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**Regine Sixt**  
CEO  
of the Regine Sixt  
Children's Aid Foundation

## Dear readers and friends,

It's always a great pleasure for me to update you all on the progress of the tireless work of our Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears".

I have dedicated myself and my foundation to four important areas in which we are coordinating our efforts: education, social welfare, emergency aid, and healthcare. There are very different causes of suffering in each of these areas, and each one requires individual measures be taken. With more than 175 projects in over 50 countries, we have built a global network together with our partners, allowing us to offer immediate on-location assistance, even in emergency situations.

Doing good means more than just a generous gesture or a willingness to help. In a world in which opportunities are unfortunately distributed unequally, doing good means implementing specific plans, taking action, stepping in. The goal of promoting education often requires the highly technical task of building schools. Promoting health often means nothing more than digging new wells for clean water. Providing emergency aid in a disaster situation often demands nothing less than technical logistics to distribute relief goods.

It's this zest for action that I'm reminded of each day when I think of the words of the Buddha: "Day and night, the treasure of good deeds grows within those who plant gardens and groves, construct bridges, build wells and water lines (Buddha)."

The philosophy of our foundation is therefore based on the principle that we must measure the impact of every donation and every deed we invest as part of our SIXT CSR program, as well as all of our initiatives by how directly and effectively they create positive change.

Whether it's a new sandbox in Switzerland, a kidney operation in Eritrea, or a memorial garden at a children's hospice in Northern Ireland – any type of assistance helps ease the suffering of children. No problem requires our attention more urgently than a child being robbed of their chance for a safe, healthy, and happy future. Every one of their fortunes moves me on a personal level and encourages me to do everything I can to ease the suffering of each individual, to dry their little tears.

Our collaboration with the GFAOP is a project that particularly demonstrates the outstanding support we can provide if we work together. The Groupe Franco-Africain d'Oncologie Pédiatrique is a passionate, dedicated, and highly professional organization made up of pediatric oncologists and other specialists in North and Central Africa who have dedicated their work to curing children with cancer. While children in the developed world have a strong chance of recovering from cancer, developing regions often lack the necessary infrastructure and medicines, and their parents have very limited opportunities. All in all, this significantly reduces these children's chances of

survival. Highly complex treatments require sound infrastructure, high-quality medicine, and accommodations for the families of the suffering children. Motivated by this, we support the GFAOP in their efforts to improve conditions for children suffering from cancer. We do this by constructing new buildings or providing treatment facilities – every detail makes life-saving progress possible!

At this point, I would like to personally thank you for supporting my work and sharing this important mission with me for so many years. We will never have done enough, we can never rest on our laurels, and we must always base our actions on a foundation of interpersonal relations and a willingness to help, generosity, and empathy.

Let us continue to work together and further strengthen our drive to make a change. We, the global network of Drying Little Tears, all of you, and every member of the worldwide SIXT family have the privilege of making the world a better place. On this journey, every contribution, every euro, and every supporter gained for this good cause makes a difference. May we never weary, and always remember every little tear that we can dry.

Best wishes, Regine Sixt



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The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation wants to dry children's tears. To achieve this, the foundation relies on its valued committee members, competent partners, and its dedicated team.

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## MAJOR COOPERATION WITH GFAOP

# FOR CHILDREN – AGAINST CANCER

“Winning the battle against cancer for children in Africa” – this is the mission to which the GFAOP has dedicated its efforts. GFAOP stands for Groupe Franco-Africain d’Oncologie Pédiatrique. The group is active in 18 nations in the Maghreb and Francophone Africa. These include Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, The Republic of the Congo, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, Senegal, Togo, and Tunisia.

Every year, around 250,000 children around the world between the ages of 0 and 15 are diagnosed with cancer. Most of them live in emerging and developing countries. 15,000 of these children live in the African countries listed above. While children in affluent countries have an 80% to 95% chance of survival, this drops down to just 10% in some African nations. Reasons for this include late diagnoses and lack of awareness on the part of the parents. Today, only 15% of children with cancer make it to a hospital in the countries in which the GFAOP works. The goal of the GFAOP is to help half of all children diagnosed with cancer get treatment by 2025.

In 2019, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” made it their primary task to provide generous support for the GFAOP. In addition to access to equipment and medicine, family plays an important role in curing child patients. But their families face a wide range of problems: For one thing, the disease is often detected too late, at a point at which it has already reached a very advanced stage. Then, when the family, usually the mother, embarks on the long journey to the hospital, she doesn't have anywhere to stay. Families, meaning the mother and any siblings, often sleep in the patient's room and prepare their meals there too. This severely increases the risk of infection, as the children's immune systems are weak due to the treatment.

Family houses and family rooms offer assistance in these situations. Rooms are built near the pediatric cancer clinics or even right in the hospital wards, offering space for parents to relax as well as cook and talk to other parents in the same situation. In addition, these premises provide playgrounds or playrooms for the children – and their siblings too, of course – to use between therapy sessions.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” creates the necessary spaces by constructing new buildings or converting or renovating existing structures. Where necessary, houses are given additional stories, terraces are converted, gardens are planted, and playgrounds are created to improve the living conditions of children with cancer during their extremely stressful treatment, thereby increasing their chances of survival and healing.

Regine Sixt: “This large-scale project is particularly important to me, since we can improve things significantly for children with cancer and their families by taking seemingly simple measures.”



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## GRUPE FRANCO-AFRICAIN D'ONCOLOGIE PÉDIATRIQUE (GFAOP) / DOCTORS AGAINST CANCER

# 22 PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER IN NORTH AFRICA

What follows is an overview of the hospitals, chief physicians, pediatric oncology departments, and projects the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” is helping to fund:

**Beni Messous / Algeria** At the CHU (Centres Hospitalo-Universitaires) Beni Messous, the pediatric oncology ward, under the direction of Dr. Nacira Chérif, needs to be renovated. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is happy to support this project to improve the wellbeing of children with cancer in Algeria.

**Porto Novo / Benin** Dr. Gilles Bognon is Chief Physician in the pediatric oncology ward at the CHU Départemental de l'Ouémé-Plateau in Porto Novo. In the future, his ward will feature multipurpose space for sick children and their families, which the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is happy to equip.

**Ouagadougou / Burkina Faso** At the Hôpital Yalgado Ouedraogo, a day clinic is being built near the pediatric cancer ward for children receiving outpatient treatment. The pediatric cancer ward is run by Dr. Chantal Bouda, who is very much looking forward to the upcoming project. Currently, the wards are very overcrowded and places are primarily reserved for children requiring hospitalization. The joint project aims to lighten the load for the wards by creating space for outpatient cancer treatment for children. In addition, the ward will receive an outdoor area with a playground.

**Pointe Noire / Republic of the Congo** The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation always wants to provide help where it is needed most. That is why the pediatric cancer ward at the Hôpital Général Adolphe SICE, under the direction of Dr. Alda-Stevy Nsimba-Makouanzi, will be receiving aid money to purchase urgently needed medical equipment. These devices are necessary to be able to provide high-quality chemotherapy.

**Abidjan / Ivory Coast** While treatment is ongoing, many parents stay with their sick children at the Hôpital de Treichville in Abidjan. To improve living conditions for families during this time, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is supporting the construction of a house for the unit, which is directed by Dr. Line Couitchere. At the house, parents and siblings will be able to do their laundry, cook, rest, play with their children, and talk to other families in the same situation.

**Yaoundé / Cameroon** An extension will be added to the small pediatric cancer ward directed by Dr. Angèle Pondy to offer more space for children receiving treatment in the future.

**Libreville / Gabon** Dr. Ghislaine Obono is the Chief Physician in the pediatric cancer ward at the Institut de Cancérologie de Libreville. The ward recently moved into its own premises, for which the Gabon Ministry of Health funded the renovations. It will now create a list of equipment needed to provide high-quality treatment for children in the future.

