a space that transcends traditional playground boundaries, becoming an outdoor classroom where movement catalyzes learning and social integration.



CULTIVATING UNIVERSAL CARE: A SAFE HAVEN FOR CHILDREN OF ALL FAITHS

**WIZO-DEUTSCHLAND e.V.
ISRAEL, PARDES HANNA-KARKUR (2017)**

Where compassion meets necessity, the WIZO Comprehensive Day Care Center stands as a symbol of hope for families facing financial and health challenges. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's renovation of the center's playground marks

a significant enhancement to this vital community resource, which provides essential care services regardless of children's religious backgrounds. Through targeted infrastructure improvement, the foundation has helped WIZO-Deutschland e.V. strengthen its mission of creating an inclusive, nurturing environment where every child receives quality care. The renovated playground serves as more than just a recreational space – it represents a commitment to ensuring that no child's development is hindered by their family's circumstances. This collaboration between the foundation and WIZO-Deutschland e.V. exemplifies the power of international partnerships in creating sustainable support systems for vulnerable families.

PROVIDING A HOME: HELP FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

**SOS DJECIJA SELA BIH
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, SARAJEVO (2020)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported a SOS Children's Village in Sarajevo, which is offering a lifeline to children without parental care or those

who have been left vulnerable due to adverse circumstances at home. Many of these children hail from underprivileged families grappling with poverty, making it crucial to secure ongoing support to ensure they have access to essential provisions such as food, clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and medical attention. As such, the financial backing extended by SOS Children's Villages plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the educational pursuits of these children, offering them a ray of hope for a brighter future and a stable tomorrow.



CHOREOGRAPHING INCLUSION: WHERE MOVEMENT BREAKS ALL BARRIERS

**TABALINGO GEMEINNÜTZIGE UG
GERMANY, STOLBERG (2019)**

TABALINGO gemeinnützige UG has emerged as a vital catalyst for change, where 320 young people, many facing disabilities and social exclusion, discover the transformative power of movement and cultural expression. Recognizing the organization's growing impact, DRYING LITTLE TEARS stepped forward to expand this innovative program's physical footprint. The foundation's support enabled the creation of an additional movement room, responding to increasing demand for TABALINGO's unique blend of sports and cultural activities. This new space provides a dedicated environment where theatre, creative dance, and sporting activities flourish, breaking down traditional barriers that often prevent children with disabilities from participating in mainstream recreational programs.

TRANSFORMING URBAN SPACES: A HAVEN OF HOPE RISES

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE E.V.
GERMANY, HALLE/SAALE (2018)**

Against the background of social challenges, the 'Pustelinchen' day care center shines as a beacon of inclusivity, nurturing 120 children daily, including those with disabilities and refugee backgrounds. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has played a pivotal role

in advancing the ambitious renovation of this vital community resource, focusing on its expansive 1,500-square-meter outdoor space. Building upon renovation efforts that began in 2010, the foundation's strategic investment has enabled the installation of state-of-the-art playground equipment, with a particular emphasis on climbing structures that challenge and engage young minds and bodies. This enhancement provides crucial development opportunities for children from socially disadvantaged families, creating a space where physical activity and social interaction naturally foster integration. The modernized playground serves as a cornerstone of community development where children from diverse backgrounds learn, play and grow together.



CELEBRATING HEALING: A FESTIVAL OF JOY

**NEPHROKIDS NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN e.V.
GERMANY, ESSEN (2015)**

On September 16, 2015, the University Hospital Essen transformed into a vibrant carnival of hope and education for its annual Children's Clinic Day. By doubling the donation to organize the event, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation played a pivotal role in this heartwarming event, bringing smiles to hundreds of young faces.

Approximately 300 children from nearby elementary schools were invited to participate in an engaging hospital rally, demystifying medical procedures through interactive experiences. The Nephrokids team contributed significantly, offering entertainment and refreshments alongside parent associations in the outdoor area. The Nephrokids, a support group for children with kidney diseases, received special assistance from the foundation. SIXT employees not only volunteered their time but also had a great day and raised awareness for children affected by renal disease.



KINDERKLINIKFEST ESSEN

Am 16. September 2015 fand zum Tag der Kinderklinik ein Fest an der Uniklinik Essen statt. Auch die Nephrokids waren dabei!

Ca. 300 Kinder aus den umliegenden Grundschulen waren eingeladen, an einer Krankenhausrally teilzunehmen und so eine Kinderklinik mit verschiedenen Untersuchungsmethoden kennenzulernen. Im Außenbereich haben zusätzlich verschiedene Elternvereine Snacks und Unterhaltung angeboten. Die Nephrokids boten Popcorn an und in regenfreien Momenten auch die Nutzung einer Hüpfburg. Große Unterstützung haben wir hier von dem Team der Sixt Stiftung bekommen. Vielen Dank! Dieses Team hat auch auf einer Betriebsfeier Geld für die Nephrokids gesammelt, was dann noch von Regine Sixt verdoppelt wurde! Vielen Dank für diese großzügige Spende. (ks)



CREATING JOY IN HISTORIC SPACES: A PLAYGROUND TRANS- FORMS AN ORPHANAGE

**ISTITUTO FIGLIE DEL DIVINO ZELO
ITALY, MONTEPULCIANO (2017)**

Perched atop the terrace of the historic Istituto Figlie del Divin Zelo Antoniano Casa D'Accoglienza, a new playground now rings with the sound of children's

laughter. DRYING LITTLE TEARS orchestrated this transformative project, bringing play equipment to a space that had previously stood empty. Working in harmony with local heritage requirements, the orphanage secured necessary approvals from the Ministry of Culture before proceeding with the installation.

The carefully selected equipment – including a playhouse, swing, and two see-saws – was chosen to maximize both enjoyment and space utilization on the orphanage's terrace. The swift execution of the project, from approval to official opening in just a few months, demonstrates the foundation's commitment to efficient project management while respecting cultural and historical considerations.

PIONEERING INCLUSIVE SPORTS: CURLING LIKE CHAMPIONS

**LANDESVERBAND BAYERN FÜR KÖRPER- UND
MEHRFACHBEHINDERTE MENSCHEN e.V.
GERMANY, WARTAWEL (2017)**

Breaking new ground in adaptive sports, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has funded an innovative year-round curling rink at Wartawel's inclusive school camp. This remarkable 28-meter facility represents a breakthrough in accessible recreational infrastructure, designed to unite people of all abilities in the spirit of competitive fun. The thoughtfully engineered rink

features a specially designed ramp that ensures wheelchair users can fully participate, while modified sticks require minimal strength for operation, making the sport accessible to participants with varying physical capabilities. This innovative design transforms curling from a specialized winter sport into an inclusive, year-round activity.



BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS: WHERE EVERY CHILD'S PLAY MATTERS

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, COTTBUS (2017-2023)**

Transforming the concept of inclusive play into reality, the Johanniter services in Cottbus operate a remarkable playground where children of all abilities come

together in joyful activity. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has continuously supported this vision of inclusive recreation, first by funding the addition of a wheelchair-accessible swing and pavilion, then ensuring barrier-free access throughout the facility. The thoughtfully designed space allows children using wheelchairs to access every area seamlessly, from the playground to indoor facilities. As Regine Sixt emphasizes, "Promoting integrative play between healthy and seriously ill children is a matter very close to my heart." In 2023, the foundation replaced the beloved but aging wooden tree bench, a favorite gathering spot for children. This renovation ensures safe, splinter-free play while preserving a cherished feature of the playground.



TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PLAY: A SAFE HAVEN FOR LITHUANIA'S CHILDREN

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
LITHUANIA, VILNIUS (2017)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has breathed new life into four vital Maltese day-care centers across Lithuania, creating vibrant spaces where vulnerable children find comfort, education, and joy. Through a strategic partnership with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., the foundation undertook a comprehensive renovation project that touched facilities in Vilnius, Kaunas, Majampole and Siauliai. These centers, operational since 2006, serve as crucial sanctuaries for children from disadvantaged backgrounds, many whose parents face unemployment, disability or illness. The foundation's intervention transformed tired spaces into engaging environments, providing new furniture and specialized play equipment for both lounge and preschool areas. Each center now operates with a carefully crafted program and daily schedule, ensuring children receive structured support and developmental opportunities.

BUILDING THERAPEUTIC SPACES: TRANSFORMING CARE

**FÖRDERVEREIN FREUNDKREIS MONGOLEI
MONGOLIA, ULAANBAATAR (2017-2018)**

Recognizing the critical gaps in Mongolia's special needs care infrastructure, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation partnered with the Förderverein Freundeskreis Mongolei to revolutionize support services for children with disabilities in Ulaanbaatar.

This initiative addresses a crucial need in a country where most special needs care falls to family members. The foundation's comprehensive contribution equipped a specialized kindergarten and day nursery with essential therapeutic and developmental tools.

The carefully selected items included therapeutic standing frames, specialized seating with tables, musical equipment and engaging play materials. Practical additions like workbenches, rocking horses, and new floor coverings created a safe, stimulating environment for learning and development. This thoughtfully curated equipment enables professional caregivers to provide expert support while offering children opportunities for both therapeutic progress and joyful play.

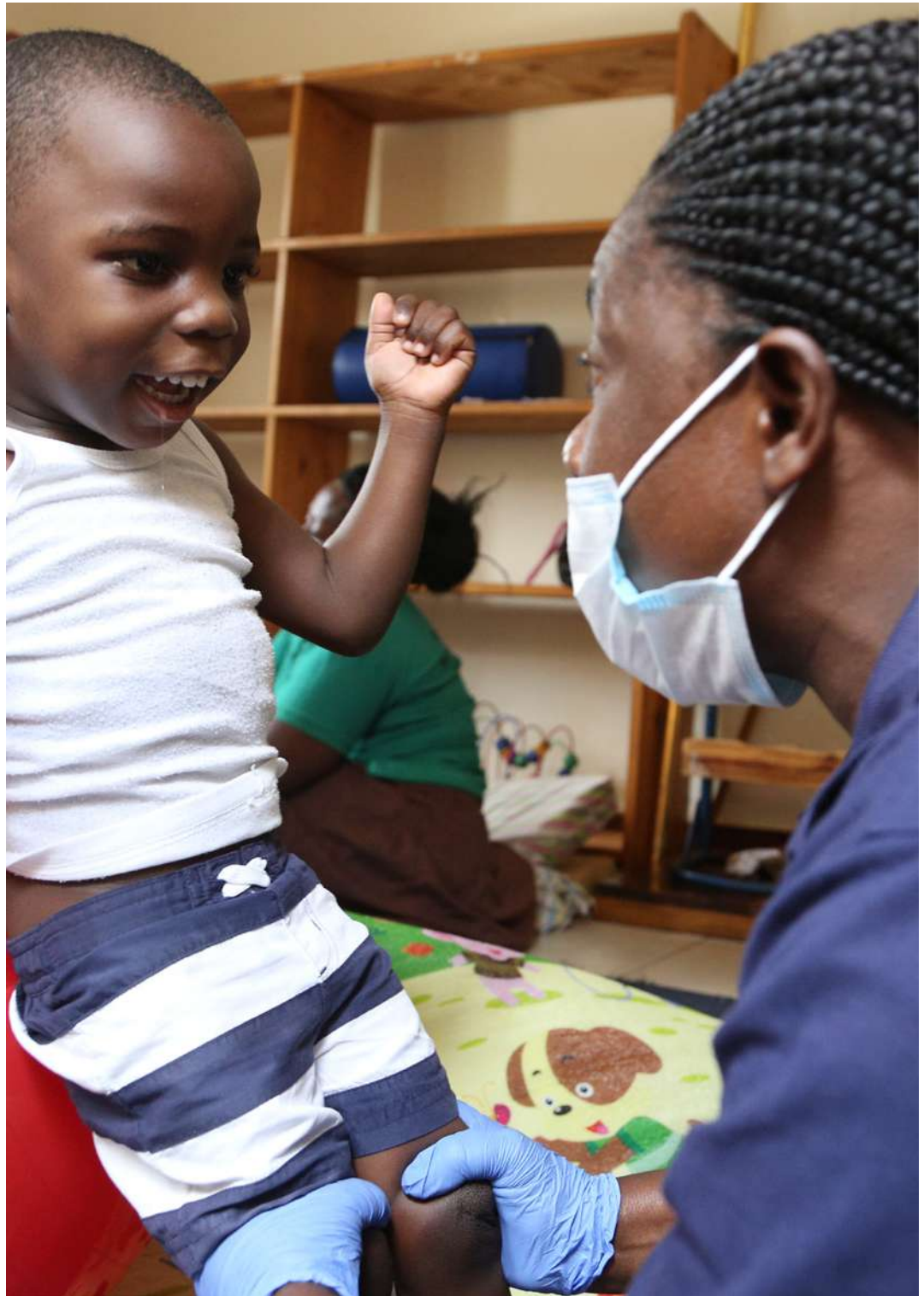


NURTURING UNDERSTANDING: NEW SPACE FOR FAMILY HEALING

**FÖRDERVEREIN KinderLeben e.V.
GERMANY, HAMBURG (2018)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has revolutionized therapeutic support at Förderverein KinderLeben e.V. by funding a cutting-edge group therapy room designed to address the complex dynamics of families affected by disability and illness. This thoughtfully conceived space recognizes the unique challenges faced by siblings of children with disabilities or life-limiting conditions.

The renovation replaced outdated furniture with innovative modular solutions that accommodate all participants, regardless of their mobility needs. Specially designed chairs allow for extended, comfortable sessions without the disruptions previously caused by inadequate seating. This project acknowledges that siblings of disabled children often shoulder invisible burdens, sacrificing their own emotional needs while striving to maintain family harmony.



EMPOWERING MOTHERS: BUILDING HOPE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
UGANDA, KAMPALA (2018)**

A remarkable grass-roots initiative in Kampala demonstrates the power of maternal determination, as local mothers transformed a rented house into a sanctuary

for children with disabilities. Responding to the critical lack of support services in Uganda, these pioneering women created a space where their special needs children could receive proper care and attention. DRYING LITTLE TEARS, in partnership with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., stepped in to amplify this inspiring endeavor. The foundation's support provided essential medical equipment, medications, and funded crucial physical therapy services. Additionally, the project established reliable transportation for children to attend school and medical appointments, addressing a critical mobility gap. What began as a modest facility intended for 15 children has flourished into a vital community resource now serving more than 30 young ones.

BUILDING DREAMS: A KINDERGARTEN BRINGS HOPE AND EARLY EDUCATION

MON DEVOIR e.V.
TOGO, LOMÉ (2018)

The vibrant suburb of Agoè-Zongo, on the outskirts of Lomé, has witnessed an educational transformation

through the expansion of École Devoir. DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with Mon Devoir e.V. to fulfill a long-held dream of adding kindergarten facilities to this thriving school community. The foundation's support enabled comprehensive construction including essential infrastructure - from foundational walls to electrical systems and modern sanitary facilities. Today, the kindergarten bustles with activity as three dedicated educators nurture approximately 90 young minds through a two-year preparatory program. Beyond academic preparation, the facility ensures proper nutrition through two daily meals prepared by an on-site cook, addressing both educational and nutritional needs of these young learners.



CREATING HARMONY: A SAFE SPACE FOR YOUTH TRANSFORMATION

ST MARY'S COLLEGE
ST. LUCIA, VIGIE (2018)

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has pioneered an innovative approach to violence prevention through the funding of the creation of a peace corner at the St. Mary's College. The thoughtfully designed sanctuary aimed at helping young people, particularly boys, find positive outlets for their frustrations. This unique space serves as more than just a physical location - it represents a real shift in addressing youth violence and its connection to criminal behavior and substance abuse. The carefully crafted environment encourages peaceful conflict resolution and provides a calm setting where young people can learn to process their emotions constructively. By providing a dedicated space for reflection and peaceful interaction, the project offers alternatives to violent behavior and creates opportunities for positive personal development.