**Conakry / Guinea** Dr. Mamadou Pathé Diallo and Dr. Moustapha Diop are joint directors of children's cancer ward at CHU Donka. Both agree that the pediatric oncology ward needs new equipment. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is happy to assist them and help improve the quality of treatment for the children.

**Antananarivo / Madagascar** The pediatric cancer ward directed by Dr. Mbola Rakatomahefa at the Hôpital Universitaire Joseph Ravoahangy Andrianavalona in Antananarivo features ten conventional hospital beds and four day beds used by patients on a daily basis. To increase the hospital's capacity, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is funding the renovation and restructuring and is providing new equipment for the premises, after which the building will benefit from an additional day clinic and a palliative care space.

**Bamako / Mali** At CHU Gabriel Touré, the pediatric cancer ward is directed by Dr. Boubacar Togo. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation wants to facilitate the urgently required renovation of the rooms and provide new equipment and furnishing for a relaxation room with toys for the children.

**Rabat / Morocco** Dr. Mohammed Khattab is director of the Service d'Hématologie et Oncologie Pédiatrique at CHU Hôpital d'Enfants, for which the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation already funded the renovation and refurbishing of the Life House as a pilot project.

**Casablanca / Morocco** Dr. Abdellah Madani urgently needs the spaces of the current day clinic at the Service d'Onco-pédiatrie at the Hôpital 20 Août 1953 to be renovated to allow the children to be treated in a pleasant atmosphere.

**Marrakesh / Morocco** The Service d'Hématologie et d'Oncologie Pédiatrique at CHU MOHAMED VI is directed by Dr. Jamila Elhoudzi. This ward also urgently requires spaces to accommodate the patients' families.

**Fez / Morocco** The pediatric cancer ward at CHU Hassan II is directed by Dr. Sarra Benmiloud. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation will support the ward after its move.

**Nouakchott / Mauritania** Dr. Bénina Zein urgently needs more space for parents whose children she is treating in her pediatric cancer ward at the Centre Hospitalier National. Accordingly, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is helping create new rooms with the necessary facilities for parents and their children. The future spaces will include a relaxation room for parents, a kitchen to prepare meals for their children, a room to do laundry, and toilets. The goal of the project is to improve the quality and conditions of the children's stay at the hospital.

**Niamey / Niger** The Centre National de Lutte contre le Cancer, run by Dr. Aichatou Mahamadou, is also struggling with overcrowding of the premises by the family members of sick children. A Family House funded by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation will help ease the burden.

**Kinshasa / Democratic Republic of the Congo** The pediatric cancer ward directed by Dr. Alain Budiongo at the Cliniques Universitaires de Kinshasa has never had its own separate space. This will soon change when the pediatric ward moves to the back of the building. Thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, this move will not only result in a separate entrance, a dedicated waiting room, separate toilets, and a room for parents and their children to relax and play, but also in new equipment for the ward.

**Lubumbashi / Democratic Republic of the Congo** Dr. Robert Lukamba directs the pediatric cancer ward at the Cliniques Universitaires de Lubumbashi. His ward needs a common room for children and their parents as well as new medical equipment.

**Bangui / Central African Republic** The pediatric cancer ward at the Complexe Pédiatrique de Bangui is set to receive its own area. And so the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation will be helping the ward, directed by Dr. Kosh Comba, with its move and provide it with equipment.

**Dakar / Senegal** The Pediatric Cancer Ward directed by Dr. Fatou Binetou Diagne at the Hôpital Aristide Le Dantec in Dakar is very overcrowded. Parents live together with their sick children in the hospital rooms, which leads to additional difficulties. This situation will now be alleviated thanks to the construction of a common room on the terrace. It will include a small dining room with a kitchen and common areas for patients' families, allowing the hospital rooms to be used for their intended purpose.

**Lomé / Togo** The pediatric oncology ward at CHU Sylvanus Olympio is the only one in Togo that treats children with cancer. For this reason, children from all over Togo, usually together with their mothers, come to Lomé to see Dr. Adama Gdaboe and Dr. Jules Guedenon. Experience has shown that mothers often don't bring their children back to continue their treatment, due to the long distances they need to cover and the associated costs. To prevent this in the future, the hospital is working with the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation to further expand the newly built day clinic and provide on-site accommodation for the patients' families.

**Tunis / Tunisia** The Hôpital d'Enfants Béchir Hamza opened its doors in 2011. The hospital also has a pediatric cancer ward, under the direction of Dr. Faten Fedhila. Like many other children's cancer wards in Africa, this one also struggles with the major problem of overcrowding with family members of children with cancer. To ease the ward's load and be able to guarantee the efficient treatment of children, a different form of accommodation for family members is required. The idea of building family accommodations offers a perfect solution for this.



#### RABAT / MOROCCO

## RENOVATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE LIFE HOUSE

The Service d'Hématologie et Oncologie Pédiatrique (SHOP) is part of the Hôpital d'Enfants in Rabat and one of the oldest pediatric cancer institutions in the country. On average, 1000 children come here with their families each month to receive treatment from the experts. To do so, they often have to travel long distances from the surrounding regions. Only one tenth of the children treated at SHOP are hospitalized. In nine out of ten cases, regular outpatient treatment suffices.

Having their parents with them is important for the children in several ways. First and foremost, it is essential for completing the treatment in itself, as the children must be brought to the hospital on specified dates. In addition, their parents' company provides comfort and ultimately helps the success of the treatment and a faster recovery for these child patients. Somebody

on site to whom the children can relate and can encourage them helps the children feel more at ease, thereby increasing the likelihood of a successful treatment.

Families traveling to Rabat from other regions for their child's treatment face a big problem, since they often don't know where to stay while their little ones are receiving treatment. According to the attending physicians, this is the main reason essential outpatient treatments are terminated too soon. The consequences of this are devastating. To counteract this, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has funded the renovation and refurbishment of the "Life House", an accommodation for families with children suffering from cancer, as well as the construction of a playground on the grounds of the "Hôpital d'Enfants" in Rabat. The Life House can accommodate

“We cannot allow children who are already suffering a difficult fate due to their social background to be disadvantaged in terms of health, education, and welfare.”

Regine Sixt



**BELFAST / NORTHERN IRELAND**

**A NEW PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE HORIZON HOUSE**

The Northern Ireland Children's Hospice offers specialized care for children with life-threatening and debilitating diseases. Every year, around 230 children and over 70 bereaved families receive care here. The majority of the treatment is carried out on an outpatient basis at the children's home by a team of nurses, while the Horizon House children's hospice can offer more comprehensive care if needed. The institution's main goal is to improve the quality of life for children with incurable illnesses. In particular, this includes treating their symptoms and freeing them from pain, and accompanying children until they pass away and supporting their families.

“It is personally important to me to do my utmost to make life easier for children whose time on earth is limited by illness.”

*Regine Sixt*

The “Quiet Garden” has been an important component of Horizon House for the last 17 years. Until recently, the name of every deceased child was carved in stone and placed in an especially visible part of the garden on “Forget-Me-Not” day. It was used as a place of commemoration where bereaved siblings, parents, and friends could remember the deceased child. Unfortunately, the garden has become so dilapidated that it presents a considerable safety hazard for visitors and had to be closed. David McCulla, a SIXT franchise holder from Northern Ireland, became aware of the situation and spontaneously launched a fundraising initiative to collect funds to renovate and restore the garden. He gathered a hefty sum in no time, but this could only cover a portion of the work. In order to ensure that this important project could be realized, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” provided the remaining amount. The new “Memory Garden” was constructed in the place where the “Quiet Garden” once stood. The conversion not only ensured a child-friendly design, but was also adapted to the needs of the disabled.

Regine Sixt: “It is personally important to me to do my utmost to make life easier for children whose time on Earth is limited. I particularly liked the idea of a special garden as a place of remembrance, but also as a place of tranquility and change of scenery for the children in the hospice. It fills my heart with joy to know that the little ones at the Horizon House will soon be able to use the garden again.”



**BUNGAMATI / NEPAL**

**NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR THE BUNGAMATI FAMILY HOUSE**

For the first time, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” has provided support to the association VEBW e.V. Stuttgart. This association is running the project “Bungamati Family House in Nepal”, which was started after the disastrous earthquake at the end of April 2015. At the time, the Bungamati village administration declared that they were willing to create a home for 14 traumatized and unaccompanied earthquake orphans. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” made it possible to build an extension to the existing elementary and high school, which created space for this wonderful initiative.

This enabled the realization of a concept recommended by UNICEF that allows traumatized orphans to grow up in a family-friendly atmosphere but also creates a basis for potentially reuniting the orphans with their family members. Over the past years, eight of the 14

earthquake orphans were able to find a home with their relatives. Four years after the terrible earthquake, six of the children are still living in the Bungamati Family House and lovingly being cared for there.

To ensure its sustainability, which is an extremely important matter that's close to the heart of the founder and CEO of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, the Bungamati Family House project received further support this year. Before the monsoon season started at the end of June, several urgent technical tasks were completed, such as securing the provision of electricity and sanitation. The interior of the Bungamati Family House was also updated and adapted to the needs of the children.

The boys and girls lacked adequate desks, chairs, and bookshelves. Thanks to the new donation from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears”, all of this was implemented to benefit the wellbeing of the children in Nepal.

Regine Sixt: “For me as the founder and CEO of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, it is extremely important that we continue supporting already completed projects and provide further assistance as needed. It's great to see that we have succeeded in doing so for this project in Nepal.”



The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation would like to thank Ann-Katrin Bauknecht, Honorary Consul General of Nepal, for her personal support.

“I’m delighted that we are able to support parents suffering from cancer along with their children thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. A cancer diagnosis is terrible news for families, and it takes a lot of courage and empathy to explain the disease and all of its consequences to children in an appropriate way. That is why projects such as ‘FreiRaum’ and the ‘Family Consultation Hour’ are so important. I hope that by taking these measures we can help many families going through this difficult situation.”

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MUNICH / GERMANY

**CONSOLATION FOR CHILDREN WHOSE MOTHERS ARE SUFFERING FROM CANCER**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” launched the “FreiRaum” project together with the lebensmut association in Munich. The project entails an open-ended offer for teenagers aged 13 to 18 whose parents are suffering from cancer.

In addition to the “FreiRaum” project, the association lebensmut e.V. also established a new location for the “Family Consultation Hour” in downtown Munich. Here, parents diagnosed with cancer receive help with explaining their illness and its consequences to their children in an understandable manner. Additionally, this service provides support for families if they have any questions or issues. The lebensmut association has been offering the Family Consultation Hour at the psycho-oncology department at the University of Munich Hospital for ten years. The consultation hour was one of the first services of its kind in Germany. The Family Consultation Hour was set up in close proximity to the “FreiRaum” project. Regine Sixt took part in the opening ceremony of the new facilities. The space received the church’s blessing through regional bishop Susanne Breit-Kefßler.

Thanks to “FreiRaum”, affected parents and their children now have another point of contact for any questions or help they need. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation aims to expand the “FreiRaum” idea across all of Germany in the future and set up so-called “cuddle rooms” for parents with cancer and their children.

Regine Sixt: “I’m delighted that we are able to support parents suffering from cancer as well as their children thanks to the Children's Aid Foundation. A cancer diagnosis is terrible news for families, and it takes a lot of courage and empathy to explain the disease and all of its consequences to children in an appropriate way. That is why projects such as ‘FreiRaum’ and the Family Consultation Hour are so important. I hope that by taking these measures we can help many families going through this difficult situation.”



ST. GALLEN / SWITZERLAND

**NEW TOYS FOR THE TEMPELACKER DAYCARE CENTER**

The Tempelacker is an institution founded by the GHG (Charitable and Aid Organization St. Gallen) more than 140 years ago which cares for and helps educate children. It comprises several areas from which 85 children currently benefit every day. A residence for toddlers receiving long-term care and pedagogical support, primarily due to difficult family circumstances, ensures stable conditions and a promising future.

The daycare center gives children the opportunity to develop their skills and discover new talents in a sheltered environment. In addition, special therapy centers throughout eastern Switzerland for children with mental and motor impairments offer occupational and physical therapy, thereby covering a pressing need. Last year, Sixt Switzerland employees visited the Tempelacker institution in St. Gallen. To get an idea of the place, they took part in an informative tour through the entire building as well as the outdoor facilities. After the tour, it was immediately clear which project would be “tackled” next: The residence’s outdated and dilapidated playground needed an upgrade. No sooner said than done!

The Sixt Switzerland kick-off event was dedicated to “A new playground for the Tempelacker”. The proceeds of the raffle were donated to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears”. But the Sixt Switzerland’s employees

commitment didn’t end here: They contacted the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation “Drying Little Tears” and drew attention to the situation and the needs of the organization at the location. To put the procurement and conversion plans into practice, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation provided the remaining funds needed to restore the playground. At the start of July 2019, the employees of Sixt Switzerland visited the institute once more to view the final results of this work and to inaugurate the playground with all of its new features – a large sandbox, new play equipment, and a big sun sail. A picture is worth a thousand words, and so is the joy in children’s eyes – especially if this project is what led to this joy. The Sixt Switzerland employees have planned a DLT day at the Tempelacker organization in September 2019. At this time, the fence around the playground will be sanded and repainted, and an old plexiglass cover on the shelter will be renewed. A few additional tasks are also in planning.

Managing Director of Sixt Switzerland: Christoph Beisheim: “We were thoroughly impressed by the fantastic work done here with and for children. We knew we wanted to get involved and make a contribution to help the Tempelacker.”

*Christoph Beisheim*

**ST. MICHAEL / BARBADOS**

## EXPANSION AND FURNISHING OF THE LIBRARY AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

The Schoolhouse for Special Needs in St. Michael isn't just another educational institution. Away from their parent's homes, children with special needs can find a refuge here, a place where they can learn, flourish, and develop independence in a safe and stimulating environment. Children hold a special place in the heart of Yasmin Vlahakis, Principal of the Schoolhouse. This is why she started devoting her work to children with special needs from socially disadvantaged families many years ago.

Since 2008, she has had seven very caring, dedicated, and qualified teachers on board to support her. Their goal is to provide support for the children under their supervision and thereby open up the possibility of a promising future for them. As the cornerstone for a fulfilling and productive life, students receive practical, innovative, and intellectual stimulation that helps them gain confidence.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" is happy to become involved with this wonderful cause and offer support in the areas that need it most. That is why the foundation is funding the furnishing of the existing library and repurposing a shipping container to serve as an expansion to the institution.

Regine Sixt: "Both as the founder and CEO of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" and as Honorary Consul General of Barbados, the wellbeing of the children on the island is particularly important to me. By furnishing the library and adding the repurposed shipping container at the Schoolhouse for Special Needs, we have taken another step in the right direction for the development of children with special needs in Barbados."



**NAIROBI / KENYA**

## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN SLUMS

The Happy Child Education Center is a small school for 45 children in Kabiria, a slum area on the outskirts of Nairobi. Recently a number of foundations have supported the construction of a two-story building that serves as a preschool and as an additional bathroom facility. Currently, 68 children ranging from preschool (3 years old) to third grade (about 8 years old) are taking lessons from a team of five teachers. The former principal of the small school, Tabitha, is now head teacher and puts her heart and soul into running the small team.