CULTIVATING JOY: A GARDEN TRANSFORMS LIVES

KOCHENDÖRFER gGmbH
GERMANY, HALFING (2018)

At the heart of Halfing, the Mutter-Kind-Heim KOCHENDÖRFER serves as a sanctuary for families in transition. Through the support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, this safe haven has been enhanced with a thoughtfully redesigned garden that combines practical functionality with spaces for play and imagination. The transformed outdoor area now features an array of engaging elements carefully selected to promote both development and joy. Children race along the newly created "Bobby Car Street" in their toy vehicles, while others explore the fresh sand-box or test their skills on new play equipment. The garden improvements extend beyond mere aesthetics, creating an environment where families can heal, grow and strengthen their bonds. This renovation project exemplifies the foundation's understanding that environmental design plays a crucial role in supporting emotional well-being and family development.





HEALING THROUGH MEMORY: WHEN DOLLS HELP HEARTS MEND

JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V. GERMANY, MINDEN (2018)

DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with Lacrima, the innovative bereavement counseling program of Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V., to introduce the touching MaPaPu (Mama-Papa-Puppe) project - a unique initiative that transforms cherished clothing from deceased loved ones into comforting memory dolls for grieving children.

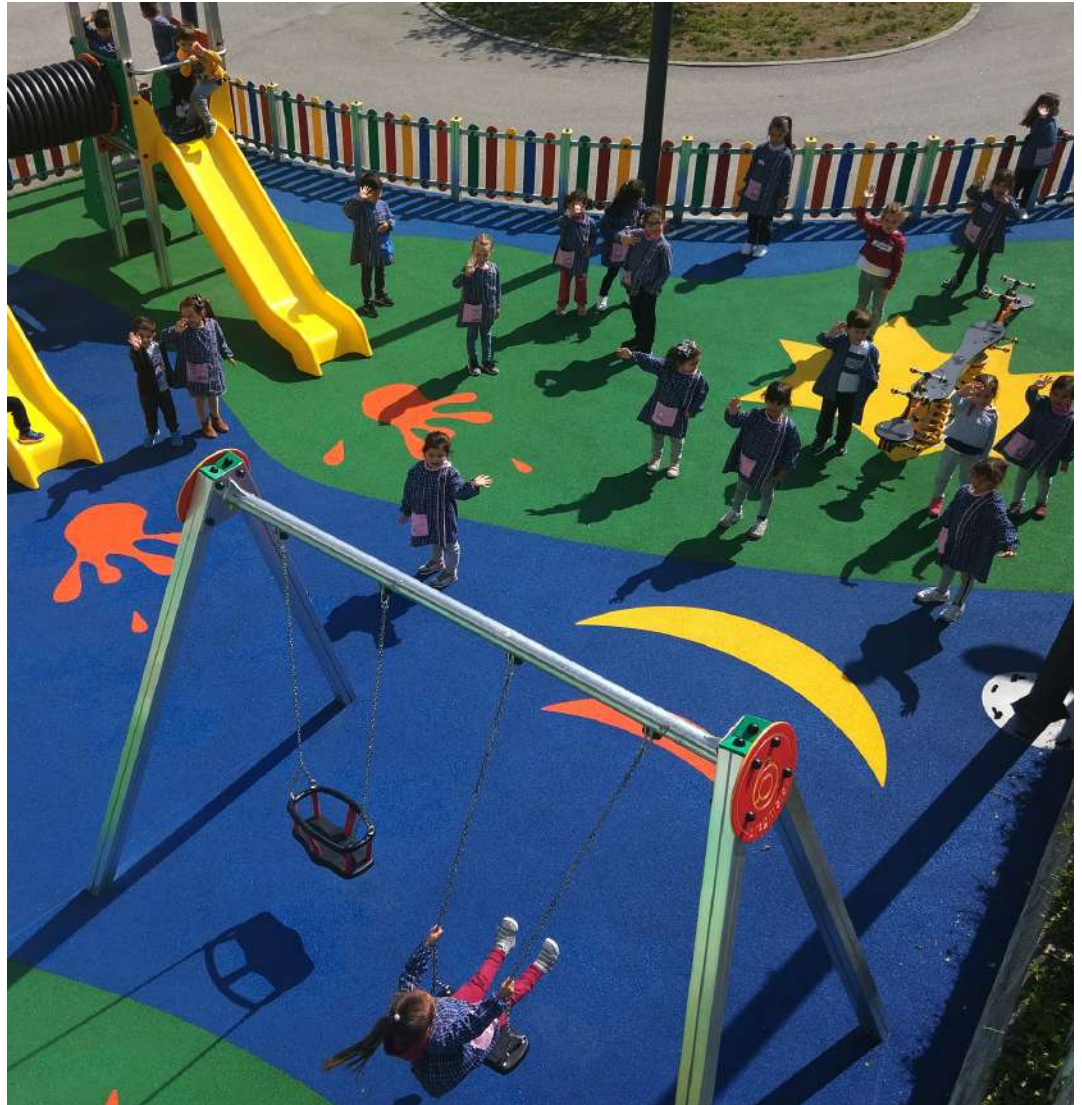
Understanding that children often suppress their grief to protect already suffering family members, this program provides a safe space for emotional expression through multiple therapeutic channels. Each handcrafted doll becomes a tangible connection to precious memories. These deeply personal keepsakes help children process abstract concepts of loss while providing tactile comfort during difficult moments. Since 2016, Lacrima's counselors have guided young people through their grief journey using holistic approaches including art, play and physical expression.



TRANSFORMING URBAN SPACES: A PLAYGROUND REVIVAL BRINGS JOY

OBRA SOCIAL E CULTURAL SÍLVIA CARDOSO PORTUGAL, PAÇOS DE FERREIRA (2019)

The transformation of a stark, grey space into a vibrant children's playground has brought new life to the small northwestern Portuguese town of Paços de Ferreira. Through the generous support of DRYING LITTLE



TEARS, this urban renewal project has created an enchanting outdoor sanctuary for local children. The thoughtfully designed playground features a spectrum of engaging equipment, including a colorful climbing frame with an integrated slide, swings and a seesaw, all carefully selected to promote both physical activity and social interaction.

A decoratively painted wooden fence encircles the space, creating a safe and welcoming environment that sparks imagination and encourages outdoor play. This initiative reflects the foundation's commitment to creating spaces where children can thrive through active play and social engagement.

RESTORING BEAUTY: A HISTORIC HAVEN FOR YOUNG SOULS

ORPHANAGE "CRECHE COEUR IMMACULE DE MARIE" MAURITIUS, QUATRE BORNES (2018)

At the heart of Quatre Bornes stands the Crèche Coeur Immaculé de Marie, where for 150 years the Filles de Marie order has created a sanctuary of hope for orphaned children. DRYING LITTLE TEARS marked

the orphanage's 75th anniversary with a transformative renovation project that breathed new life into this cherished institution. Under the loving care of four dedicated sisters and 18 staff members, the facility nurtures 30 children aged zero to five, embracing young ones of all faiths. The foundation's support included a complete façade renovation, brightening the living environment for these vulnerable children.

Additionally, a service container was purchased and creatively transformed into a colorful extension of the orphanage, expanding the space available for care and activities. This renovation ensures that the sisters can continue their mission of turning tears into smiles.



REVITALIZING INCLUSIVE RECREATION: AN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TAKES SHAPE

LANDESVBAND BAYERN FÜR KÖRPER- UND MEHRFACHBEHINDERTE MENSCHEN e.V. GERMANY, WARTAWEIL (2019)

Nestled on the shores of Lake Ammersee, the Wartaweil school camp stands as a perfect example of inclusive education, welcoming 150 children and adolescents

weekly to its grounds. Since 2015, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has steadfastly supported this unique facility that brings together students with and without disabilities in a harmonious learning environment. Recognizing the need to enhance the outdoor recreational spaces, the foundation undertook a significant renovation project. The centerpiece of this initiative was the installation of an innovative bouldering wall, designed to challenge and engage young adventurers of all abilities. Additionally, the restoration of the garden's beloved teepee has preserved a cherished gathering space that sparks imagination and fosters social connection. These improvements ensure that Wartaweil can continue its mission of creating meaningful experiences for children aged 5 to 16.

CREATING SANCTUARY: WHERE YOUNG LIVES BEGIN AGAIN

ASOCIACIÓN HOGAR DE VIDA PARA LA NIÑEZ COSTA RICA, SAN JOSÉ (2018-2019)

The "Hogar de vida" (Home of Life) in San José embodies its name through transformative care for Costa Rica's most vulnerable children. This remarkable facility provides a healing haven for 35 abandoned and abused children aged zero to ten, offering comprehensive medical and emotional support on their journey to recovery. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has elevated this mission by funding an extensive renovation project, creating a new "Children's Activity Center" that serves as the heart of the extended facility. It now features age-appropriate zones including interactive wall equipment for younger children and a soccer field for older ones. These carefully planned spaces allow

children to rebuild their confidence and sense of security at their own pace, preparing them for eventual placement with foster families or care institutions. This project exemplifies the foundation's commitment to creating environments where traumatized children can heal, play, and rediscover their childhood joy.



FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE: WHERE EVERY CHILD FINDS THEIR WINGS

LEBENSHILFE FÜR MENSCHEN MIT GEISTIGER BEHINDERUNG e.V. GERMANY, MUNICH (2018-2020)

Since its pioneering start in 1968, Lebenshilfe München has grown into a network of five specialized day centers serving over 150 children with physical and mental disabilities. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has supported this vital institution through two strategic playground enhancement projects, creating spaces where therapeutic care meets pure joy. The first initiative in 2018 equipped a day care center with disability-friendly garden features. In 2020, the foundation expanded its support by funding comprehensive playground improvements at the north Munich facility. The thoughtfully designed additions include ground-level trampolines accessible to wheelchair users, a playhouse, swings, teeter-totters and a new slide. This carefully curated equipment promotes independent play and self-directed activity - crucial developmental goals for children with disabilities. The inclusive design encourages interaction between all children, fostering improved mobility and communication skills through natural play.



NURTURING THROUGH PLAY: WHERE HEALING MEETS CHILDHOOD JOY

DIAKONISCHES WERK DES EVANG.-LUTH. DEKANATSBEZIRKS ROSENHEIM e.V. GERMANY, MUNICH (2020)

The Zauberwald shelter, a long-term partner of DRYING LITTLE TEARS, provides sanctuary for children escaping traumatic circumstances, including domestic violence. Beyond offering essential services like education and psychological support, the facility emphasizes the fundamental importance of allowing children to reclaim their childhood through play. The foundation donated new soccer goals and football tables to enhance recreational activities. These additions support the shelter's innovative "sunshine" reward system, where children earn recognition for positive behavior across various aspects of daily life, including sports and playtime. The equipment serves multiple purposes: providing healthy physical outlets, creating opportunities for social interaction, and supporting the therapeutic process through structured play. Regular excursions, also supported by the foundation, complement these on-site activities.



FOSTERING COMMUNITY SUPPORT: A PLAYGROUND RENEWAL UNITES LOCAL FORCES

GEMEINNÜTZIGE UND HILFS-GESELLSCHAFT DER STADT ST. GALLEN SWITZERLAND, ST. GALLEN (2019)

Tempelacker's vital role in supporting children from challenging backgrounds and those requiring specialized therapy received a meaningful boost through a

collaborative community effort. The institution, which provides residential care and therapeutic services across eastern Switzerland, witnessed its aging playground to transform into a vibrant recreational space. The initiative began with SIXT Switzerland employees, who organized a successful fundraising raffle. Their efforts caught the attention of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS, which stepped in to complete the playground's renovation. The foundation's contribution enabled the installation of a spacious sandpit and protective sun shade, creating a safe and engaging outdoor environment. This project exemplifies the foundation's ability to amplify local grass-roots efforts. The renovated playground now serves both residential children and those attending occupational and physiotherapy sessions.

RENEWING INCLUSIVE SPACES: WHERE ALL CHILDREN THRIVE

EVANGELISCHE STIFTUNG MICHAELSHOF GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2019)

The Evangelische Stiftung Michaelshof's inclusive after-school care center demonstrates how thoughtful maintenance ensures lasting impact in children's lives. Four years after the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation's initial support in equipping the facility,

the foundation renewed its commitment with strategic upgrades. Understanding that sustainability extends beyond initial implementation, the foundation funded essential furniture repairs while simultaneously enhancing accessibility. A wheelchair-accessible cooker was installed, and new hard-wearing carpeting was laid throughout the facility, creating an environment where children of all abilities can participate fully in daily activities. These carefully considered improvements reflect the foundation's dedication to maintaining and evolving inclusive spaces that foster genuine connection among children. The renovated facility continues to provide a welcoming atmosphere where children can play together freely.



CREATING SAFE HAVENS: A NURTURING SPACE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

**THE SCHOOLHOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS INC.
BARBADOS, ST. MICHAEL (2019)**

The Schoolhouse for Special Needs in St. Michael has evolved into a sanctuary where children with disabilities find the care and support essential for their

development. A team of dedicated teachers and a nurturing atmosphere enable each child to receive individualized support and to develop independence while feeling secure and valued. Understanding the importance of creating welcoming spaces for these vulnerable young people, DRYING LITTLE TEARS funded two significant improvements to the facility.

The existing library received a complete refresh with new equipment and resources, while an innovative container conversion project expanded the available space for therapeutic activities and care. A team of dedicated teachers and a nurturing atmosphere enable each child to receive individualized support and to develop independence while feeling secure and valued.



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS: A PYRAMID OF POSSIBILITIES UNITES

**VEREIN FÜR BILDUNG UND ERZIEHUNG DER
FRANZISKANERINNEN VON VÖCKLABRUCK
AUSTRIA, SALZBURG (2020)**

When the Franziskanerinnen von Vöcklabruck departed their convent, they left behind an empty playground at the BafEP (Private Bildungsanstalt für Elementarpädagogik). The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation transformed this underutilized space by funding the construction of an innovative climbing pyramid. This dynamic structure serves multiple purposes within the growing institution, fostering both physical development and social interaction. Children from kindergarten through after-school programs share the space throughout the day, creating natural opportunities for cross-age relationships and mentoring. The climbing pyramid has become more than just playground equipment – it's a catalyst for imagination and community building. Young climbers develop motor skills while engaging in creative play, strengthening both their physical abilities and social bonds.

NURTURING FAMILY BONDS: A HAVEN OF ANIMAL-ASSISTED HEALING

**BJÖRN SCHULZ STIFTUNG
GERMANY, GSTADT AM CHIEMSEE (2019)**

Overlooking the serene Bavarian Lake Chiemsee, the Irmengard-Hof serves as a vital sanctuary where families facing the challenges of serious childhood

illness find solace and strength together. This facility of the Björn Schulz Stiftung offers barrier-free access to therapeutic experiences that help to unite families during difficult times. Already in 2011, the DRYING LITTLE TEARS established a petting zoo as a cornerstone of the facility's therapeutic program. Eight years later, recognizing the profound impact of animal-assisted therapy, the foundation renewed its commitment by funding essential renovations and improvements to ensure the zoo's continued effectiveness. The enhanced petting zoo provides a unique environment where children battling serious illnesses can find comfort through gentle interactions with animals, while families forge stronger bonds in a supportive setting.





REACHING NEW HEIGHTS: ADVENTURE MEETS DEVELOPMENT

**LEBENSILF E FÜR MENSCHEN MIT GEISTIGER
ODER ANDERER BEHINDERUNG FÜRTH e.V.
GERMANY, FÜRTH (2020)**

The Sternstunden Kindergarten run by Lebenshilfe für Menschen mit geistiger oder anderer Behinderung Fürth e.V. has been transformed through the addition of climbing frame, funded by DRYING LITTLE TEARS. This vital enhancement of the outdoor area provides children at the Sternstunden Kindergarten with essential opportunities for physical development and adventurous play. The new climbing structure addresses a long-standing need at the facility, which previously lacked resources to create engaging outdoor spaces. The climbing frame serves as more than just playground equipment – it’s a tool for building confidence, improving coordination and encouraging social interaction among young learners.