The school has space for about 100 children. The current plan is to gradually increase the number of pupils throughout the year and reach capacity before the new year.

Aside from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears", other supporters of this educational and social project include the foundations Cargo Human Care, Help Alliance, and the Anglican Church of Kenya. Bishop Timothy Ranji expressed his gratitude for the realization of this project during the opening ceremony, saying, "This is more than a drop in the ocean."

The school can be seen as a lighthouse project for the region, as all of these children are now gaining access to education for the very first time.

Regine Sixt: "All children in the world should have unimpeded access to education. That is why I'm delighted that we were able to support this important project with my children's aid foundation."



## ASMARA / ERITREA

# BIRTHDAY DONATIONS INSTEAD OF GIFTS

Doing good is something that's very important to the board members of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears". This includes Konstantin Sixt and his wife Noni. For this reason, they asked their family and friends not to buy them birthday gifts this year, but instead to make a donation to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" in their name. They knew from the start which project would receive the funds they collected.

For many years, volunteers from the Austria for Eritrea Paediatric Urology Team has been flying to the capital twice a year to treat children suffering from urological problems for free at the International Operation Center For Children in Asmara. Eritrea faces a significant problem in that doctors earn little money and struggle to make ends meet. Neighboring countries offer doctors up to five times higher pay. Furthermore, young doctors must spend two years treating locals in rural regions after completing their basic training before they are allowed to specialize in general surgery, obstetrics, or pediatrics. These are the only specializations offered in Eritrea. All in all, this makes the profession very unattractive.

For this reason, many young people leave the country to learn and practice the profession under better conditions. As a result, there are still no pediatric surgeons, urologists, or orthopedists to be found in Eritrea. This makes the work of the Austria for Eritrea Paediatric Urology Team even more important. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" gladly used the birthday donations to finance the flights and accommodations for the ten-person team of specialists under the leadership of Dr. Marcus Riccabona. Over the course of the five-day trip, a total of 205 children received outpatient treatment and 43 received surgical treatment. 28 children had stones removed.

Konstantin Sixt: "It's important for us to be aware of our responsibility towards the disadvantaged and vulnerable and take action accordingly. My wife and I wanted to set an example with our appeal for donations from family and friends. I'm very happy that we could offer such significant support to the initiative led by Dr. Riccabona and thereby help children in Eritrea."

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Konstantin Sixt



## MSIDA / MALTA

# A PLAYGROUND FOR THE SIR ANTHONY MAMO ONCOLOGY CENTRE

At first glance, the project launched in the Mamo Oncology Ward of the Mater Dei Hospital in Malta at the end of March 2019 doesn't seem like the kind of cause the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" would typically support. But only at first glance. The roof of the Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre, previously only an empty space, now offers a versatile garden of relaxation. The project was initiated by the Ministry of Health during the term of President of the Republic of Malta Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, who is now no longer in office, as well as the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.

Several companies and NGOs provided the funding for the conversion project, which included new plants, flower pots, tables, chairs, and benches. For quite a few years now, the medical world has agreed that everything that contributes to the patient's sense of wellbeing will greatly increase the chances of successful treatment. This not only includes a relaxed environment, fresh air, and a pleasant atmosphere, but also the possibility for mothers to have their

children with them during treatment. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" was therefore happy to help design the roof garden to benefit the youngest members of society by financing play equipment.

Now children can swing back and forth on the swing set or nest swing or have fun jumping on the trampoline. The playground will surely stave off boredom.

Regine Sixt: "Children take in everything that happens around them, and even if they don't come out and say it, they suffer along with their sick parents. I'm very glad that we were able to offer these children a little joy and tranquility in difficult times with our contribution to the garden of relaxation."

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Regine Sixt



**QUATRE BORNES / MAURITIUS**

**RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE ORPHANAGE**

Even though there's a sad and heartbreaking story behind every child at the orphanage Crèche Coeur Immaculé de Marie, the nuns continually manage to keep the little orphans going. The helpful, loving, and supporting environment that Cardinal Jean Margéot once helped to create like a "father" can still be seen and felt here today. The Filles de Marie order has worked on Mauritius for 150 years. Today, four nuns from the order take care of 30 children between the ages of zero and five together with 18 employees. Additionally, they run a preschool in the orphanage, which accepts children of all religions.

When faced with so much devotion and charity, it is a pleasure for the Regine Sixt Children's Aid For "Drying Little Tears" to renovate the facade and thereby brighten the little ones' living space – just in time for the orphanage's 75th birthday. Furthermore, the foundation funded the acquisition and furnishing of a service container. With its colorful new design, it functions as an extension of the orphanage. This allowed for a generous expansion of the children's playground.

Sister Marie-Lourdes, head of the organization: "All children are the children of God. Here at the orphanage Crèche Coeur Immaculé de Marie, we live like we're one family. The little ones receive love, attention, education, and everything else they need to grow up in a good environment. We are very grateful to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation for funding the desperately needed renovations of our buildings."



**MONTEPULCIANO / ITALY**

**MUSIC LESSONS FOR CHILDREN IN ITALY**

In the heart of Tuscany, in Montepulciano, students aged six and up go to school with their instruments. Here, in addition to their normal school schedule, they take lessons from professional music teachers from the Music Institute Henze. Together with the Fondazione Cantiere, the Regine Sixt Foundation has supported projects in Montepulciano for many years that allow pupils at all of the city's schools to learn to play an instrument alongside their normal classes.

The goal is to gradually add these special classes to the regular curriculum for all students – and to examine the skills they have learned at the end of the school year through the students' own compositions and concerts.

Funding from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has already made it possible to hire music teachers for the project and purchase wind instruments as well as orchestra equipment.

In 2019, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported the project "Musica insieme", run by the Fondazione Cantiere. The idea: to once again offer individual as well as group music classes for students in the 2019/2020 school year. Four hours a week will be set aside for children to play various instruments such as piano, guitar, and percussion or to sing in a children's choir.



**ROSTOCK / GERMANY**

## MODERN, INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CONCEPT

Education makes life opportunities accessible for children and opens doors to a successful future. But, every child is different, has different strengths and concerns. And every child learns in an individual way. That is why a fully developed pedagogical concept and appropriate space are essential for children to learn successfully – especially if they have special needs due to social, psychological, or physical impairments.

LandSchulCampus is an elementary school with after-school care in Rostock that prioritizes inclusivity. Here, children with and without special educational needs learn together. A suitable environment is a crucial prerequisite for children to learn and grow successfully at school. LandSchulCampus is a place of learning and education influenced by Christian beliefs, where children have a say and are encouraged to act in a self-determined way. It is a place intended for young people to feel comfortable and thereby prepare for the future in the best possible way.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation helped implement the inclusive school concept. On August 10, 2019, 75 students between the ages of 6 and 11 moved into the new, up-to-date classrooms and started the new school year. They now learn together without barriers, thus demonstrating the value of diversity.



**TANZANIA / MKENDA**

## GIVING CHILDREN GOOD FUTURE PROSPECTS: BUILDING A PRESCHOOL IN MKENDA

In the far south of Tanzania, a few straw huts form the little village of Mkenda. The village and the surrounding region are home to many people who fled the civil war in Mozambique, both Muslims and Christians. A few charitable nuns set up a now well-attended kindergarten for small children.

To ensure that these children can continue their education after this point,

the Reiner Meutsch Foundation FLY & HELP organized the construction of a proper preschool. Thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, this project has resulted in a sturdy preschool building with three classrooms for different age groups as well as sanitary facilities and a kitchen. The completed preschool will offer space for about 120 children, who will now benefit from good prospects for the future thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation.



“Especially in impoverished regions such as Mkenda, it is extremely important to send children to preschool or kindergarten. Otherwise, many of these children are forced to help their parents with farm work due to a lack of care options.”