CREATING ACCESSIBILITY: A LAKE BECOMES A HEALING HAVEN

**SONNENINSEL GmbH
AUSTRIA, SEEKIRCHEN (2020)**

The Sonneninsel facility, guided by the motto “Where there is joy, there is life,” received a transformative upgrade through a collaborative effort between SIXT Austria employees and DRYING LITTLE TEARS. The

project focused on making the facility’s lake accessible to children battling cancer and survivors. Through careful renaturation and shoreline development, the previously unused lake with its Fischach inlet was transformed into an accessible therapeutic space. The lake enhancement complements Sonneninsel’s comprehensive therapeutic program, which includes climbing, canoeing, creative arts, and group therapy sessions. These activities, led by trained therapists, help children and their families transition to back to everyday life after cancer treatment. As Thomas Janik, Managing Director of Sonneninsel, expressed, this accessibility project represents a crucial step in making outdoor therapeutic activities available to all guests: “Without this, our dream of the sun island would not have become reality!”



BAKING NEW FUTURES: A RECIPE FOR INDEPENDENCE

**ALFONS GOPPEL-STIFTUNG
ECUADOR, SANTO DOMINGO DE LOS COLORADOS (2020)**

The children’s home Casa Hogar de Jesús provides a home for children who have experienced homelessness, family difficulties or orphanhood. Through an innovative bakery project, supported by DRYING LITTLE TEARS, it has transformed its approach to youth development. The foundation equipped the

facility with professional-grade baking equipment, including an industrial oven and dough mixer, serving the boys aged 11-17, that have developed a great joy in baking. The bakery initiative serves multiple purposes: providing vocational training for older residents, supplying fresh bread to the home’s 70 children, and creating potential income opportunities. For many boys arriving at the home suffering from severe malnutrition, the bakery offers both immediate nourishment and long-term hope. Beyond meeting immediate needs, the project teaches valuable teamwork skills and provides career training that enables young men to support themselves after leaving the home. Regular volunteers, including those from Germany, help develop new concepts for maximizing the bakery’s impact.



FOSTERING INCLUSION: A NEW CHAPTER FOR ROMA CHILDREN

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
UKRAINE, BEREGOVO (2020)**

Near Ukraine's Hungarian border, the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. embarked on an ambitious renovation project of the International Integration Center to

expand its vital services for Roma children. With support from DRYING LITTLE TEARS, the center upgraded key facilities to accommodate its growing community of young learners. The center provides comprehensive support to disadvantaged Roma children aged 6 to 15, offering not just education but a nurturing environment where they can develop essential life skills and social values. Starting with 30-40 children, the renovation enabled the center to increase its capacity to serve up to 60 young people. Through strategic building improvements, the foundation helped to create additional safe spaces where these children can learn, grow, and realize their potential.

TRANSFORMING URBAN LANDSCAPES: A SPORTS COMPLEX SPARKS COMMUNITY REVIVAL

**CARITAS BUCHAREST ASSOCIATION
ROMANIA, BUCHAREST (2020)**

Where barren earth once lay dormant in Bucharest, a state-of-the-art sports complex now pulses with youthful energy. DRYING LITTLE TEARS undertook an ambitious transformation, creating a 2,000-square-meter multifunctional facility that serves as both playground and educational space. This modern complex features pristine grass fields, challenging climbing walls, and versatile play areas designed to nurture both physical and emotional development. The facility transcends traditional playground design by incorporating educational elements into its structure. Each feature has been carefully planned to support children's holistic development, turning casual play into meaningful learning experiences. Whether scaling climbing walls or engaging in team sports, young visitors develop crucial motor skills while building emotional resilience and social competence.



HEALING TOGETHER: CREATING HOMES AWAY FROM HOME

**GROUPE FRANCO-AFRICAIN D'ONCOLOGIE
PÉDIATRIQUE (GFAOP)
MOROCCO, RABAT (2020)**

At Rabat's Hôpital d'Enfants, the Service d'Hématologie et Oncologie Pédiatrique (SHOP) provides crucial care to approximately 1,000 children monthly, many traveling great distances for treatment. Recognizing that parental presence is vital for both practical support and emotional well-being during cancer treatment, DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with the Groupe Franco-Africain d'Oncologie Pédiatrique (GFAOP) to create supportive family spaces. The foundation funded a comprehensive renovation of the "Life House," a dedicated accommodation facility where families can stay close to their children during treatment periods. Additionally, a new playground was constructed, providing young patients with a space for joy and normalcy during their medical journey. This collaboration with Association Avenir ensures that families facing childhood cancer have access to comfortable, supportive environments during challenging times.

REVITALIZING CHILDREN: A COMMUNITY UNITES THROUGH INCLUSIVE DESIGN

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
HUNGARY, SZEGED (2021)**

Transforming a deteriorating playground into a vibrant community hub, DRYING LITTLE TEARS partnered with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. to create an inclusive play space that serves all children in Szeged. The comprehensive renovation project addressed both safety concerns and accessibility needs, ensuring every child could participate in outdoor play. The improvements included repairing salvageable equipment while replacing outdated pieces with modern, accessible alternatives. New features include wheelchair-friendly pathways and specially designed equipment for children of all abilities. Beyond its recreational value, the playground has evolved into a vital community gathering point. The youngest visitors now enjoy age-appropriate swings, slides and an engaging climbing castle that sparks imagination and builds confidence.



PLANTING SEEDS OF CHANGE: A GARDEN NURTURES FAMILY BONDS

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, ANKLAM (2021)**

Sustainable living takes root at the 'Sonnenschein' day care center run by Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. in

East Pomerania, where the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has cultivated more than just vegetables - they've grown a thriving community hub. Through the creation of an innovative family garden, complete with a garden house and vegetable patches, the foundation has established a living classroom where disadvantaged families learn, grow and flourish together. This thoughtfully designed space serves as both a practical learning environment and a nurturing gathering place. Here, families discover the fundamentals of gardening and healthy nutrition while developing essential life skills. The garden house provides a welcoming shelter where participants cook together, sharing the literal fruits of their labor and building stronger family bonds.

NOURISHING BODIES AND SPIRITS: A COMMUNITY TABLE WELCOMES ALL

**FÖRDERVEREIN TREFFPUNKT SUPPENKÜCHE
BAD DOBERAN e.V.
GERMANY, BAD DOBERAN (2020)**

The soup kitchen in Bad Doberan, run by the Förderverein Treffpunkt Suppenküche Bad Doberan e.V., represents more than just a meal service. - it's a

place where dignity and community intersect. Operating weekdays from 8 am to 2 pm, the facility serves 25-30 children daily. Besides providing essential meals, it also serves as a community space by offering the opportunities for student internships and social engagement. Tables are pre-set with meals, eliminating the need to request food - a thoughtful approach that preserves dignity and builds self-esteem. Following a suggestion made by a Sixt employee, DRYING LITTLE TEARS made a financial donation to support this project and provide hot meals for children. Following the challenging lockdown period of 2020, the soup kitchen became an even more vital community hub.



HONORING LEGACY THROUGH NATURE: A GARDEN HAVEN TAKES ROOT

**GEMEINDE WAAKIRCHEN
GERMANY, SCHAFTLACH (2021)**

The Erika-Sixt-Kindertagesstätte stands as a living tribute to a remarkable woman, established in 1993

through Hans Sixt's generous donation in memory of his beloved wife Erika. This cherished institution, which began with two groups of children, continues to evolve and enhance its offerings for young learners. The foundation has extended this legacy of care by funding new garden benches for the kindergarten's expansive outdoor space. This thoughtful addition creates comfortable spaces for outdoor learning, social interaction and quiet contemplation.

The project exemplifies how small enhancements can significantly impact children's daily experiences. Through this initiative, the foundation continues to honor Erika Sixt's memory.



BRIDGING DIVIDES THROUGH ADVENTURE: WHERE SUMMER DREAMS COME TRUE

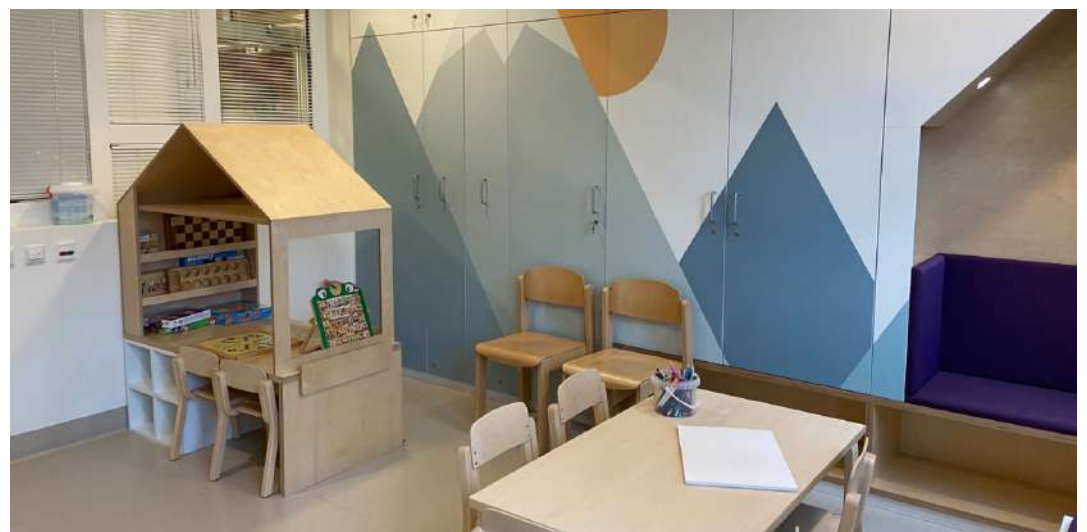
**LEBENS BAND e.V.
GERMANY, HAMBURG (2021)**

Lebensband e.V. transformed summer dreams into reality through an innovative camp experience made possible by DRYING LITTLE TEARS. This groundbreaking initiative brought together children from diverse backgrounds, creating magical moments that transcended social and economic boundaries. The foundation's financial support enabled the organization's first-ever multi-day summer camp, ensuring that no child was excluded due to financial constraints. Under the guidance of experienced volunteer educators, young participants embarked on an unforgettable journey filled with round-the-clock field games, exciting amusement park visits, lively discos and thrilling night hikes. The inclusive nature of the camp allowed children who might otherwise miss such opportunities to participate fully in this transformative experience.

CRAFTING MOMENTS OF JOY: WHERE MEDICINE MEETS PLAY

**KINDERKREBSHILFE MAINZ E.V.
GERMANY, MAINZ (2021)**

At the Centre for Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Johannes Gutenberg Universität in Mainz, a remarkable transformation has taken place through the collaborative efforts of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Kinderkrebshilfe e.V. Inspired by SIXT employees' fundraising initiative, a former clinical space has been reimagined as a vibrant haven for young cancer patients. The newly renovated playroom serves as a peaceful retreat where children can temporarily escape the rigors of treatment. Cheerful wall colors complement modern children's furniture. Carefully selected toys, games and books provide endless opportunities for creative engagement and emotional relief.





MUSICAL WATERBED FOR SNOEZEL ROOM: GOOD VIBES FOR CHILDREN

DIAKONISCHES WERK DES EVANG.-LUTH. DEKANATSBEZIRKS ROSENHEIM e.V. GERMANY, MUNICH (2022)

The Haus für Kinder Hirschgarten looks after around 100 children with special needs. The new Snoezel room in the House for Children provides a remedy for this and offers the little ones the opportunity to switch off for once. A donation from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation made it possible to finance the music waterbed, which serves as a central therapy element in the Snoezel room.

CLOTHING HOPE: WARMING CHILDREN'S FUTURES

LONG YANG e.V. NEPAL, SUNTAKHAN (2021)

When global challenges threaten to dim the prospects of vulnerable children, DRYING LITTLE TEARS illuminates pathways of hope. In the remote villages of Nepal, the foundation transformed a pandemic-

disrupted project into a lifeline of warmth and dignity. Facing unprecedented challenges from COVID-19 lockdowns, the foundation pivoted creatively with its partner organisation Long Yang e.V.

Instead of planned health screenings, they equipped students of Sri Suntakhan Secondary School and Tharebir Basic School with essential winter clothing. In one of the poorest countries, where nearly 25% of the population lives below the poverty line, these school uniforms represent more than mere fabric — they are shields of opportunity, ensuring that children could continue their education without the burden of harsh Himalayan winters.



EMPOWERING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY: NURTURING NEPAL'S FUTURE LEADERS

STICHTING STRAATENKINDEREN VAN KATHMANDU NEPAL, KATHMANDU (2021)

Nestled in Kathmandu, Tiom Laura Home stands as a symbol of hope for disadvantaged children, blending modern education with cultural preservation. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has enhanced this vital mission through a comprehensive technology and infrastructure upgrade, ensuring residents receive the tools needed for success in today's digital world. The foundation's support included new computers, essential for the home's computer classes. Beyond digital literacy, the grant funded practical improvements including washing machines, comfortable mattresses and ergonomic office chairs - creating an environment that supports both learning and comfort. This thoughtfully managed facility, staffed by dedicated Nepalese professionals and international volunteers provides a nurturing space where children can develop while staying connected to their cultural roots through regular excursions and cultural activities.



BREAKING BARRIERS: AN INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND OF POSSIBILITIES

**TABALINGO GEMEINNÜTZIGE UG
GERMANY, STOLBERG (2022)**

In the vibrant world of TABALiNGO gemeinnützige UG, inclusivity is not just a concept — it's a living, breathing reality. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has dramatically transformed this vision by creating a revolutionary

bouldering room that serves as a project of hope for children with and without disabilities. This innovative space transcends traditional recreational offerings, providing a weatherproof haven where children from diverse backgrounds can challenge themselves without performance pressure. Nearly half of the participants come from socially vulnerable circumstances. Expanded to include “ninja warrior” elements, the room has become a magnet for children’s imagination and physical exploration. Especially in the wake of pandemic-induced social isolation, this carefully designed space offers reliability, security and opportunity. “Culture and sport without pressure to perform” becomes more than just a motto.



CRAFTING CHILDHOOD JOY: A PLAYGROUND OF POSSIBILITIES

**SOZIALDIENST KATHOLISCHER FRAUEN e.V.
GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN
GERMANY, GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN (2021)**

In the heart of Bavaria, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has reimagined childhood play with surgical precision and tender care. At the mother-child facility Haus St. Monika, a transformative project breathed new life into a decades-old space, focusing on the youngest, most vulnerable and vibrant explorers. Recognizing that play is the fundamental language of childhood development, the foundation invested in a meticulously designed climbing tower. The project emerged from a comprehensive renovation, replacing an outdated climbing frame with a modern, adaptable play space. Each curve and platform was strategically engineered to support physical coordination, spatial awareness and imaginative discovery.

BUILDING HEALING SANCTUARIES: A HAVEN FOR FAMILIES FIGHTING CANCER

**FÖRDERKREIS KREBSKRANKE KINDER e.V. STUTTGART
GERMANY, STUTTGART (2019-2022)**

The Förderkreis krebskranke Kinder e.V. Stuttgart established with the “Blaues Haus” a symbol of hope for families navigating childhood cancer. It is strategically located near Stuttgart’s Children’s Hospital to minimize travel during treatment. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has systematically enhanced this sanctuary since 2020, creating a comprehensive support ecosystem.

Beginning with a revitalized playroom featuring carefully selected furniture and toys, the foundation’s commitment expanded by funding four years a family apartment. These private retreats allow families to maintain normalcy while staying close to medical care, complementing the facility’s communal spaces. Beyond accommodation, the Blaues Haus serves as a critical follow-up advisory center after intensive therapies conclude.



CONNECTING YOUNG MINDS: NEW TELEWORK PLACES FOR DAY-CARE CENTERS

**ORDER OF MALTA RELIEF ORGANISATION
LITHUANIA, VILNIUS (2022)**

The Order of Malta Relief Organisation runs a number of day-care centers in Vilnius for over 100 children aged 8 to 12. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has financed teleworking devices for eight of these day-care centers. The monitors, webcams and microphones are used for group activities with the children. So, distance learning and remote teamwork between day-care centers became a reality. In addition, the technology supports the day-care center employees in staying in contact with children and parents if some little ones cannot attend the day-care center due to various restrictions. This makes the work of the employees easier and improves cooperation with parents and the other day-care centers. The children are very happy about the new technology and the many new possibilities. In the first assignment, the children were able to take part in a virtual workshop for all day-care centers and learn how to make bouquets from different materials.



WEAVING FAMILY AND HOPE: A LIFELINE FOR ORPHANS

**KJU DOM ZA DJECU BEZ RODITELJSKOG STARANJA
BOSNIA, SARAJEVO (2022)**

In the heart of Sarajevo, an extraordinary sanctuary transforms the lives of children who have lost everything, proving that family is not defined by blood, but by boundless compassion. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has become a critical lifeline, offering a comprehensive embrace of hope and opportunity. This remarkable orphanage serves preschool and elementary children, creating a holistic ecosystem of care that extends far beyond basic survival.

Dedicated educators provide daily academic support, health monitoring and enriching extracurricular activities. House mothers become the nurturing heart of the institution, creating a sense of belonging that transcends institutional walls. Through targeted financial support, the foundation ensures that children receive essential resources such as school supplies, sports equipment, clothing and toys.

SPREADING EASTER JOY: A BASKET OF HOPE AND KINDNESS

MÜNCHNER TAFEL E.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2021)

When global uncertainty cast long shadows, DRYING LITTLE TEARS illuminated the lives of Munich's most vulnerable children with a simple yet profound gesture

of compassion. During the challenging pandemic period, the Münchner Tafel's extraordinary volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure no family went without food, also bringing Easter magic to children facing unprecedented hardship. Assembling Easter baskets filled with chocolate and small gifts, the foundation transformed a traditional celebration into a beacon of hope.

Each basket represented more than chocolate and treats — it was a tangible expression of care and solidarity. The radiant smiles of children, reflected in the joyful expressions of parents and volunteers, became a powerful testament to resilience.



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY: A NATURAL HAVEN SPRINGS BACK TO LIFE

GEMEINNÜTZIGE GESELLSCHAFT DES ASB mbH
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2022)

The Leisure Park IN NATURA run by Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe des ASB mbH has been revitalized through strategic enhancements funded by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. This vital community hub, offering comprehensive youth services and family support, now features restored play equipment and welcoming outdoor spaces that bring multiple generations together. A favorite attraction, the crawling tunnel and its accompanying palisades, has been expertly repaired, delighting young visitors. "That looks really cool," exclaimed one enthusiastic boy. The project was extended beyond play equipment to include new garden furniture for the courtyard café, carefully selected to complement the center's natural esthetic. The transformation was made complete with the addition of fresh plantings and trees, creating an inviting atmosphere that encourages community gatherings.

REBUILDING FAMILY CONNECTIONS: A GARDEN OF REUNION AND RESILIENCE

**DIAKONISCHES WERK DES EVANG.-LUTH.
DEKANATSBEZIRKS ROSENHEIM e.V.**
GERMANY, MUNICH (2021, 2022)

At the Schutzstelle Zauberwald, where childhood vulnerability meets unwavering compassion, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has reimagined healing through the simplest of interventions: new garden furniture. For children who have lost their sense of home and safety, this seemingly modest gesture represents a profound restoration of hope. The shelter offers a holistic sanctuary of structured care, psychological support and critically, maintained family connections. By refreshing the garden's furniture, the foundation created a renewed space for crucial family visits and moments of reconnection. Social workers, dedicated to potentially reuniting children with their families, now have an improved environment to facilitate these delicate interactions.





CREATING CONFIDENCE: WHERE ANIMALS TOUCH HEARTS

REUBEN'S RETREAT
ENGLAND, GLOSSOP (2022)

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has partnered with Reuben's Retreat to expand their transformative "Paws for Thought" program, bringing the gentle healing power of animal therapy to children facing life-limiting conditions. This initiative, supported through the employee Christmas bonus program, offers professional animal therapy sessions that create precious moments of connection and joy.

Scientific research validates the profound impact of animal-assisted therapy in improving physical, emotional, social and cognitive functioning while reducing pain, anxiety, depression and fatigue. The program's holistic approach ensures that not only the children but their entire families benefit from these therapeutic encounters.

NURTURING RESILIENCE: A SANCTUARY FOR RECOVERY

JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, DRESDEN (2022)

In the delicate landscape of childhood grief, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has created a remarkable sanctuary that transforms how young souls

navigate loss. The new LACRIMA premises in Dresden represent a holistic healing environment, designed to support children and families through the most challenging emotional journeys.

Meticulously crafted with profound understanding, the facility offers multiple therapeutic zones: a creative room with adaptable workspaces, a serene relaxation area with innovative sensory elements and a multi-functional space for movement and healing. Each room has been thoughtfully designed to provide comfort, encourage expression and facilitate healthy grief processing.



BUILDING INCLUSIVE DREAMS: A PLAYGROUND FOR EVERY CHILD'S ABILITY

FLINGERN MOBIL e.V.
GERMANY, DÜSSELDORF (2022)

At the Papst Johannes day-care center, DRYING LITTLE TEARS has created a special playground where ability differences dissolve in the joy of play. This thoughtfully designed space serves children from birth to six years, incorporating unique equipment that makes adventure accessible to all. The barrier-free playground features carefully selected equipment including trampolines, climbing frames and a rope course – each designed to accommodate children with varying abilities. Beyond physical activity, the playground serves as a catalyst for developmental growth. Children enhance their sensory awareness through active engagement with their environment, while collaborative play nurtures essential social skills like teamwork and empathy. These installations particularly benefit blind children and those struggling with body awareness or social-emotional challenges, while remaining engaging for children without disabilities.



THESE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER: AN ADRENALINE-FILLED DAY OF PURE JOY

**DRK ROSTOCKER KINDER- UND JUGENDHILFE gGmbH
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2022)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation helped bringing magic to young lives supporting the annual

excursion to Hansa Park of the DRK Jugendhilfeverbunds "Blinkfeuer". This eagerly anticipated event brought together 85 children, adolescents and young adults for a day filled with thrilling adventures and shared excitement. October 2022 saw participants challenging themselves on daring roller coaster rides under patches of sunshine, creating moments of pure joy, far removed from daily routines.

The carefully planned outing served multiple purposes - strengthening bonds between children and staff, building confidence through conquering fears and most importantly creating lasting memories that transcend the ordinary.

SPREADING HOLIDAY MAGIC: BRINGING JOY TO YOUNG PATIENTS

**FONDATION LENVAL
FRANCE, NICE (2022)**

The historic Lenval Foundation, a cornerstone of pediatric care in Nice since 1888, welcomed a special visit from DRYING LITTLE TEARS during the festive season. This cherished institution, which oversees the region's primary children's hospital and various social-medical facilities, became the setting for moments of pure joy amid medical treatments. DRYING LITTLE TEARS employees transformed hospital rooms into spaces of wonder, distributing carefully selected gifts to young patients who were unable to celebrate at home. The thoughtfully chosen toys provided a bridge to normalcy and joy during their hospital stay. This heartwarming gesture exemplifies the foundation's commitment to creating moments of happiness, proving that even in hospital settings, holiday magic can thrive.



CRAFTING CHILDHOOD LANDSCAPES: A GARDEN OF DISCOVERY

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
GERMANY, BERLIN (2022)**

In the heart of Berlin, the MANNA Maria day-care center, established by Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., has transformed from a renovated villa into a vibrant haven of childhood exploration, thanks to the visionary

cooperation with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. Recognizing that play is the fundamental language of early childhood development, the foundation reimagined an under-utilized garden space into a meticulously designed playground for toddlers.

Over a carefully orchestrated year, the project evolved from concept to reality. Specially selected play equipment was thoughtfully chosen, ordered and installed, creating a safe and stimulating environment for children aged 1.5 to 2.5 years. This is not merely a playground, but a carefully crafted developmental landscape where every element invites curiosity, movement and sensory exploration.

SUPPORTING HOPE: EXPANDING ACCESS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

**UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)
CROATIA, VARIOUS LOCATIONS (2022)**

A partnership between DRYING LITTLE TEARS, SIXT Croatia Franchisee and UNICEF has launched a vital initiative addressing the critical gap in services for children with disabilities across Croatia. Inspired by SIXT employee Ivan Škabić's presentation, the project "All future needs opportunities" tackles the stark reality that only one-third of Croatian children with disabilities currently access supervised care and psychological support. The comprehensive program establishes and expands day-care centers while introducing essential psychosocial group support services. Professional teams of therapists, nurses and social workers provide specialized care for children while offering crucial guidance to parents. This ensures full integration of children into social structures while supporting entire families. "The foundation's generous support makes a tremendous difference in providing these children and their families with necessary resources," notes Žana Hinek, UNICEF's Corporate Fundraising Officer.



TRANSFORMING MOVEMENT: A HISTORIC ORPHANAGE LEAPS INTO THE FUTURE

**WAISENHAUSSTIFTUNG MÜNCHEN
GERMANY, MUNICH (2023)**

The Münchner Waisenhaus, a sanctuary for 134 children founded in 1899, has unveiled a state-of-the-art gymnasium that blends modern athletic innovation with therapeutic purpose. The Regine Sixt Children's

Aid Foundation spearheaded this comprehensive renovation project, creating a space that serves both body and spirit. The transformation included structural reinforcements with new steel beams for gymnastics equipment, installation of a professional sprung floor and climate optimization through thoughtful wall treatments and integrated window panels. Modern additions like a dance mirror and bouldering wall expanded the facility's therapeutic and recreational potential. Spring 2023 marked the gymnasium's grand reopening, celebrated with a vibrant sports festival where SIXT employees guided children through various activity stations. "We have a great new gym that is well attended and constantly fully booked. It enables all of our children to train, and sport drives away sad thoughts," shares Katrin Breu, the orphanage's manager.

ENHANCING CARE: WHERE COMFORT MEETS COMPASSION

**BJÖRN SCHULZ STIFTUNG
GERMANY, GSTADT AM CHIEMSEE (2023)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has strengthened its enduring partnership with Björn Schulz Stiftung's Irmgard-Hof through the donation of specialized medical beds, ensuring comfortable care for children with severe illnesses and disabilities. This thoughtful addition enables families with disabled children to enjoy truly restorative stays at this peaceful lakeside retreat. The Irmgard-Hof serves as a sanctuary for children aged six and above, along with their families, offering vital aftercare services, relaxation opportunities and meaningful connections. The facility extends its embrace to parents and siblings, providing comprehensive support through a dedicated team of social education specialists. This latest initiative builds upon the foundation's previous contributions, including the creation of a therapeutic petting zoo.



SWINGING TOWARDS INCLUSION: BREAKING BARRIERS THROUGH PLAY

STIFTUNG DEUTSCHE SCHLAGANFALL-HILFE GERMANY, VOGTAREUTH (2023)

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, in partnership with the Stiftung Deutsche Schlaganfall-Hilfe, has

introduced an innovative gondola swing, designed specifically for young stroke survivors. This thoughtful addition addresses a crucial need, as approximately 500 children under 18 experience strokes annually in Germany, often facing challenges in accessing typical playground equipment. The specially engineered swing accommodates children aged 2 to 12 who have experienced strokes. Its unique design considers the specific needs of these young survivors while ensuring a safe and engaging play experience. This initiative represents a crucial step toward creating truly inclusive recreational spaces where every child, regardless of their medical history, can experience the simple pleasure of swinging.

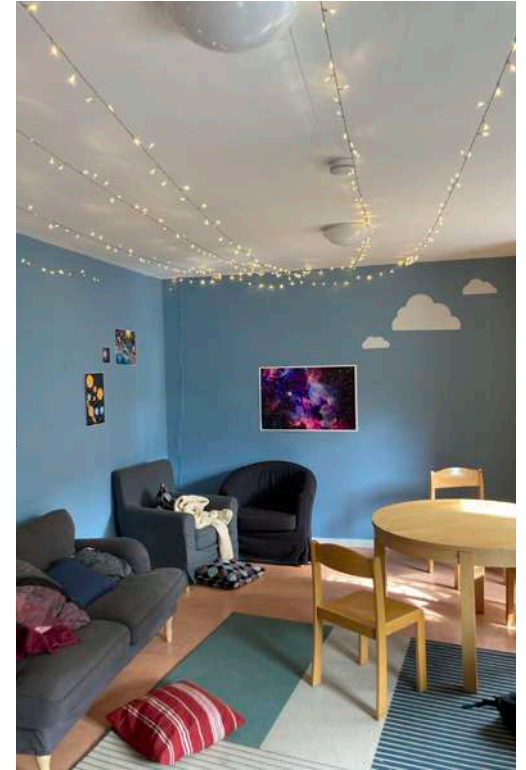


CREATING SPACES FOR SUCCESS: WHERE DIVERSITY TAKES CENTER STAGE

EVANGELISCHE STIFTUNG MICHAELSHOF GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2023)

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has orchestrated a dramatic transformation at the after-school care center of the Michaelschule, creating dynamic spaces where inclusion comes alive through creative expression. Two newly designed rooms now serve children aged 6 to 12, combining artistic exploration with physical development. The renovated theater space pulses with energy, featuring a state-of-the-art music system and karaoke machine that turn everyday moments into celebrations. Alongside this performance venue, a re-imagined movement space equipped with versatile materials allows children of all abilities to collaboratively design their own exercise and play circuits. This

thoughtfully conceived environment embodies the school's commitment to fostering an inclusive society through shared experiences. Each child's unique personality finds expression within a respectful, nurturing learning culture that encourages talent development.



CREATING DREAMS: WHERE PARADISE BECOMES A REALITY

IB SÜDWEST gGmbH GERMANY, DARMSTADT (2022)

The Kinderhaus Paradies run by IB Südwest gGmbH in Darmstadt has undergone a remarkable transformation through the support of DRYING LITTLE TEARS, creating spaces where children from challenging social circumstances can flourish and grow. This comprehensive renovation project focused on developing environments that nurture both education and creativity. A highlight of the renovation was the innovative conversion of a construction trailer into a vibrant theater space, complete with storage for props, comfortable seating and a professional curtain.

The foundation also funded essential educational infrastructure, equipping a homework room with desks and supplies, while creating cozy "chill rooms" with new couches and outdoor spaces with garden furniture. The children actively participated in decision-making through conferences, ensuring that spaces evolved to meet their changing needs.



BUILDING UP CONNECTIONS: WHERE FAMILY BONDS FIND SAFE SPACE

**SOS VILLAGE D'ENFANTS FRANCE
FRANCE, NICE (2023)**

The SOS Village in Carros has unveiled a groundbreaking renovation of its “Community Home,” supported by DRYING LITTLE TEARS. At the heart of this transformation is an innovative solution to a delicate challenge - a specially designed soundproof telephone booth that enables supervised yet private family communications for children in sensitive family situations. The foundation’s support has revitalized this community space, creating a welcoming environment that nurtures both comfort and healing.

The custom-designed phone booth represents a significant advancement in managing complex family dynamics, allowing for “mediatized calls” under professional supervision while maintaining the dignity and privacy these delicate conversations require. This thoughtfully conceived space enables trained specialists to support children during challenging family interactions while keeping these moments separate from their living environment.

RESPONDING TO CRISIS: CREATING SAFE SPACES

**DRK ROSTOCK gGmbH
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2023)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has strengthened the rapid response capabilities of the Deutsches Rotes Kreuz Kreisverband Rostock e.V. in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania by providing essential childcare equipment

for emergency situations. This initiative ensures that children separated from their parents during crises – whether due to bomb disposal operations, conflicts or natural disasters – receive both practical and emotional support. The foundation’s contribution includes age-appropriate games and diverse activity materials. This thoughtful equipment allows emergency response teams to create moments of normalcy and comfort for young ones during extraordinary circumstances. Working alongside the German Red Cross’s comprehensive emergency services, this project ensures that whenever children need immediate care, they enter environments equipped to support their emotional and developmental needs.



CREATING SECOND CHANCES: A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

**TEMPO PER L'INFANZIA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE A.R.L.
ITALY, MILAN (2023)**

The Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation has transformed the “Allies for Childhood” facility in Milan into a nurturing sanctuary for 15 young children who have found themselves outside traditional educational systems. Working with Tempo per l’Infanzia Cooperativa Sociale, this comprehensive renovation project creates new possibilities for children aged 3 to 6 who need specialized educational support. The thoughtfully executed improvements span both interior and exterior spaces, including a redesigned hall and terrace, child-appropriate furniture and safety-enhanced bathroom facilities. Particular attention was paid to injury prevention, with carefully padded edges and surfaces throughout the facility. A renovated terrace floor and stairway complete the safety-first approach. This specialized space now hosts workshops, literacy classes and educational games tailored to each child’s unique needs.