Regine Sixt

**SCOTLAND / UK**

## YOUTH CAMP AND TEAM BUILDING IN SCOTLAND

“Camp Highlander” is an adventure camp that took 35 boys between the ages of 12 and 16 from economically disadvantaged families around Scotland for 11 days thanks to support from SIXT UK and the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. The camp's core values and activities included team building, virtues, wilderness, games, and camaraderie. Organized by the Thurn and Taxis family and friends, the boys started the trip by camping on the beach for three days. After this, they ventured into the Highlands, where they faced the challenges of the wilderness: camping by the river, cooking on an over an open fire, and a two-day hike



through the Scottish mountains. These outdoor experiences taught the teenagers about supporting weaker companions, reflective thinking, and dedication. S.H.D. Prince Albert II of Thurn and Taxis: “Thank you to ‘Drying Little Tears’ for their kind and generous support of Camp Highlander: For many years, boys from all over Europe have been able to experience

nature and adventures and grow into responsible thanks to the help of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation.”

**MARRAKESH / MOROCCO**

## MAGICAL EVENING IN MARRAKECH

On a warm winter's evening, the sun disappeared into the ocean far to the east of Marrakesh and immersed the city in a fading, orange light. In the dignified palace of the Théâtre Royal, employees, franchise holders, and friends of the global Sixt family had gathered together on the occasion of the SIXT Global Conference. They were attending the traditional benefit concert thanks to the kind invitation from Regine Sixt, who had managed to hire the honorable Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for this

festive evening. Surrounded by enchanting light art, the musicians performed the best orchestral and operatic pieces of all times. When the orphanage choir, supported by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, finally took to the stage and sang Moroccan hymns, thousands of hearts found themselves united by the moving experience of seeing that their joint efforts had given these children the proudest day of their lives. To top off this magical night and celebrate the culture of openness and inclusivity at

SIXT, the Royal Philharmonic staged a unique opus: a joint performance of "Ave Maria", sung in the Christian tradition, along with a muezzin from the Islamic tradition in Arabic, and traditional Jewish chant.

With open hearts, united as a family with shared values, this was an evening none of the guests will forget. Everyone was truly impressed by Marrakesh and its magical culture that unites people from all corners of the world.



**CASABLANCA / MOROCCO**

## PURCHASING INSTRUMENTS FOR THE MAZAYA PROJECT

The Fondation Ténor pour la Culture launched the Mazaya project in 2012. The project revolves around a sociocultural program that offers a unique opportunity for young children who have left school and come from socially disadvantaged circumstances: a combination of school education and professional music classes.

The project joins the battle against poverty and marginalization. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" is supporting the project by purchasing musical instruments. Around 70 children and young adults between the ages of 8 and 21 benefit from the opportunity to learn to play instruments such as the tuba, double bass, and harp and make music together.

But their curriculum doesn't just include four hours of music classes a day. General subjects such as math, Arabic, French, and history are also taught for three hours a day. This way, the young participants receive access to a solid general education as well as the opportunity to become professional musicians.

**MARRAKESH / MOROCCO**

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is also supporting children who don't have an easy life in Marrakesh with the "Drying Little Tears" initiative. The aim of the foundation's efforts is to give kids between the ages of 0 and 18 who grow up in the orphanage in Marrakesh access to a musical and a school education to improve their future prospects. And it's been successful: The orphanage's children's choir has already held big concerts, at such places as the Theatre Royal in Marrakesh as part of the benefit concert of the 2018 SIXT World Conference (see pictures).



# HELPING AROUND THE WORLD

Up until now, we have supported more than 175 projects in over 50 countries



Orange square: Countries in which we have already implemented projects or are actively involved in ongoing projects.

Dark grey square: Countries in which SIXT has an office. Many of our employees volunteer.

-  Healthcare
-  Social Welfare
-  Education
-  Emergency Aid

# EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION

powered by Alexander Sixt

The Christmas season is a very special time of year. It is the time to reflect and be thankful, but also the time for giving. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" and the company SIXT like to promote this conciliatory spirit.

Like every year, SIXT employees were encouraged to submit social projects that are important to them as part of the employee Christmas contribution program. Many took advantage of this initiative, which Alexander Sixt started many years ago. In total, he chose 16 projects himself, some of which have already been put into practice. In the following, we will introduce four of these initiatives in more detail.



**GORKANESHWOR / NEPAL**

## WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Swantje Heinze submitted a proposal for the association Long Yang e.V. in Munich. The organization supports children and teenagers in Nepal. In April 2019, together with association representatives, Swantje Heinze visited a school in the region of Gorkaneshwor, near Shivapur National Park. The school had received the money for winter school clothing. Over 400 pupils attend the school, around 60% of which are girls.

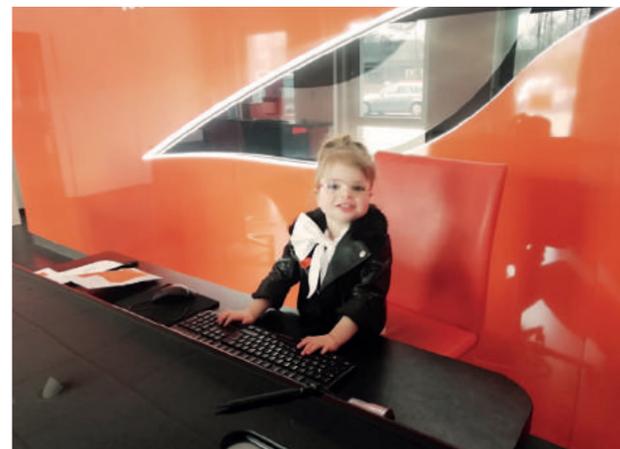
Six days a week, the students make their way to the school from the surrounding villages, walking about 45 minutes to get there. The school teaches classes from first to tenth grade. The school in the Gorkaneshwor municipality, about 20 kilometers east of the capital of Kathmandu, was completely destroyed by the earthquake in 2015 and rebuilt thanks to various projects run by the Long Yang association. As the school was lacking 300 winter school uniforms, the SIXT employee submitted a project proposal, thereby making it possible for the children to sit and learn in warm clothing in the unheated classrooms this coming winter.

**GIESSEN / GERMANY**

## RESEARCH FUNDING TO CURE RETT SYNDROME

Patricia Dux is a long-time SIXT employee who had to reduce her working hours to one day a week at the location in Gießen after her daughter Lina was diagnosed with a genetic disorder. Since they are directly affected, her family knows how important it is to find a cure for Rett syndrome. This can only be achieved through research work. Approximately 5,000 girls and women with Rett syndrome are currently living in Germany. It affects about 50 children each year.

While this may seem like a low number compared to other disabilities, there is an awful difference: These children – mostly girls, as the X chromosome carries the genetic defect – are born healthy. They usually develop completely normally in the first twelve months. Then the treacherous disease suddenly strikes and the child experiences a regression. Children stop speaking, their motor skills deteriorate, they have difficulty concentrating. The amount collected through the 2018 employee Christmas contribution program was passed on without deduction to the research funding to cure Rett syndrome.



**AACHEN / GERMANY**

## A HOLIDAY FOR TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN

SIXT employee Stephan Valentin submitted a project proposal for the association Kinderglück e.V. In cooperation with Tabalingo e.V., Kinderglück e.V. gives around 500 children the chance to experience going on vacation and enjoying recreational activities as part of the large-scale project "Finca". The participants are children who live in special assisted housing situations. They have ended up in these homes following abuse and trauma, and some of them have disabilities or are affected by child poverty.

Tabalingo e.V. – Sports & Culture promotes sports without pressure to perform and offers inclusive athletic and cultural activities for people with or without disabilities, particularly for children. The age group ranges from 4 to over 70. Men and women exercise together with people from all around the world.