ROLLING JOY: SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD THROUGH PLAY

**WAISENHAUSSTIFTUNG MÜNCHEN
GERMANY, MUNICH (2023)**

In the center of Munich, a simple gift can spark extraordinary moments of childhood delight. Twenty

vibrant Bobby Cars recently arrived at the local orphanage, transforming an ordinary day into an extraordinary celebration of childhood resilience and hope. DRYING LITTLE TEARS understands that play is a crucial pathway to emotional healing and developmental growth. By donating these iconic ride-on toys, they've created an opportunity for children without traditional family structures to experience unbridled joy and momentary freedom. One little girl's immediate test drive perfectly captured the magic — her gleaming eyes and radiant smile revealing the profound impact of this seemingly simple gesture. These Bobby Cars became vehicles of imagination, confidence-building and pure childhood happiness.

SPLASHING THROUGH HEALING: WHERE WATER CREATES WONDER

**VEREIN ZUR FÖRDERUNG KREBSKRANKER KINDER
ROSTOCK e.V.
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2023)**

A revolutionary therapeutic water playground has emerged at Rostock's parent-child house of the Verein zur Förderung krebskranker Kinder Rostock e.V. for families affected by childhood cancer. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has cofunded this innovative 35-square-meter sanctuary, crafted from premium natural materials and certified for safety by TÜV standards. The thoughtfully designed space features engaging water cascades that invite young visitors to explore physical principles through play. A dedicated mud area encourages sensory exploration, allowing children to connect with natural elements while developing motor skills. This multi-faceted playground serves multiple purposes - offering children with cancer a welcome distraction from treatment while providing therapeutic benefits through purposeful play. Siblings and parents also find respite here, making it a true family healing space.



SPLASHING BOUNDARIES AWAY: WHERE PLAY MATTERS

**ORGANIZACIÓN MATER MISERICORDIAE
SPAIN, PALMA (2023)**

Organización Mater Misericordiae's six-decade legacy of supporting people with disabilities has reached new heights with an innovative inclusive playground, funded by DRYING LITTLE TEARS. This thoughtfully designed space in the heart of their Palma facility represents a breakthrough in accessible play design.

The centerpiece of this autumn 2023 installation is a whimsical giant octopus that sprays cooling water from its arms, ensuring children in wheelchairs can fully participate in water play — a creative solution to traditional ground-level sprinklers. Specialized wheelchair-accessible swings and a protected trampoline area, sheltered by awnings from the Mediterranean sun, further demonstrate the commitment to true inclusion. This playground serves as an extension of Mater's comprehensive support system, which includes early intervention services, special education, vocational training and family support programs.

FOCUSSING DETAILS: A SAFE SPACE FOR KIDS

**GEMEINNÜTZIGE UND HILFS-GESELLSCHAFT
DER STADT ST. GALLEN
SWITZERLAND, ST. GALLEN (2020)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation contributed to the transformation of the children's living spaces at a residential home of GHG Kinderheim Tempelacker. The initiative involved rejuvenating the rooms with vibrant paint colors, repairing floors for enhanced comfort, and redecorating to foster a welcoming environment. Personal touches, such as custom-painted pictures, decorative accents, and customized toys and furniture, were added to infuse the rooms with warmth and individuality. A captivating mural was also created to serve as a timeless centerpiece, drawing attention in the children's living environment. This project aimed to provide each child in the residential home with a personalized sanctuary where they can feel secure, comfortable, and truly express their unique personalities.



NOURISHING HOPE: A SANCTUARY FOR HEALING FAMILIES

**ACREDITAR - ASSOCIAÇÃO DE PAIS E AMIGOS
DE CRIANÇAS COM CANCRO
PORTUGAL, LISBON (2024)**

In the heart of Lisbon, Casa Acreditar stands as a testament to compassion, offering a lifeline to families navigating the challenging journey of childhood cancer. Since 1994, this the remarkable Association Acreditar

has transformed the meaning of support, providing a "second home" for families during their most vulnerable moments. DRYING LITTLE TEARS, in partnership with SIXT Portugal Franchisee, has played a crucial role in this sanctuary of hope. Expanding from 12 to 32 rooms, Casa Acreditar now supports an even larger community of families facing cancer's intense challenges. What makes this project truly special is the hands-on approach of SIXT Portugal's team.

During their DRYING LITTLE TEARS Day, colleagues personally assembled furniture and equipped the kitchen for the dining area, infusing the space with a tangible sense of care and solidarity. Since 2003, over 430 families have found solace within these walls.

NURTURING FUTURES: REVITALIZING CHILDHOOD SPACES

**JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
ISRAEL, JERUSALEM (2024)**

In the vibrant heart of Jerusalem, the Gonenim Community Center has been changed into a beacon of hope and opportunity for young families. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has breathed new life into this critical educational space, demonstrating that thoughtful design can profoundly impact childhood development.

With meticulous care, the foundation renovated three distinct playrooms, each carefully tailored to different age groups. Fresh paint brightened the walls, while strategic repairs ensured a safe, welcoming environment. Beyond indoor spaces, the project extended to the outdoors, creating play areas that invite exploration and social interaction. Security enhancements, including a renewed entrance gate, underscore the foundation's holistic approach to child welfare: protecting while nurturing potential. The Jerusalem Foundation's deep gratitude reflects that appreciation for these physical improvements.



EXPANDING HORIZONS: A SANCTUARY OF LEARNING AND HOPE

NANGU THINA e.V.
SOUTH AFRICA, WESTLAKE (2024)

In the vibrant community of Westlake, the Jabulani Day-Care Centre stands as a harbor of hope, transforming early childhood education through strategic expansion and holistic care. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has played a pivotal role in supporting this critical

educational hub, enabling it to nurture up to 45 children daily. The project's core achievement lies in creating additional childcare spaces through a thoughtful building expansion. Local companies rallied behind the initiative, demonstrating community commitment to children's development. Children experience structured learning in motor skills, music, language and creative activities. English language instruction prepares them for future academic success, while a protected social environment builds critical interpersonal skills.

Founded in 2004 by the visionary Isaacs couple, the center has steadily grown, reflecting its profound impact. Nutritious meals, security and nurturing environments create a holistic support system.



CRAFTING SPACES FOR HEALING HEARTS: WHERE GRIEF MEETS UNDERSTANDING

JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, WIESBADEN (2024)

At the Lacrima bereavement center run by Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V., a profound conversion has taken place to support children navigating the complex journey of loss. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has funded the complete renovation of the vital Lacrima rooms, creating a sanctuary where young hearts can begin to heal. The thoughtfully redesigned space features child-friendly décor, new furniture and innovative storage solutions that create an environment of warmth and safety. A highlight of the renovation is the addition of a specialized snoezel corner, providing a multi-sensory space where children can find comfort and emotional release. This carefully curated environment allows grieving children to process their feelings through various therapeutic activities - from quiet reflection to active play.

REBUILDING HOPE: A SAFE SPACE FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST VULNERABLE

MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
SOUTH AFRICA, MANDENI (2024)

In the heart of one of South Africa's most economically challenged regions, the Blessed Gérard's Children's Home stands as a testament to compassion and transformative care. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has provided the necessary funding to the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. for turning an aging facility into a nurturing sanctuary for 40 children aged zero to twelve. This renovation touched every critical aspect of child welfare. Dilapidated kitchen and

sanitary facilities were meticulously restored, creating hygienic, functional spaces that dignify daily living. Strategic interior upgrades transformed rooms into warm, welcoming environments that whisper of care and possibility. New play areas invite childhood exploration, while carefully designed spaces support the dedicated carers who serve as surrogate parents.



ILLUMINATING POSSIBILITIES: POWERING HOPE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE CARE

**ASSOCIATION LA VIE EN MARCHE
SENEGAL, M'BOUR (2024)**

In the vibrant coastal city of M'bour, the CARFEAH center run by the Association LA VIE EN MARCHE stands as a symbol of hope for children with disabilities, where medical care and educational support intersect with innovative sustainable solutions. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has elevated this critical facility's impact by installing solar panels that do far more than generate electricity: They generate opportunity. Since 2013, CARFEAH has been a lifeline for children with disabilities, offering comprehensive medical treatment and educational support. The solar module installation represents a transformative intervention, providing an independent energy source that reduces operational costs and supports environmental sustainability, ensuring that the center can continue offering free care to children and their families, who often travel significant distances for treatment.



WEAVING WARMTH: A TAPESTRY OF CARE AND COMPASSION

**THEMBA LABANTU - HOFFNUNG FÜR DIE MENSCHEN e.V.
SOUTH AFRICA, CAPE TOWN (2024)**

In the heart of Cape Town, the Baphumelele orphanage stands as a testament of hope, transforming the lives of over 100 children who might otherwise have been lost to circumstance. Founded in 2001 by the remarkable Rosie Mashale – affectionately known as “Mama Rosie” – this sanctuary offers more than shelter;

it provides a comprehensive embrace of care and opportunity. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has extended a lifeline of support through a carefully considered donation of essential items.

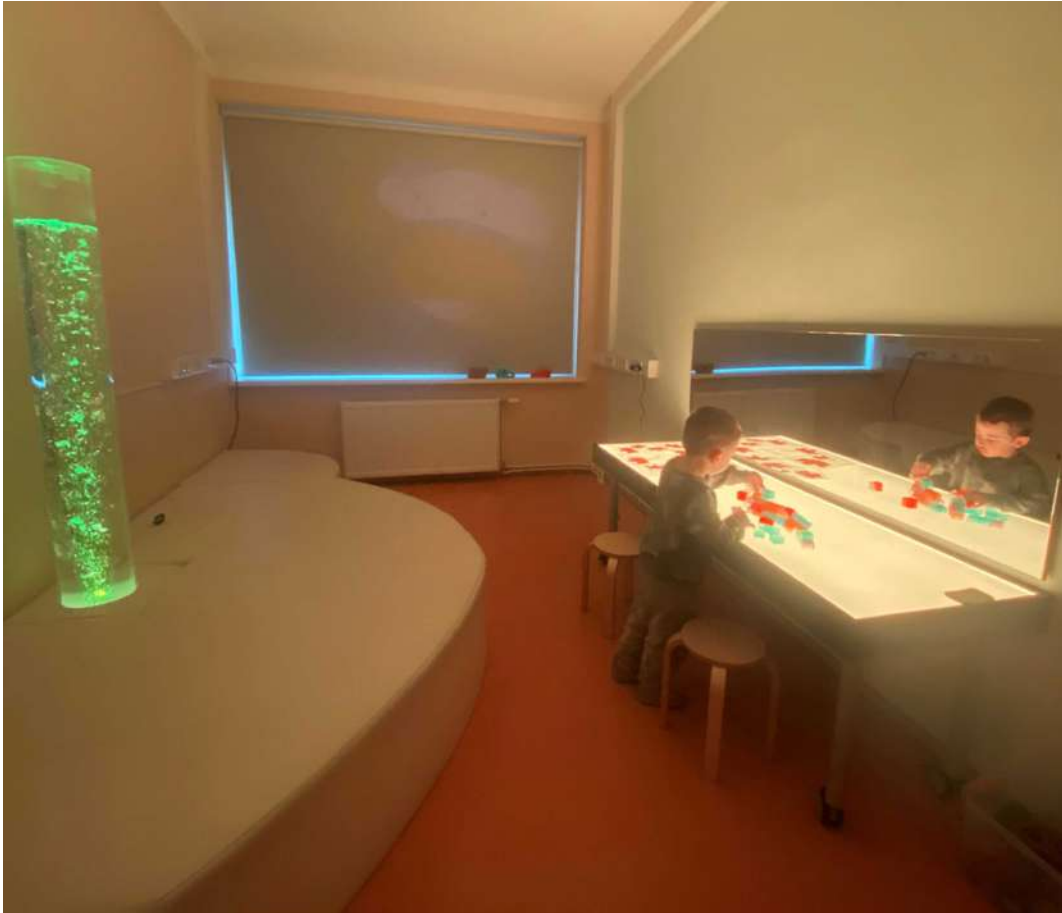
Rosie Mashale's heartfelt words capture the profound impact of this support: “I am so grateful for your generosity and willingness to help. You have positively impacted the lives of all the orphans, the staff and most importantly the community as a whole. The blankets were delivered at just the right time when the children were freezing cold.” From newborns to school-aged children living independently, each resident of Baphumelele benefits from this thoughtful intervention. Warm clothing, bed linens, blankets and electronic kitchen equipment make tangible differences.

RECONNECTING HEARTS: CREATING A PLACE OF HEALING AND HOPE

**SOS VILLAGE D'ENFANTS FRANCE
FRANCE, NICE (2024)**

In the compassionate embrace of SOS Villages d'Enfants France, a remarkable transformation unfolds at the Carros community center. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has meticulously reimagined spaces that honor the delicate emotional landscapes of 45 children separated from their biological families. The innovative renovation centers on two critical spaces: a soundproofed telephone room and a redesigned family kitchen. The “telephone bubble” represents more than architectural innovation: It's a carefully crafted sanctuary where children can engage in professionally mediated conversations with parents, bridging emotional distances with dignity and support. Equally powerful is the newly renovated kitchen, now a neutral, inviting space designed to facilitate meaningful family interactions. This thoughtful redesign recognizes that connection transcends physical space, offering children and their families opportunities for healing conversations.





NURTURING CURIOSITY: A SANCTUARY OF CREATIVITY AND CALM

**DRK ROSTOCKER KINDER- UND JUGENDHILFE gGmbH
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2024)**

At the “Flotter Waldkäfer” kindergarten, the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation has orchestrated a remarkable transformation, creating spaces that honor children’s innate need for both exploration and rest. This thoughtfully designed environment offers a holistic approach to learning and personal development. The newly crafted reading and writing room becomes a canvas for creative expression, inviting children to experiment with language, symbols and imagination.

Carefully selected materials encourage tactile learning, allowing young minds to discover the magic of communication and storytelling. Equally innovative is the dedicated rest area, where children learn the crucial skill of self-regulation. This space truly cultivates independence and emotional intelligence.

BUILDING BRIDGES OF LEARNING: A LIBRARY OF HOPE

**AKTION FÜR EINE GEEINTE WELT e.V
MEXICO, MEXICO CITY (2024)**

In the heart of Mexico City’s challenging urban landscape, the Las Aguilas community center emerges as a transformative sanctuary of learning and opportunity. DRYING LITTLE TEARS has breathed new life into this critical social space, equipping a games library that promises to reshape children’s futures. It is far more than a simple room of books and toys: Educational games, didactic materials and carefully selected resources create an environment that nurtures cognitive growth and academic potential. Comfortable furniture and a welcoming atmosphere invite children to explore, learn and dream.

The library serves multiple functions — from homework support to specialized workshops tailored to different age groups. Local teachers and volunteers, including dedicated supporters from Germany, work together to create a vibrant learning ecosystem.





CREATING COMFORT: A SANCTUARY FOR HEALING AND HOPE

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, TRIER (ONGOING)**

In the compassionate landscape of grief support, the Lacrima project “Glück auf Wiese” of the Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. emerges as a delicate sanctuary for children navigating the profound journey of loss.

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has crafted a space that recognizes grief as a deeply personal, nuanced experience requiring gentle, specialized care. This project suggests a profound philosophy of healing. This outdoor area has been transformed into a therapeutic landscape where children can express, process and gradually find peace. Lacrima programs are renowned for creating protected environments where children can explore their feelings safely. The foundation acknowledges that healing isn't confined to indoor rooms but can bloom naturally, like tender shoots emerging through difficult terrain. The meadow becomes a metaphor for resilience: A place where sorrow can coexist with hope.

ANCHORING CHILDHOOD: A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

**TRIBUTE TO BAMBI STIFTUNG
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2024)**

Beyond the ordinary rhythms of summer, the Fischkutter Jugend- und Begegnungsstätte e.V. offers a haven for children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. This remarkable initiative is a lifeline of

social inclusion, learning and childhood joy. DRYING LITTLE TEARS recognizes that meaningful experiences are crucial for children's development. Here, group games become classrooms of social interaction, while craft activities develop confidence and creativity. Volunteers are the heart of this program, generously donating time and passion to create an environment where children can simply be children.

Beyond the summer holiday camp, afternoon activities ensure continuous support, allowing learning to continue and friendships to flourish.



TRANSFORMING THERAPY: CREATING SENSORY HAVENS

**LEBENSILF E FÜR MENSCHEN MIT GEISTIGER ODER
ANDERER BEHINDERUNG FÜRTH e.V.
GERMANY, FÜRTH (2024)**

The Heilpädagogischen Tagesstätte (HPT) of Hallemann Schule has enhanced its therapeutic capabilities through innovative equipment funded by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. The multifunctional room now features specialized installations that serve children aged 6-13 with mental disabilities. At the heart of this transformation are two key additions: a sensory integration therapy swing and a hanging cave.

The swing for sensory integration therapy promotes vestibular development and balance training, while providing crucial motor skill development for children. This therapeutic tool helps regulate children experiencing motor restlessness through controlled swinging motions. The hanging cave creates a cocoon-like sanctuary where children, particularly those with autism, can find calm amid overwhelming sensory experiences. This safe space allows them to regulate their sensory input while experiencing gentle, soothing movement. These thoughtfully selected additions demonstrate the foundation's commitment to supporting specialized therapeutic environments.



NOURISHING FUTURES: A KITCHEN THAT FEEDS MORE THAN HUNGER

**AUMA OBAMA FOUNDATION SAUTI KUU
KENYA, ALEGO NYANGOMA (2025)**

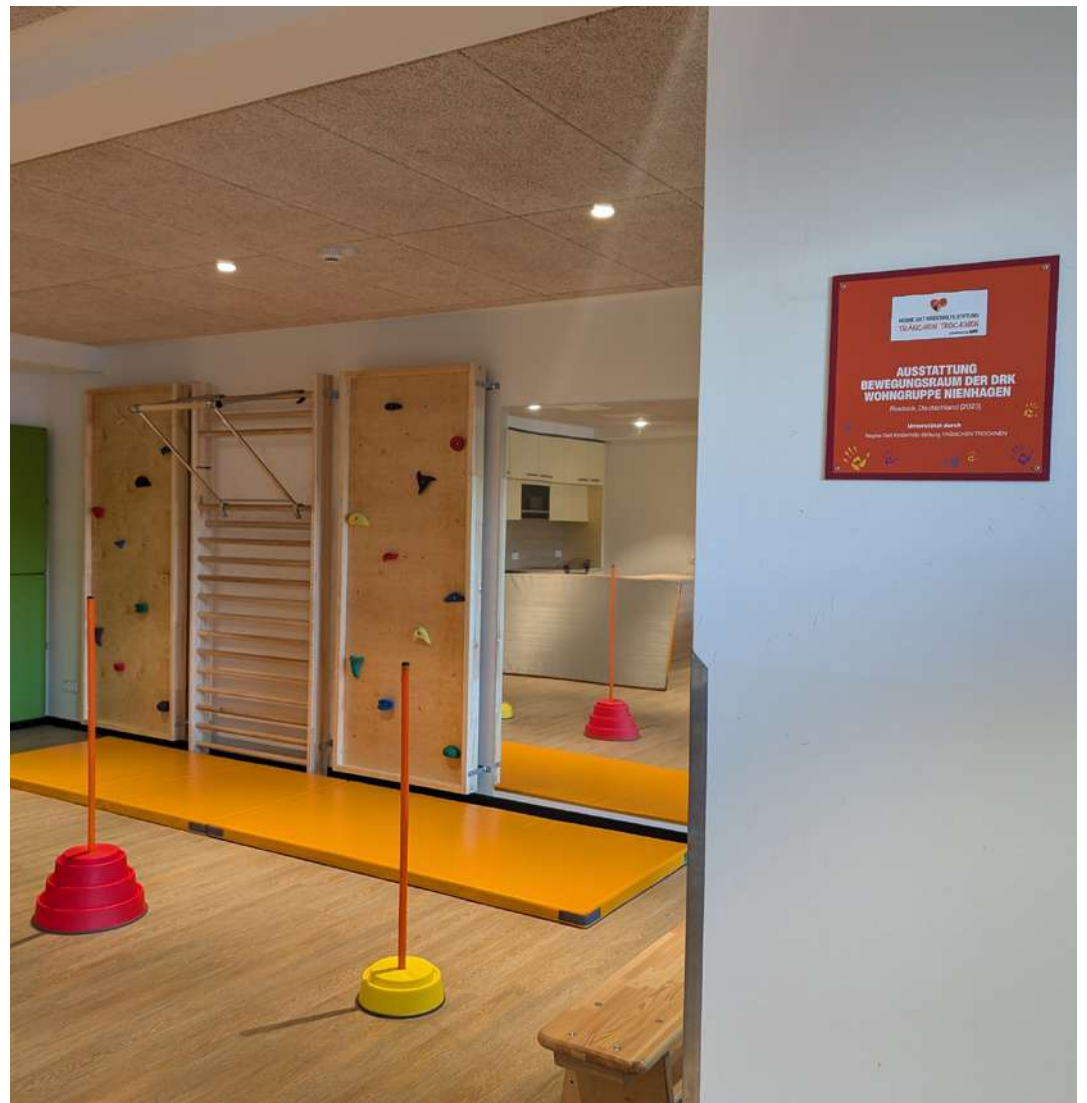
In the heart of rural Kenya, a remarkable culinary revolution is unfolding at the Barack Obama Senior Centre for Knowledge Learning and Excellence. DRYING LITTLE TEARS provided the funding to transform a simple cooking space into a powerful instrument of community transformation, addressing not just hunger, but systemic nutritional challenges.

The new industrial kitchen, strategically designed to serve 300 children from nine partner schools, represents far more than a cooking facility: Workshops in the SIXT Kitchen tackle the region's high malnutrition rates, teaching children and parents to prepare nutritious meals using locally grown ingredients from the adjacent garden. Each cooking lesson becomes an opportunity to preserve cultural knowledge while addressing critical health challenges. Michael, a local father, shares his experience: "I am satisfied with the food and nutrition workshop. I had the opportunity to interact with my children and to teach and learn a lot."

CLIMBING TOWARDS POTENTIAL: A SPACE OF MOVEMENT AND GROWTH

**DRK ROSTOCKER KINDER- UND JUGENDHILFE gGmbH
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2024)**

In the nurturing environment at the residential group Nienhagen of the DRK Jugendhilfeverbund "Blinkfeuer", a transformative space has emerged that celebrates the power of physical movement and personal discovery. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has meticulously crafted an exercise room that is a laboratory of potential for children and young people. Professionally designed climbing walls and innovative balancing islands offer more than physical challenges. These carefully selected equipment pieces become tools for holistic development, allowing young residents to build physical strength, coordination and crucial life skills. Qualified educational staff provide expert guidance, ensuring that every physical challenge is an opportunity for personal growth. The room embodies the German Red Cross Youth Welfare Network's commitment to comprehensive support.





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EMERGENCY AID

Every child has the right to protection in times of war, as a refugee, and after natural disasters. Catastrophes occur regularly, affecting both people and nations, with children often suffering the most. That's why we support homes and schools for refugee children, send essential material aid to disaster areas, and assist with reconstruction efforts. SIXT's global logistics networks are particularly valuable in these situations.

Wherever and whenever needed, The Regine Sixt Children's Aid is there to provide support during disasters. We work closely with local partners to deliver the appropriate help, whether it's financial assistance or essential supplies such as tents, baby food, hygiene products, and more, ensuring that even the smallest members of affected communities are cared for.

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COMFORT IN CRISIS: WARMTH ACROSS CONTINENTS

**NIPPON EXPRESS (DEUTSCHLAND) GmbH & Co. KG
JAPAN, KASENUMA (2011)**

In the devastating aftermath of Japan's earthquake, the DRYING LITTLE TEARS transformed tragedy into hope through a remarkable display of global

compassion. Partnering with Nippon Express Germany, the foundation orchestrated a lifeline of comfort — hundreds of carefully selected sleeping bags journeyed from Munich Airport to the Tohoku region's most vulnerable victims. Each sleeping bag represented a tangible embrace of solidarity, a promise that these children were not forgotten in their darkest moment.

The logistics proved complex yet seamless as international borders dissolved through humanitarian spirit. The school children, their worlds upended by catastrophe, found momentary solace in these carefully transported gifts.

BRIDGING DEVASTATION: RESILIENCE ACROSS BORDERS

**BAMBI KINDERGARTEN
SERBIA, LOZNICA (2014-2015)**

When torrential rains unleashed unprecedented devastation across the Balkan region, DRYING LITTLE TEARS transformed crisis into a meticulously orchestrated humanitarian intervention. In a remarkable display of rapid response, the foundation mobilized an extraordinary relief effort transcending national boundaries. Approximately ten SIXT transporters became vessels of hope, laden with critical supplies: baby food, children's clothing, essential equipment, diapers and canned provisions. These lifeline shipments were strategically distributed across multiple collection points: Doboij and Bijeljina in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Gunja in Croatia, and Novi Sad in Serbia. Beyond logistics, SIXT volunteers provided on-ground support, ensuring direct distribution and personally assisting community reconstruction. The foundation's most poignant contribution emerged in rebuilding a day-care center— a symbolic reconstruction of normalcy for communities shattered by natural disaster.



NOURISHING BODY AND SOUL: A LIFELINE ACROSS CONTINENTS

**AKTION DEUTSCHLAND HILFT e.V. / DEUTSCHES
MEDIKAMENTEN-HILFSWERK ACTION MEDEOR e.V.
TANZANIA, NORTHERN TANZANIA (2011)**

In northern Tanzania's drought-stricken landscape, DRYING LITTLE TEARS orchestrated a powerful demonstration of international solidarity during a critical humanitarian crisis. With surgical precision and heartfelt urgency, the foundation coordinated a mission of survival. 600 kilograms of emergency food embarked on a transformative journey — first from the medeor warehouse in Tönisvorst, Germany, then supplemented with vital medications including infusions and antibiotics in Tanzania. This carefully engineered lifeline was designed to combat the most fundamental human threat: hunger. SIXT employees became integral partners in this humanitarian effort, channeling corporate resources into direct intervention against suffering.



SHELTER OF PROTECTION: RESILIENCE IN THE STORM'S WAKE

MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V. PHILIPPINES, CEBU CITY (2013)

When Typhoon Haiyan tore through the Philippine archipelago on November 8th 2013, it created a

humanitarian crisis of unprecedented scale affecting 14 million lives. About four million people had to leave their homes as around one million homes were completely or partially destroyed. DRYING LITTLE TEARS emerged as a beacon of hope, transforming crisis into an opportunity for renewal. Through meticulously coordinated international efforts involving Air France, Malteser International and the Philippine Order of Malta, the foundation dispatched 40 large tents and 300 protective ponchos to the ravaged regions of Bantayan and Samar. These became portable sanctuaries, creating indoor learning spaces where schools had been obliterated, establishing temporary nurseries and communal gathering points.

WEAVING WARMTH: A GLOBAL TAPESTRY OF COMPASSION

TURKISH RED CRESCENT / TURKISH AIRLINES TURKEY, ERZURUM (2011)

When an earthquake struck Turkey, DRYING LITTLE TEARS demonstrated the power of rapid, compassionate response through extraordinary collaboration. SIXT employees in Germany and Turkey, supported by Turkish Airlines, transformed concern into immediate action. 1,700 sleeping bags became portable sanctuaries of hope, carefully transported to children whose worlds had been suddenly disrupted. The foundation's approach epitomized humanitarian excellence: swift, unbureaucratic and deeply personal. SIXT employees converted their professional network into a channel of support, demonstrating how corporate resources can become humanitarian lifelines during crisis.



REBUILDING FOUNDATIONS: HOPE RISES ABOVE THE FLOODWATERS

ARCHE NOVA - INITIATIVE FÜR MENSCHEN IN NOT e.V. GERMANY, MARKKLEEBERG (2013)

Amidst devastating floods in June 2013 that swept through Leipzig, DRYING LITTLE TEARS developed an opportunity for profound renewal from seemingly insurmountable destruction. Partnering with arche noVa e.V., the foundation focused its compassionate intervention on the children's home Völkerfreundschaft – a curative and social educational institution in Saxony sheltering 16 children from diverse, challenging family backgrounds. The renovation was a careful reconstruction of possibility, ensuring these young lives would continue receiving intensive support in shaping their futures.

LIGHTING THE WAY: EMERGENCY RELIEF AFTER HURRICANE MARIA

**CONDOR FLUGDIENST GmbH
DOMINICA, ROSEAU (2017)**

When Hurricane Maria devastated Dominica, DRYING LITTLE TEARS orchestrated a swift and precisely targeted emergency relief operation addressing multiple critical survival needs of affected families and their children. The foundation's rapid response included a carefully curated package of essential supplies: 100 tarpaulins for emergency shelter, 100 first aid kits for medical emergencies and 100 water canisters for safe water storage. Additionally, 200 each of sleeping bags, fleece blankets and aluminum insulating mats were provided to ensure warmth and comfort, while 200 solar lamps and torches helped families navigate through darkness safely.



REBUILDING COMMUNITIES: SUPPORT AFTER EARTHQUAKE

**FUNDACIÓN MEXICANA DE APOYO INFANTIL, A.C.
MEXICO, OAXACA (2017)**

On September 7th 2017, an earthquake with a magnitude of 8.2 shook ten states in Mexico, leaving 300,000 people homeless. The worst-affected regions were Oaxaca and Chiapas, two of the poorest states, with more than 300,000 inhabitants. After a follow-up

earthquake with a magnitude of 7.1 on September 14th, around 10,000 schools in the affected areas were damaged. 1,857 of them had to be completely or partially rebuilt. Together with the aid organization Save the Children, DRYING LITTLE TEARS helped to enable 32,000 children and young people as well as 68,000 mothers, parents and teachers to rebuild infrastructure and accommodation.

The aid program was scheduled to run for twelve months and reached 100,000 people, mainly children. The support focuses on the pillars of child protection, the resumption of schooling and education, the renewal of hygiene infrastructure and the restoration and renovation of buildings. The program also includes the purchase of toys for the little ones and school bags for the older ones.

WHEN HOPE ARRIVES: REBUILDING LIVES AFTER DISASTER

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
NEPAL, BUNGAMATI (2015)**

When earth trembled mercilessly across Kathmandu's valleys in April and May 2015, shattering lives with unprecedented violence, hope seemed to crumble alongside collapsing homes. In Nepal's most devastating natural disaster, DRYING LITTLE TEARS emerged as a beacon of immediate, strategic compassion. In partnership with Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., the foundation orchestrated a rapid-response humanitarian intervention beyond mere emergency aid. Blankets and tents became lifelines of survival, comfort and dignity for a community reeling from unimaginable loss. In the aftermath of a catastrophe claiming over 8,000 lives and injuring more than 22,000 people, the foundation's swift action transformed raw tragedy into a testament of resilience.



CREATING SAFE HAVENS: EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CARIBBEAN VOLCANIC CRISIS

**WORLD PEDIATRIC PROJECT
ST. VINCENT, KINGSTOWN (2021)**

When La Soufrière volcano erupted on St. Vincent, triggering environmental disasters that displaced 30,000 people, DRYING LITTLE TEARS launched a multi-faceted emergency response supporting 5,000 affected

children living in about 100 temporary camps. Under Regine Sixt's leadership, the foundation coordinated a comprehensive aid effort. SIXT USA contributed significantly, providing 200 play tents creating safe spaces for children amidst the crisis. Additionally, SIXT employees in Fort Lauderdale demonstrated remarkable solidarity by donating essential childcare supplies, including diapers, wet wipes, baby food, toys and clothing. The timing proved crucial, as the island faced compounded challenges: volcanic ash contaminating water supplies and Hurricane Elsa threatening reconstruction efforts.

This initiative exemplified the foundation's ability to mobilize its global network for rapid humanitarian response, with Thomas Kennedy, President of SIXT USA, praising the team's swift action in delivering critical aid.