**SARAJEVO / BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

## SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER

SIXT employee Armin Mehinagic submitted a proposal to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation to support the organization "SRCE ZA DJECU" (a heart for children) in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina. "SRCE ZA DJECU" takes care of children suffering from cancer as well as their families who care for their little ones during and after treatment. After experiencing such a major blow of fate that changes their whole lives in a flash, this organization provides them with the help they need.

The mission of "SRCE ZA DJECU" is to offer active, long-term, and comprehensive support for children suffering with and their family members. The vision they strive to realize is that every child in Bosnia and Herzegovina should have the same right to grow up. The organization offers their heartfelt gratitude for the support of "Drying Little Tears": "Dear friends, volunteers, and partners, thank you for your generous help and support. We see it as our obligation to use your donations in a targeted, transparent, and responsible way."



# Small measures, big impact

Children's aid comes in many forms. That is why the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" not only supports numerous large-scale projects, but also many smaller initiatives that give children respite from their often dreary everyday lives. Whether a trip to the circus or a flying experience, a benefit concert or providing a car – the goal is always to do something good for sick and disadvantaged children.



MUNICH / GERMANY

## REGINE SIXT INVITES KIDS IN MUNICH TO CIRCUS KRONE

What do Circus Krone and Regine Sixt have in common? They help children in need. Regine Sixt invited 120 sick and disadvantaged children living in clinics, hospices, and orphanages in Munich to an afternoon show at the traditional circus on March 15, 2019 with her foundation "Drying Little Tears". As the founder and CEO of the Regine Sixt Children's Foundation "Drying Little Tears", Regine Sixt knows from experience how important it is to bring children and their families a little joy and give them a place to dream. What could be better for this than a wonderful circus show?

Giving joy, living dreams, feeling the magic – that is what Circus Krone with its impressive "Kronebau" building stands for. On this afternoon, the children witnessed a spectacular show with elephants, lions, tigers, and many other animals. The little guests even received a parting gift in the form of a magic suitcase from Krone to continue their circus experience at home.

The feedback given after the show was thoroughly positive; the families enjoyed it very much. Thanks to Regine Sixt, they were able to spend an afternoon far away from their worries and problems that go along with everyday life with a sick child.

MUNICH / GERMANY

## A CHECK FOR THE REGINE SIXT CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION

The SIXT SE soccer team wants to help children who have suffered a stroke of fate or are living with a disability. So on a bright sunny day, the team handed Ms. Sixt a check in the amount of €1,500 as a contribution to the work of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and its "Drying Little Tears" initiative. The donation is also a gesture of appreciation, as SIXT has supported the SIXT SE soccer team for many years. At the same time, it is a promise to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation that it can always count on the employees' support. We would like to thank the SIXT SE soccer team for this wonderful initiative and wish them continued success on the pitch!



MUNICH / GERMANY

## SUPPORT FOR THE GERMAN HEART CENTER MUNICH

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" is providing the Deutsches Herzzentrum in Munich (German Heart Center, DHM) with a SIXT leasing vehicle for the follow-up treatment of children with heart conditions. The Hyundai i10, a donation from SIXT Leasing SE, was officially handed over during a ceremony. Participants included Michael Ruhl, Chairman of SIXT Leasing SE, Dr. Peter Ewert, Director of the Clinic for Congenital Heart Defects/Pediatric Cardiology and Deputy Medical Director of the DHM, and Christiane Wöhrle, Senior Lead Manager CSR at SIXT SE.

The vehicle will be available to DHM follow-up care nurses in the future. This will allow them to provide outpatient care for children who were treated at the clinic and then returned to their families. An additional use of the vehicle will be for the new project "Univentricular Heart Center", where children with congenital heart defects receive outpatient care from the prenatal stage through early adulthood.



Regine Sixt: "I'm delighted that we're able to support the excellent work of the German Heart Center. For sick children, it is important to have their family around and avoid completing their follow-up care in an unfamiliar environment. This makes it necessary to ensure that they'll be able to receive outpatient treatment. We are thus helping make everyday life a little easier for the children and their families and putting a smile on their faces."



NUREMBERG / GERMANY

## SEEING EVERYTHING FROM ABOVE FOR A DAY

At the end of April, some children were getting ready for take off at Nuremberg airport. Thanks to the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears", the children from the oncology ward at Erlangen University Hospital and their families had the opportunity to marvel at Nuremberg from above in a small Cessna plane. This was made possible by the Aero Club Nuremberg, whose pilots diligently took one group after the next up into the skies.



During "check-in", the passengers were divided into the airplanes and happily received their gift bag from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. The real highlight was a pair of binoculars to keep an eye on everything while up in the air. While the first guests were already preparing for take off, the others were able to test their own flight skills in the flight simulator. When the last flight had safely landed in the afternoon, the guests, both young and old, headed back home happy.



**PARIS / FRANCE**

**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PARIS' ROBERT DEBRÉ HOSPITAL**

On Monday, January 28, 2019, the Séchez Les Petites Larmes French Association and the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation organized a charity event to renovate the educational space that is part of the pediatric psychiatry service at the Robert Debré Hospital in Paris. For the first time in France, the French association Séchez Les Petites Larmes, which helps children in need, had the privilege of organizing a benefit concert at a very special location: the parish church of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine in Paris, lovingly dubbed "La Madeleine" by locals. La Madeleine is one of the most impressive sights in Paris.

Its portico offers a fantastic view of the Place de la Concorde. The architectural design of Madeleine Church is very unusual for a Christian house of worship. While the exterior is based on the model of a

Roman temple, the interior with its three adjacent domes reproduces the style of the main chambers in Roman baths.

The musical program included Mozart's classical masterpieces, the famous "Ave Verum Corpus" and a "Divertimento" as well as the contemporary piece "MisaTango" by Argentinian composer Martin Palmeri. Palmeri composed vocal and instrumental pieces, many of which are inspired by Tango Nuevo in their form and harmonics – including operas, oratorios, as well as choir and orchestra compositions. With the MisaTango, Martin Palmeri created brilliant and powerful music that goes beyond the sacred vocal repertoire by incorporating Latin American music traditions and adding the sounds of his home country Argentina.

The concert was conducted by one of the greatest French choir and orchestra conductors, Michel Piquemal, accompanied by his vocal group and the French symphony orchestra Padeloup. The concert was made possible by SIXT in cooperation with AFTM (French Association of Travel Management). About 500 people listened to the special compilation of works in the festive setting of the famous historical building.

The pediatric psychiatry service of Robert Debré Hospital, run by Professor Richard Delorme, consists of 24 hospital beds, 20 day beds, and several specialist advisory centers. It accepts patients between the ages of 0 and 15. The medical team offers care, research, and teaching services revolving around psychiatric disorders in children

and teenagers (such as autism, eating disorders, attention deficit disorder, and hyperactivity; also speech and learning disorders, addiction, general psychiatry for children younger than 15, and a medical psychology center.)

Thanks to the donations that were collected during the event, the now outdated, insufficiently insulated, and unsuitably equipped education space can be renovated and will be able to offer pedagogical workshops for children, but also for parent groups and family therapy groups in the future. The renovation will help patients and their families while also improving the work of the medical team. Séchez Les Petites Larmes French Association and the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation would like to thank the donors for their support!

PARIS / FRANCE

## FLYING WITH AIR FRANCE

On June 1, 2019, a first flight took off at the flight club Toussus-le-Noble on the outskirts of Paris. A total of 50 children and their families had the opportunity to fly above the region around Paris for 30 minutes on board the four-seater plane and admire the landscape from above.