RESTORING HOPE AFTER THE FLOODS: CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN

**ELTERNINITIATIVE KINDERKURSE SWISTTAL e.V.
GERMANY, SWISTTAL (2021)**

When devastating floods swept through the southwest of Germany in July 2021, leaving destruction across schools, hospitals and day-care centers, DRYING LITTLE TEARS launched an immediate response supporting the youngest victims of this natural disaster. Working closely with the Elterninitiative Kinderkurse Swisttal e.V., the foundation took swift action after learning their facilities had been completely destroyed and facilitated rapid deployment of temporary container classrooms accommodating 65 affected children. The comprehensive support included funding for essential interior furnishings — from chairs and tables to beds and play kitchens — creating warm, welcoming spaces where children could continue daily activities. As the community rebuilds, these furnished spaces serve as anchors of hope.

CREATING A SANCTUARY: EDUCATIONAL HAVEN RISES ABOVE CONFLICT

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
CAMEROON, BAMENDA (2022)**

Cameroon's devastating crisis between English and French speaking communities affects nearly 2.2 million

people, has displaced 574,000 inhabitants and disrupted education for 700,000 children. DRYING LITTLE TEARS funded the establishing of a transformative Safe House serving as both refuge and educational center. In partnership with Malteser and Caritas Bamenda, the foundation supported the construction of a child protection center on the grounds of Big Mankoon Cathedral. The safe house offers a comprehensive support system, combining psychological care with educational opportunities for children whose schooling has been interrupted by conflict. With capacity to serve 500 children annually, the center represents a long-term investment in the region's future.



WARMING HEARTS AND BODIES: SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEUTSCHLAND e.V.
ROMANIA, ROMANIAN-UKRAINIAN BORDER (2022)**

When war broke out in Ukraine in February 2022, thousands fled their homes within days. Many arrived on foot across the borders of neighboring Poland, Romania, Moldova, Hungary and Slovakia to escape the violence and destruction. DRYING LITTLE TEARS responded swiftly to this humanitarian crisis, partnering with Habitat for Humanity to enhance emergency tent cities that had sprung up along the border.

Understanding that warmth is fundamental to human dignity and comfort, the foundation provided essential patio heaters to combat harsh winter temperatures these displaced families faced. The heaters ensured vulnerable refugees, particularly children and elderly individuals, could find physical comfort as they grappled with the emotional trauma of displacement.



SUSTAINING HOPE: EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR JEWISH ORPHANS

**ISRAELITISCHE KULTUSGEMEINDE MÜNCHEN UND
OBERBAYERN K.d.ö.R.
UKRAINE, ODESSA (2022)**

When conflict in Ukraine threatened the safety of Jewish orphans in Odessa, DRYING LITTLE TEARS responded to an urgent appeal from Munich's Chief Rabbi Shmuel Aharon Brodman with immediate action. The foundation orchestrated a vital humanitarian mission, preparing and dispatching a van filled with essential food supplies to support these vulnerable children during their challenging evacuation to Moldova. The success of this mission demonstrated the foundation's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to urgent humanitarian needs, even in complex crisis situations.



CREATING JOY: TRANSFORMING REFUGEE RECEPTION

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, LEIPZIG (2022)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation helped to transform the Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. Reception Facility in Leipzig into a nurturing environment for Ukrainian refugee children, creating spaces of joy amid displacement for 500 refugees seeking temporary shelter. The foundation funded a comprehensive collection of recreational resources. The newly established children's area features both indoor and outdoor play equipment, including scooters, balls and various toys. Special attention was paid to the youngest refugees, with the foundation providing baby carriages for toddlers. A dedicated outdoor play container and comfortable seating area created welcoming spaces

for families to gather and children to play freely. The Johanniter Leipzig team praised the foundation's support, noting how the new equipment helps children cope with the challenging circumstances.





HEALING THROUGH PLAY: THERAPY FOR TRAUMA SURVIVORS

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, DRESDEN (2022)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has supported trauma care for refugee children through an innovative playmobile that helps the therapy initiative with Johanniter-

Unfall-Hilfe e.V. psychosocial emergency team in Dresden, focusing particularly on supporting young Ukrainian refugees. This unique program combines therapeutic support with carefully selected resources including a bouncy castle, pedal cars, bobby cars, ball pits and various sports equipment such as soccer goals, throwing discs, jump ropes, hula hoops and crawling tunnels. These tools serve as vital instruments for trauma recovery, allowing children to process experiences through guided play. The playmobile travels to emergency shelters, creating safe spaces where children can begin healing from traumatic experiences.

EMPOWERING YOUNG LIVES: SUPPORT FOR DISPLACED YOUTH

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, MINDEN (2022)**

For unaccompanied Ukrainian minors finding refuge in Minden-Ravensberg, the foundation created a comprehensive educational and recreational support system in partnership with Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V.. The intervention addressed two crucial needs at the residential facility housing young refugees: providing essential German language learning materials for approximately 100 youth and furnishing recreational resources to create a more nurturing environment. The donation included educational books, learning supplies, games and craft materials, enabling these young people to both acquire vital language skills and engage in meaningful leisure activities.



DELIVERING ESSENTIALS: SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES

**DIAKONIA gGmbH / DRK ROSTOCK gGmbH
GERMANY, MUNICH & ROSTOCK (2022)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS orchestrated a vital distribution network to support Ukrainian refugee mothers and their children, turning a generous donation from Procter & Gamble Germany into immediate relief for families in need. Leveraging SIXT's logistics expertise, the foundation coordinated delivery of thousands of diapers to Diakonia in Munich and the Deutsches Rotes Kreuz (DRK) in Rostock. This initiative demonstrated the power of corporate partnerships in humanitarian aid, with each organization contributing its unique strengths. The foundation's role as coordinator between corporate donors, logistics providers and aid organizations proved crucial in establishing an efficient distribution chain.



TRANSFORMING SPACES: PROVIDING HOME COMFORTS FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES

**HR GROUP
GERMANY, KELSTERBACH (2022)**

Near Frankfurt, DRYING LITTLE TEARS helped transforming a hotel into a welcoming sanctuary for 120 Ukrainian women and children, working in partnership with the HR Group to create a supportive living environment for displaced families. The foundation funded essential household appliances enabling families to maintain independence in their temporary home. The comprehensive equipment package included washing machines, tumble dryers, cooking hobs and microwaves, allowing mothers to care for their children with greater autonomy. SIXT's logistics expertise proved invaluable in ensuring swift delivery and installation of these vital appliances.

MAKING MOMENTS MATTER: SUPPLING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, ESSEN (2022)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has transformed daily life for 50 Ukrainian children at the Essen-Werden

emergency shelter through a thoughtfully curated collection of recreational equipment designed to meet diverse needs and age groups. The foundation's contribution created multiple engagement opportunities within the facility housing 200 refugees.

Active play equipment including bobby cars, kettcars and soccer goals encourages physical activity and social interaction, while quieter options such as hidden-object books and art supplies provide peaceful alternatives for individual expression. Special attention was paid to the youngest residents through provision of play mats and puzzle mats, ensuring even toddlers have safe, appropriate spaces for development.



NURTURING RECOVERY: ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND BRINGS HEALING

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, PADERBORN (2022)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS has transformed an unused space at a Johanniter refugee accommodation in Paderborn into a therapeutic playground, creating a sanctuary where young Ukrainian refugees can reclaim their childhood through play. Working closely with Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V., the foundation funded construction of a comprehensive play facility designed to support children's emotional recovery. The carefully planned space features a climbing frame for physical activity and confidence building, a sand play area for creative expression and a playhouse serving as a quiet retreat where children can find moments of peace. This helps young refugees begin to heal from trauma while fostering normal childhood development.

CREATING SAFE SPACES: A HAVEN FOR YOUNG HEARTS

**DRK ROSTOCK gGmbH
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2022)**

Recognizing that Ukrainian refugee children had to leave their cherished toys behind, DRYING LITTLE TEARS helped to transform a section of the Rostocker Messehalle into a vibrant play sanctuary, supporting the

Deutsche Rote Kreuz emergency accommodation for 1,000 refugees. The renovation and equipping of the play area created a protected space where children of all ages can find comfort and connection through play. The foundation provided an extensive range of age-appropriate toys and play equipment, ensuring all children could find activities suited to their developmental stage. SIXT Rostock employee Nico Cavanah, who volunteers with the Deutsche Rote Kreuz, personally delivered the toys and witnessed the immediate positive impact. His additional involvement in organizing soccer tournaments for the children exemplifies how the foundation often inspires broader community engagement.



FOSTERING CHILDHOOD JOY: CREATING PLAY SPACES FOR YOUNG REFUGEES

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, WUPPERTAL (2022)**

When Regionalverband Bergisches Land established an emergency reception facility for 250 Ukrainian refugees, DRYING LITTLE TEARS stepped in to transform basic accommodation into a more child-friendly environment. The foundation furnished both indoor and outdoor spaces with carefully selected recreational equipment. The comprehensive donation included balance bikes, scooters and play bins for physical activity, along with art supplies for creative expression and specialized play furniture to create dedicated children's corners. By creating these engaging spaces, the foundation helps young refugees maintain a sense of normalcy and childhood joy.



SPREADING WELCOME WARMTH: COMFORT PACKAGES FOR YOUNG REFUGEES

**MALTESER HILFSDIENST gGmbH
GERMANY, STUTTGART & ROSTOCK (2022)**

As Ukrainian children faced the trauma of leaving homes and loved ones behind, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation launched a heartwarming

initiative to ease their transition into temporary shelters in Stuttgart and Rostock: DRYING LITTLE TEARS prepared specially curated backpacks filled with welcome gifts for children staying in Malteser shelters.

Each backpack contained carefully selected items, including toys for emotional comfort and practical things like blankets and pillows, designed to create a sense of security and belonging in their new environment. "The donated toys, blankets and pillows have brought great joy to the children who have fled the war in Ukraine with their mothers in the three shelters in Stuttgart — it made their eyes light up! Wonderful!", says Friedemann Kurtz, Malteser city representative for Stuttgart.



GLIMMER OF HOPE: MEDICAL DEVICES FOR THE TREATMENT

**LIFE BRIDGE UKRAINE gGmbH
UKRAINE, KYIV (2024)**

In early July 2024, the Okhmatdyt State Children's Hospital in Kyiv endured significant damage due to bombings, leading to a devastating situation for the young patients under treatment and their families. The urgent need for evacuation arose, particularly for the critically ill children receiving care at the hospital.

Amidst this crisis, 37 of these young patients were swiftly relocated to the municipal Kyiv Children's Hospital No. 1 for ongoing medical support.

While the receiving hospital welcomed these children with open arms, it faced a shortage of essential medical equipment needed to administer the required treatments and procedures.

Following a collaboration with Life Bridge Ukraine gGmbH, a list of urgently required instruments and equipment was promptly sourced from the Kyiv city administration and provided to the children's hospital without delay. This timely intervention has already made a notable difference in enhancing the care and treatment options available for the young patients.

ANSWERING THE CALL: TEAM ORANGE UNITES FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

**UKRAINISCHE GEMEINDE IN MÜNCHEN
GERMANY, PULLACH (2022)**

When the Ukrainian Catholic Community launched an urgent appeal for children's supplies, SIXT employees at the company's Pullach headquarters demonstrated extraordinary solidarity through a coordinated collection campaign organized by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation.

The response exceeded all expectations as employees from across the organization brought daily donations of essential supplies for babies and young children. Their generous contributions quickly filled collection vans, demonstrating the remarkable spirit of giving within the SIXT family.

This grass-roots initiative highlighted how the foundation's humanitarian mission resonates deeply within SIXT's corporate culture, inspiring employees to take direct action in supporting refugee children.



RESCUE MISSION: RESCUING FAMILIES FROM CONFLICT

**BE AN ANGEL e.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2022)**

When war overshadows humanity, compassion becomes a beacon of hope. DRYING LITTLE TEARS demonstrated extraordinary humanitarian leadership during the Ukrainian crisis, orchestrating a remarkable rescue mission that transcended traditional boundaries of corporate social responsibility.

Through a meticulously planned emergency aid program, the foundation transformed a double-decker bus into a lifeline of hope. Partnering with Autobus Oberbayern, DRYING LITTLE TEARS equipped the vehicle with critical supplies: essential diapers, vital medicines, personal hygiene items and nourishing food. Working in close collaboration with Be an Angel e.V., the foundation facilitated safe transportation of numerous Ukrainian mothers and children to Germany.



EMPOWERING NEW BEGINNINGS: EASING EDUCATIONAL TRANSITIONS

**PARTNERSCHAFTENVEREIN PULLACH I. ISARTAL e.V.
GERMANY, PULLACH (2022)**

Schools become powerful bridges of hope when children are displaced by conflict. The foundation

demonstrated extraordinary sensitivity in supporting Ukrainian children's academic journey, recognizing that learning is about more than textbooks: it's about belonging. Carefully assembling over 200 school bags, DRYING LITTLE TEARS crafted a welcoming gesture for young refugees in the Pullach community.

The thoughtful initiative extended beyond the bags themselves, with local stores generously providing free exercise books and learning materials. This helped to ease the children's path into a new educational environment.



CONSTRUCTING HOPE: REBUILDING CHILDHOOD THROUGH PLAY

**JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V. /
MALTESER HILFSDIENST e.V.
GERMANY (2022)**

Creativity becomes a powerful healing tool when children face displacement. DRYING LITTLE TEARS transformed simple building block sets into instruments of emotional resilience, delivering 50 sets to Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. and the Malter Orden's refugee facilities nationwide. More than mere toys, these building blocks offered Ukrainian children a precious gift: the opportunity to create, imagine and momentarily escape the challenges of their new reality. Housed in initial reception centers, day care centers and welcome centers, hundreds of children discovered a sanctuary of imagination, constructing castles, huts and caves that became metaphorical bridges between their past and present.



MOBILIZING COMPASSION: HEALING JOURNEYS FOR YOUNG CANCER PATIENTS

**SIXT POLAND
POLAND, WARSAW (2022)**

When crisis strikes, true corporate character emerges through action. SIXT Poland transformed a humanitarian challenge into a powerful demonstration of support, becoming a lifeline for Ukrainian children

battling cancer during conflict. As Poland welcomed over 1.5 million refugees, SIXT Poland implemented a comprehensive support strategy beyond traditional corporate social responsibility. The company's response was multidimensional: providing critical medical transportation for evacuated children with cancer, launching an Employee Volunteer Project engaging over 20 volunteers driving company vehicles and creating innovative support mechanisms. Employees collaborated with Ukrainian team members like Daria, organizing medical supply collections and securing accommodation for refugees. They even extended their SixtDriveSmart program, offering an additional 1,000 kilometers to customers willing to assist those in need.



GALLOPING BEYOND BOUNDARIES: A DAY OF DELIGHT

**PARTNERSCHAFTENVEREIN PULLACH I. ISARTAL e.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2022)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS organized a transformative experience for Ukrainian refugee children at the

'Pferd International' horse fair. What began as a curious exploration blossomed into an immersive journey through equestrian sports, with children and mothers marveling at diverse horse breeds, watching skilled riders, and meeting a shepherd with his border collie. Initial hesitation disappeared as children approached these magnificent animals, many experiencing their first close encounter with horses. The day concluded with a shared meal where the work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation was discussed by Ukrainian mothers and employees of the Foundation.

SCORING UNITY: BRIDGING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORT

**CARITASVERBAND FÜR DAS ERZBISTUM HAMBURG e.V.
GERMANY, ROSTOCK (2022)**

When boundaries blur and compassion takes center stage, transformation happens. Caritas and DRYING LITTLE TEARS collaborated to orchestrate a remarkable soccer tournament that was a powerful instrument of integration and hope. Nearly 60 children came together, forming seven teams that transcended linguistic and cultural barriers. DRYING LITTLE TEARS enriched the event with thoughtful gifts: welcome backpacks filled with toys, blankets, snacks, crayons and coloring books, complemented by shirts and hats symbolizing belonging. So, the tournament's true victory lay in the moments of connection, laughter and shared experience.



HEALING BEYOND MEDICINE: COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR YOUNG PATIENTS

**MÜNCHEN KLINIK SCHWABING
GERMANY, MUNICH (2022)**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation stepped forward to support Ukrainian children battling cancer, transforming medical care into a comprehensive embrace of hope and dignity. At Schwabing's Children's Hospital, young patients and their mothers found more than medical treatment: They discovered a sanctuary of care and support. The foundation provided welcome backpacks accompanied by light jackets for both children and mothers. Prof. Dr. Hauer, Chief Physician at the Center for Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, emphasized the holistic approach: "The children who are now being treated as inpatients will stay with us for weeks and months, so we feel responsible for accommodation and integration in Munich in addition to purely medical care."



HURRICANE RELIEF: RAPID RESPONSE TO DEVASTATION

**SIXT USA
USA, NAPLES (2022)**

When natural disaster strikes, community becomes a lifeline. Hurricane Ian swept across Florida's west coast with devastating 150-mph winds, leaving destruction and more than 1.8 million households without electricity. SIXT USA transformed corporate responsibility

into immediate humanitarian action. Rallying with remarkable speed, SIXT employees in Fort Lauderdale organized a comprehensive fundraiser beyond monetary support. They collected and personally delivered a truckload of critical supplies like water, hygiene items, canned goods, clothing and children's necessities directly to St. Matthew's House in Naples.

These carefully assembled donations represented a tangible expression of solidarity and hope. Hilary Lemaster, Director of Institutional Giving and Grants, St Matthew's House, eloquently captured the impact: "We are grateful for the tremendous support from SIXT and what we can do with these donations for so many in need!"

HEALING SPACES: TRANSFORMING TRAUMA

**FUNDACJA NA RATUNEK DZIECIOM Z CHOROBA
NOWOTWOROWA
POLAND, POSEN (2023)**

Compassion finds its most profound expression in understanding the deepest needs of vulnerable children. SIXT Poland's 20th-anniversary celebration became a transformative moment of healing, creating specialized Snoezelen rooms in pediatric oncology clinics offering more than treatment: They provide hope. Designed for Ukrainian children battling cancer while navigating trauma from displacement, these sensory rooms represent a sophisticated approach to holistic healing.



Equipped to reduce stress, support natural development and enhance communication skills, the spaces address the complex emotional landscape of children experiencing cancer, post-traumatic stress and cultural dislocation. SIXT Poland Franchisee and partners financed the construction, while the local "Foundation for the Rescue of Children with Cancer" provided certified psychological support, and DRYING LITTLE TEARS contributed critical equipment, creating sanctuaries of recovery.



MOBILIZING BELONGING: NURTURING CONNECTIONS

**ISRAELITISCHE KULTUSGEMEINDE MÜNCHEN
UND OBERBAYERN K.d.ö.R.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2023)**

At the Alexander Moksel Kindergarten within the Jewish Community Center, a single crib cart purchased by DRYING LITTLE TEARS became a powerful integration tool for Ukrainian children seeking safety. Recognizing the importance of social connection for displaced children, the kindergarten invested in an additional crib cart that transforms everyday outings into opportunities for healing and belonging. This cart represents a bridge connecting Ukrainian children to their new environment, to classmates and a sense of normalcy.



CULTIVATING FUTURES: TRANSFORMING SHELTER SPACES

MALTESER WERKE gGmbH
GERMANY, MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN (2024)

Recognizing how displacement disrupts childhood learning, DRYING LITTLE TEARS took decisive action to support Ukrainian refugee children. Addressing the limitations of emergency shelters, the foundation financed furniture and equipment for learning and group rooms across ten Malteser accommodations.

These carefully designed spaces offer Ukrainian children a critical lifeline of stability, structure and educational continuity. Each redesigned room became a sanctuary of normalcy, enabling children to focus on learning and personal growth.



REBUILDING JOY: RESTORING CHILDHOOD AFTER DISASTER

NAPLES CHILDREN & EDUCATION FOUNDATION
USA, NAPLES (2023)

When Hurricane Ian swept across Florida's west coast, it threatened spaces where childhood thrives. A

partnership between SIXT USA, the YMCA of Collier County and the Naples Children & Education Foundation emerged as a symbol of hope. Serving over 10,000 children annually, the YMCA recognized that recovery extends beyond rebuilding infrastructure. The reconstructed playground became a symbol of community strength, restored with new fencing and enhanced with donations. Tables, books, sports equipment, arts and crafts materials and toys transformed a simple play area into a comprehensive support space. DRYING LITTLE TEARS understands that healing for children begins with creating safe environments.



CRAFTING HAVENS: SUPPORTING DISPLACED CHILDREN

JOHANNITER-UNFALL-HILFE e.V.
GERMANY, MUNICH (2023)

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported the development of two specially designed rooms in Munich's municipal refugee shelters, transforming institutional spaces into nurturing environments for Ukrainian children. Meticulously renovated and equipped with thoughtful furniture, these multi-functional rooms serve as sanctuaries of creativity, learning and development. Children aged 3-6 can engage in daily creative activities under professional supervision of Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. employees, while school-aged children find a dedicated space for homework and personal growth.

BUILDING SANCTUARY: HOLISTIC SUPPORT FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES

**KINDERGARTEN DER SCHELE-SCHULE
GEMEINNÜTZIGE GmbH
GERMANY, BERLIN (2024)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS demonstrated extraordinary compassion by supporting Ukrainian families residing

in the former St. Gabriel monastery, managed by the Kindergarten of the Schele-Schule non-profit GmbH. Serving 28 women and 39 children aged 1.5 to 15, the foundation's activities went far beyond basic accommodation.

A comprehensive renovation transformed the facility, introducing a new kitchen, renovated living spaces with fresh beds and mattresses, and specially equipped childcare rooms. The improved fire protection concept added an extra layer of safety. These changes represent a profound pathway to comfort, stability and hope.



SENDING LIFELINES: IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT FOR ILL CHILDREN

**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION "CHARITABLE FUND
'HIPPOCRATES-88"
UKRAINE, KHARKIV (2025)**

The ongoing war in Ukraine has hit the northeastern city of Kharkiv particularly hard. The attacks often lead to power outages, which also affect hospitals. The children's clinic therefore urgently needed help to ensure the continuous operation of medical equipment during these power outages. The new charging stations provided by DRYING LITTLE TEARS for the hospital support medical rehabilitation and palliative care for seriously ill children. This is a great relief for their families and nursing staff. The devices help save the lives of children who depend on medical devices. The chargers are used for seriously ill children who depend on oxygen or blood circulation.



BUILDING UNDER- GROUND SANCTUARIES: TRANSFORMING SHELTERS INTO HUBS OF LEARNING

**PARTNERSCHAFTENVEREIN PULLACH I. ISARTAL e.V.
UKRAINE, VOLOSHINIVKA & BARYSHIVKA (2024)**

DRYING LITTLE TEARS, partnering with Partnerschaftenverein Pullach i. Isartal e.V., transformed basement rooms in Voloshinivka and Baryshivka into innovative educational spaces that defy conflict challenges. Infrastructure improvements included electrical upgrades, enabling the installation of lighting, ventilation, heating systems and plumbing. These basement classrooms became safe havens where education continues despite air raid sirens. Beyond physical infrastructure, the foundation created dedicated areas for play and psychosocial development.



INITIATIVES

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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH ACTION: A GLOBAL DAY OF EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

In the dynamic world of Corporate Social Responsibility, the DRYING LITTLE TEARS Days capture the essence of genuine impact quite perfectly. Launched in 2017 by SIXT SE in cooperation with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, this pioneering program enables SIXT employees worldwide to dedicate one paid workday annually to children's causes, transforming corporate values into tangible social change. The program's remarkable success lies in its ability to harness the professional skills, creativity and compassion of thousands of SIXT employees across continents. From bustling metropolitan centers to quiet suburban communities, these dedicated individuals channel their expertise into projects that create lasting positive impact for children in need.



In Germany, at the headquarters of SIXT, employees have embraced the program with exceptional enthusiasm. For example, teams have transformed gardens at the Clemens Maria Children's Home in Putzbrunn, creating vibrant spaces where children can connect with nature and find peace in herb gardens and revitalized terraces. Another example are many organized excursions for children from disadvantaged families to the zoo, fun parks or private tours with a forest ranger.

In the Netherlands, employees have championed inclusion by supporting the "Geef Down De Toekomst" soccer tournament, celebrating its 10th anniversary of providing sporting opportunities for children with Down syndrome. This DRYING LITTLE TEARS Day exemplifies how the initiative breaks down barriers and promotes inclusive communities.



These carefully planned events provide both entertainment and therapeutic value, demonstrating the thoughtful approach that characterizes DRYING LITTLE TEARS Day activities. Another big part of Corporate Social Responsibility at SIXT are the countless initiatives taking place around the world. Through these initiatives employees are able to support local community projects for children. The historic Munich Orphanage's 125th anniversary celebration saw SIXT volunteers organizing engaging activities, from face painting to bull riding, bringing joy to children who need it most.

Across the Atlantic, SIXT USA has demonstrated remarkable commitment to child welfare through various impactful initiatives. Their support of the "Walk in My Shoes" campaign – a powerful 1,500-mile awareness walk across Florida – has helped educate communities and prevent child abuse. In New York, employees partnered with The Bellaire School in Queens Village to fulfill the wishes of over 70 immigrant children in emergency shelters – providing not just toys but hope and comfort in challenging times. The initiative's global reach extends to Mexico, where SIXT employees have collaborated with the Papalote Children's Museum to create unforgettable experiences for children with cystic fibrosis.

The DRYING LITTLE TEARS Days together with the initiatives represent more than isolated acts of charity; they form a cohesive movement that transforms both communities and corporate culture. The DRYING LITTLE TEARS Days have become a cornerstone of SIXT's identity, demonstrating how corporate resources can be meaningfully channeled into social impact. Employees consistently report that these experiences deepen their connection to their communities and strengthen their pride in working for an organization that prioritizes social responsibility. With each passing year, more SIXT employees join this movement, proving that when companies empower their workforce to serve, the possibilities for positive change are limitless.



GET ACTIVE FOR CHARITY

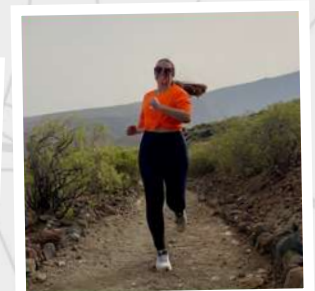


Get Active for Charity at SIXT

Since 2022 for two weeks during summer, the motto for SIXT employees worldwide is: GET ACTIVE FOR CHARITY. In this initiative of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, SIXT employees were actively involved in the social commitment of SIXT SE and were able to make a contribution themselves through sporting activities.

Every kilometer covered by jogging, walking or cycling is converted by SIXT SE into a monetary donation to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS.

Teams around the world have become active together and have arranged to meet in their free time to help children worldwide. In total, an incredible thousand kilometers were racked up. This included jogging, walking and biking. The employees were always highly motivated and the initiative was every time a complete success. We would like to thank all participants for their great support!



SPREADING JOY YEAR-ROUND: EASTER AND CHRISTMAS VISITS BRING HOPE AND GIFTS TO YOUNG HEARTS

Regine Sixt truly knows how to create moments of impact: Children's hospitals worldwide light up with extraordinary magic when the children's aid launches its signature seasonal initiatives. Twice a year, during Easter and Christmas, a remarkable alliance of sports legends, entertainment stars and hundreds of dedicated SIXT employees joins forces with Regine Sixt to transform ordinary hospital days into unforgettable celebrations for young patients.



Tennis icon Boris Becker, soccer luminaries Michael Ballack, Lukas Podolski and Andi Brehme, together with boxing champion Henry Maske and field athlete Carlo Thränhardt have all lent their star power to these heartwarming visits. Celebrated personalities like actors Sunnyi Melles and Jana Pallaske, and beloved TV hosts Kai Pflaume and Jan Hartmann, helped creating moments of pure joy that transcended the clinical environment.



WORLDWIDE INITIATIVES

The children's aid's reach is truly global, touching lives in countries like Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Great Britain, Spain, Italy, the United States and many more countries worldwide. The Easter initiative brought smiles to nearly 2,000 young patients, while the Christmas celebrations reached more than 2,000 children worldwide. Each visit is meticulously planned, with SIXT employees transforming into Easter bunnies or Christmas elves, bearing carefully selected gifts and treats. Parallel to these visits, nearly 1,000 wishes were granted for children by partner organizations and employees across Germany as part of the Wish Tree Initiative.

Regine Sixt personally leads many of these visits, sometimes accompanied by family members like Andrea Sixt and Noni Sixt, demonstrating the family's deep commitment to the foundation's mission. The impact extends beyond traditional hospital settings. In poignant additions to the Christmas program, over 600 Ukrainian refugee children in Berlin and Munich received special holiday surprises. The foundation's ability to adapt and respond to emerging needs while maintaining its core mission exemplifies its dynamic approach to charitable giving.



"These visits represent more than just gift-giving," explains Regine Sixt. "They're about creating moments of joy that can transform a child's healing journey. When you see a young patient's eyes light up as they meet their sports hero or receive an unexpected Easter treat, you witness the true power of compassion in action."

From the Ludwig Maximilian University Hospital in Munich to the Charité Berlin Hospital Armand Trousseau in Paris to Children's Hospitals in Boston, the foundation's seasonal celebrations have become cherished traditions that embody its commitment to dry little tears wherever they fall. Through these initiatives, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation continues to demonstrate that in the realm of childhood joy, every season is an opportunity to make a difference.

HEARTS OF HOPE, MOMENTS OF MAGIC: REGINE SIXT'S KINDERWIESN AND DAMENWIESN

It's a wonderful tradition of joy and compassion that makes children's hearts beat faster: the legendary Kinderwiesn during Munich's world-famous Oktoberfest. Regine Sixt created this haven of hope and happiness for children who are facing life's greatest challenges. This signature event of the foundation exemplifies how traditional festivities can become powerful vehicles for social impact. "I am so delighted by the chance to put a smile on the faces of children who experience great suffering in their daily lives," says Regine Sixt.



Since the year 2000, hundreds of children annually from various hospitals and care facilities across Germany have experienced this day of pure magic at the Kinderwiesn. During this special day, young patients fighting cancer, children with disabilities, and those facing various hardships temporarily leave their struggles behind. They enjoy the entertaining clowns, captivating balloon artists and traditional folk bands who contribute to the atmosphere of wonder. Children's eyes light up as they explore the fairgrounds, enjoying traditional rides and sweet treats that make the Oktoberfest famous.

And the foundation's commitment extended even beyond the famous "Wiesn" during the pandemic and the closure of the Oktoberfest, as the festival spirit was brought directly to hospital wards. SIXT teams visited institutions in Munich such as the Großhadern Hospital, complete with barrel organ players, balloon artists, gingerbread treats, and specially selected gifts. As one young cancer patient remarked, "Today, I forgot all about my cancer" – perhaps the most powerful testament to the event's impact.



KINDERWIESN & DAMENWIESN

In recent years, the events have held special significance as Ukrainian refugee children joined the celebrations, highlighting the foundation's ability to adapt its support to emerging humanitarian needs. This blend of tradition, compassion, and practical support exemplifies how the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has spent 25 years not just drying tears but creating lasting smiles.

The idea of the Kinderwiesn took hold during one of the famous Damenwiesn, one of Munich's most prestigious charitable gatherings. This ladies-only event now attracts 1,100 influential women who combine Bavarian tradition with philanthropic purpose.

Many children's aid partner organizations, medical doctors, politicians, celebrities from cinema, TV and music, entrepreneurs and members of the diplomatic and consular corps are happy to join the good cause. Notable attendees have included women such as Dr. Auma Obama, the sister of former US-president Barack Obama, whose Sauti Kuu Foundation in Africa cooperates with Regine Sixt and shares the mission of empowering disadvantaged children and youth.

As Regine Sixt quotes Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in her famous Damenwiesn speech: "One sees well only with the heart, for what is essential is invisible to the eyes." Regine's incredible humanitarian commitment may yet be invisible, but it can be felt everywhere in the festive tents! The two famous Oktoberfest events have become a catalyst for the foundation's broader mission, supporting more than 400 projects across 65 countries.



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT: DONATE NOW

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation DRYING LITTLE TEARS supports projects in the areas of education, health, welfare and emergency aid and ensures that the support has a lasting effect.

The foundation not only reacts in case of violent conflicts or natural disasters, but it also supports children in difficult situations in order to help create a bright outlook for the future of for every child. Because this is what they are entitled to. Children need a reliable daily routine and safe, warm places where they can look to the future. We can only achieve this together, by educating the children, giving them safe and loving surroundings and strengthening their families in the long term.

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