A number of different associations were on site to make the day truly special for the little ones. Six children from the pediatric and youth psychiatry department at Robert Debré Hospital, accompanied by their parents, were also able to enjoy trip to the skies thanks to an invitation from the Séchez Les Petites Larmes French Association. A wide range of activities took place throughout the day and delighted young and old in equal measure: Firefighters taught the children how to use a fire hose, a magician and a ventriloquist performed a show, a kung fu demonstration was held right before lunch, and the activities drew to a close in the afternoon with a biker performance. A festive barbecue party provided the perfect setting for all this.



At the end of the day, every little guest took home a bag with gifts from Séchez Les Petites Larmes French Association as a souvenir from their special excursion. The experience was an unforgettable diversion from the children's otherwise often difficult everyday life. The best proof of this was the joy in children's eyes and the smiling faces at the end of this day full of emotions and special activities!

PARIS / FRANCE

On February 25, 2019, the Séchez Les Petites Larmes French Association made it possible for 15 children to go on an excursion to the Cirque d'Hiver Bouglione. The children from Association Isis (Hôpital Trousseau) and the Hôpital universitaire Robert Debré were able to enjoy the show "EXTRA" for a few hours and marvel at the clowns, acrobats

and contortionists as well as animals such as horses, doves, and elephants. An afternoon full of laughter and enchantment for young and old! The experience was an unforgettable diversion from the children's otherwise often difficult everyday life. Again, eyes that lit up and smiling faces were proof of a day full of emotion and many special experiences!



ETTAL / GERMANY

## EXTRAORDINARY DRIVING FUN FOR THE MALTESER SUMMER CAMP 2019

Paragliding, a rafting tour, or driving down serpentine roads in a fast car – in 2019, the Malteser summer camp once again offered a very special vacation program made by and for young people between the ages of 18 and 35. The idea behind the camp: Giving 200 young people with disabilities the chance to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The Order of Malta's international summer camp is one of the biggest and most international youth camps for people with and without disabilities. It takes place in a different country every year. This year's event location is the Benedictine monastery Ettal, about 100 kilometers south of Munich. Youth volunteers spend one week of their vacation with people from 25 countries who have a physical and/or mental disability. To make it possible to host this summer camp in this extraordinary



barrier-free setting, quite a few logistical challenges need to be surmounted and special equipment taken care of. To assist with this, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has provided two transporters. Driving down the serpentine roads – made possible through the high-performance vehicles provided by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation – was also a special experience for the participants that put a twinkle in these young people's eyes.



# The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation focuses on **four areas of activity.**



**Education**

Every child has the right to go to school and learn. We finance the construction of classrooms, support learning programs, and improve local infrastructure.



**Social Welfare**

Every child has the right to a family, parental care, and a safe home, which is why we support the construction of children's homes, orphanages, playgrounds, and daycare centers.



**Healthcare**

Every sick child has the right to medical assistance and care. We finance the construction of intensive care units and supply medical equipment. In addition, SIXT employees visit sick children.



**Emergency Aid**

Every child has the right to protection in war and when fleeing as a refugee, which is why we support schools for refugee children, send necessary aid to disaster areas, and provide assistance with rebuilding efforts.

**Our foundation's principles are based on the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child as it relates to education, social welfare, healthcare, and emergency aid.**

## DRYING LITTLE TEARS DAY – The commitments of the global SIXT family

Volunteer work has always been a firm component of the SIXT company culture. To give more space to and promote the many initiatives started by employees, “Drying Little Tears Day” was launched in 2018. SIXT employees receive one paid day off to volunteer at charitable organizations and help sick and disadvantaged children. They can participate in a wide range of projects. This year, many SIXT employees have already taken advantage of the opportunity and put a smile on children’s faces. Below is a small selection of projects that SIXT employees from different departments have put into practice to benefit the children.



### PUTZBRUNN / GERMANY

## SIXT EMPLOYEES VISIT THE CLEMENS MARIA CHILDREN’S HOME

*Drying Little Tears Day* for the Leisure team from SIXT headquarters. On this sunny day, 16 employees from the Leisure team, including the intern, divided up this labor-intensive day, working in the morning and fun and games with the kids in the afternoon.

When the SIXT employees arrived in the morning, they started the day with a little breakfast to build up their strength. Then they got to work – after all, there was plenty to do. The agenda for the day included redesigning the garden, including weeding, trimming trees and bushes, as well as planting a raised bed with herbs and sprucing up the terrace by putting potted plants in box planters. To complete the idyllic garden scene, the employees also put together and set up birdhouses. They even managed to build a little garden house (funded by external donations) to accommodate the children’s vehicles. All of this work not only required the craftsman’s skills of knuckling down, digging, and building, but also organizational skills. Because House 5’s weekly planner had to be completely redesigned and assigned. It shows all appointments for ten children as well as the house’s supervisors.

As the children gradually returned from school, they had lunch together with the team. After this, the SIXT employees started on their next task of helping the kids with their homework. When all the work was finally done, the SIXT employees took the opportunity to play with the kids – from soccer and table tennis through to Twister. Later, when visiting the adventure playground, the team and the children climbed and hopped on the swings together, followed by a walk in the neighboring forest. The culmination of this successful day was a barbecue with everyone involved. Everyone was exhausted but beaming with joy: SIXT employees, children, and supervisors.

### HERRSCHING / GERMANY

## AN OUTSTANDING TEAM PERFORMANCE FOR DRYING LITTLE TEARS DAY



On July 25, 2019, the Strategic Sales International Franchise team headed to Herrsching am Ammersee to the Wartaweil school youth hostel.

Their task: To build a teepee, financed by the Regine Sixt Children’s Aid Foundation, together with a team of helpers from the school youth hostel – at 35 °C in the shade. No problem! The team wasn’t afraid to take risks when arranging the 10-meter-high poles, resorting to techniques used for erecting maypoles to master the challenge. In the end, the results were something they could be proud of. Now the children at the Wartaweil school youth hostel have a perfect location to enjoy roasted marshmallows around the bonfire.

A big thank you to Ms. Simmerl, who supplied the SIXT team with snacks, lunch, and drinks.



### MUNICH / GERMANY

## SUPPORT FOR THE ZAUBERWALD CHILD PROTECTION CENTER

For once, the HR team from People Projects & Strategy didn’t take care of SIXT employees on July 18, 2019 – Drying Little Tears Day – instead they focused on the children at the Zauberwald Child Protection Center.

At the children’s request, the team built garden furniture with old pallets and dug out a fireplace. Afterwards, they headed to Hellabrunn Zoo together with the children, where the children were able to see their favorite animals such as lions, tigers, and more up close. It wasn’t just an enjoyable experience for the kids,

but also an intense and enriching experience for the People Projects & Strategy team. We are proud of the entire team and the result. We would also like to thank everyone on the caretaker team for their support, for collecting the pallets, and for providing the tools.



**LOIPERSDORF-KITZLADEN / AUSTRIA**

**REPAIR WORK  
AT THE STERNTALERHOF  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

Sterntalerhof in the Austrian town of Loipersdorf-Kitzladen is a hospice institution that the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" has supported since 2015. It offers support for families with critically ill, chronically ill, as well as terminally ill children.

This past June, 23 employees from the SIXT branch "Am Stadtpark Wien" met at the Sterntalerhof. The ward manager from Emirates in Vienna also took part in the activities. Before the hard work started on this sunny day and in 28 °C heat, the SIXT employees were greeted by the managing director of the Sterntalerhof, Harald Jankovits, and informed about the organization's work.

The helpers in orange split up into small groups and started their day's work: weeding, replacing beds, trimming hedges, replanting and planting new shrubs, reorganizing tool sheds, doing repair work in the workshop, repairing blinds, etc. But the day's schedule didn't just include work. The kitchen staff at the Sterntalerhof made sure the



employees didn't go hungry. Drying Little Tears Day in Vienna was a complete success, allowing everyone to head home feeling extremely good about their day. It proves true time and again: "Doing good makes you feel good and enriches you."



**SAINT-ESTÈPHE / FRANCE**

**SPECIAL VOLUNTEER DAY  
IN SAINT-ESTÈPHE**

Seven SIXT employees volunteered at the Saint-Etienne school in Saint-Estèphe in the French Sud-Ouest region. The charity day was organized by the foundation Séchez Les Petites Larmes French Association. The Saint-Etienne school is a boarding school run by the Apprentis d'Auteuil foundation which helps children and students via special educational programs tailored to their respective social circumstances.

Over the course of the day, SIXT employees Mélanie Lafon, Anthony Dupuy, Mariana Da Silva Carvalho, Vanessa Gelman, Vincent

Ramière, Christelle Tholance, and Fiona Van Hauwe worked on the school's outside area. They removed branches and weeded to create a nice environment for the children to play in during the summer.

In the afternoon, a variety of fun activities took place. There was plenty in store for all participants, from a baking workshop to a tennis tournament. The day ended with a real gourmet snack: Both young and old were delighted by the chocolate waffles!

# Regine's CHILDREN'S WIESN 2018

Regine Sixt offers 200 young guests the opportunity to spend a wonderful day at the Kinderwiesn.



When Regine Sixt invited 200 sick and needy children to the annual Kinderwiesn, there was joy all around. For the 19th time, the young guests arrived at Oktoberfest (locally called the "Wiesn") in Munich from 13 institutions across all of Germany. Every year, the day offers the children and their parents a couple of carefree hours during which they can forget about their worries and their illnesses.

The day was colorful and cheerful: The guests celebrated at Café Mohrenkopf together with a children's band, clowns, and magicians, and they stilled their hunger with Bavarian appetizers, sausages with potato salad, and tasty baked goods. Then the children headed to the festival grounds in small groups and stopped at various fairground rides and candy stands. The children headed home in the evening with big smiles on their faces!

"The group dynamic that emerges on these days at the Kinderwiesn gives the children so much more. It always has a knock-on effect. It's not just the day itself that makes them happy. Meeting the others outside of the hospital also has a healing effect," says Michaela Gessner, Senior Physician at Tübingen University Hospital.





## AN EXAMPLE FOR EVERYONE

*Awards for Regine Sixt and her Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation*

Honorary award, Business Women's Society Munich, 2018  
 Hall of Fame, Manager Magazin, 2018  
 Anniversary Star of the Year, Abendzeitung Munich, 2018  
 Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, FCEM, Rome 2017  
 Silver Crown of Merit (SCM), Order of Barbados, Barbados 2017  
 Bavarian Constitution Medal, 2017, Grand Prix de la Rallye VdeV, Paris 2017  
 Silver Award, British Travel Awards, 2016  
 Pro Merito Melitensi Order of the Merit with the crown of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, 2016  
 APG "Woman of the year" of APG The Network for Airline Services, Monte Carlo, 2016  
 Prix "The Best" by Massimo Gargia, Paris, 2015  
 Media Personality of the Year, Deutscher Mediapreis (German Media Award), 2015  
 Bildung-Inklusive-Preis (Education-included Award), awarded by the booster club of the Sophie Scholl School Wetterau, 2015  
 Theodor Lessing Prize of the German-Israeli Society, 2015  
 EY – Entrepreneur of the Year 2015, presented by Ernst & Young, Berlin 2015  
 Woman of the Year, WIZO, Tel Aviv 2015  
 Victress Lifetime Achievement Award of the Victress Initiative e.V., Berlin 2015  
 2015 Business & Charity Award at the 4th International Economic Forum, presented by Frederik Willem de Klerk, Nobel prize winner, Baden-Baden 2014  
 Citizen of the world, Hadassah International and Hadassah Medical Organisation 2014  
 Scopus Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2014  
 Family Business Handelsblatt Hall of Fame, 2014  
 Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 2014  
 Münchener Marketingpreis, Marketing Club München, 2014  
 Diplome d'Honneur, Les Clefs d'Or, Paris 2014  
 "Golden Victoria" for integration, Deutschlandstiftung Integration, 2013  
 Woman Entrepreneur of the World Award, Marrakesh 2013  
 Charity Award, Mille Miglia, Brescia 2013  
 Business Traveller Charity Award, Frankfurt 2013  
 Service Champion as an office service provider, Wiesbaden 2013  
 World's Leading Innovative Marketing, World Travel Awards, 2012  
 Honorary Consul General of Barbados in Germany since 2012  
 Honorary Senator of the German Association for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses (BVMW), 2011  
 Das Goldene Stadttor (Tourism Multimedia Award), 2011–2018  
 Travel Hall of Fame, Travel Industry Club, 2011  
 Le grand prix de la carte de Paris contre le cancer, l'association pour la vie espoir contre le cancer (AVEC), 2011  
 Bavarian Order of Merit, presented by the Minister-President of Bavaria, 2011  
 Woman of the Year, World Travel Award 2010/2011  
 Bavarian State Medal for Social Merit, presented by the Bavarian State Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Family, and Women, 2010  
 Citizen of the World, Hadassah International, 2009

## EASTER INITIATIVES

International support from SIXT employees around the globe

Easter is another occasion that the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" takes advantage of to offer sick children a treat. Once again, SIXT employees made their way to several hospitals in Munich with Easter bunnies, candy, and little gifts to give the children a few happy and carefree hours. Many SIXT employees in other cities have followed suit and started similar initiatives. Details on the various Easter initiatives can be found on the following pages.



**IN THE LEAD UP TO THE PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS, ORGANIZED BY ATALIA SHMELTZER, SIXT ISRAEL** visited Tel Hashomer Hospital and brought gifts, candy, and balloons.



In **MEXICO**, the entire team collected 570 blown-out eggs over two months and painted them during an all-day craft session. Then the entire SIXT Mexico team celebrated Easter together with the children from the orphanage Ministerios de Amor in Monterrey. Nine SIXT employees volunteered to help organize the celebration and the Easter egg hunt. The children had lots of fun participating in activities such as bowling, basketball, soccer, and pinball. They were able to collect tickets in every game and exchange them for prizes. After lunch, it was time for the Easter egg hunt. All of the over 500 eggs were found in just a few minutes!



**SIXT PORTUGAL** visited a Ronald McDonald House in which critically ill children and their families can find a temporary home. The employees brought desperately needed detergent and wet wipes as well as toys and chocolate to snack on.

On Easter in the **TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**, SIXT employees visited "Doreen's Preschool" on the quiet island of North Caicos. The preschool is attended by 20 young students, and it keeps growing. In addition to Easter greetings, the team also brought a few gifts. All the children at "Doreen's Preschool" were delighted by the Easter treats.



**HUNGARY** On Easter, SIXT Hungary employees packed a bundle of gifts and visited the bilingual preschool "A Heart for Children" in Törökbálint, where every child received a little Easter gift. This nice surprise put a smile on the children's faces.



**EASTER INITIATIVES / GERMANY**

**SIXT EASTER BUNNIES PAY A VISIT TO CHILDREN'S WARDS**

The tradition of Easter visits is continued by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and SIXT employees in Germany as well. Many SIXT Easter bunnies have made their way to the children's wards in various hospitals in Munich and other German cities to treat the little patients.

In total, employees visited 15 institutions and gave about 600 children little Easter baskets. Seven hospitals and institutions in Munich alone, and another eight in Germany. Hospitals that benefitted from the initiative include Hannover Medical School, the Children's Hospital at Charité Berlin, the Pediatric Oncology wards at Frankfurt and Cologne University Hospitals, as well as the Dr. von Haunersche Children's Hospice, Klinikum Großhadern, and the Children's Hospital Munich-Schwabing. This year's visit was once again characterized by joy in children's eyes and grateful parents.

**MUNICH / GERMANY**

**A CAREFREE DAY OF EASTER CRAFTS AT HOTEL BAYERISCHER HOF**



**HAMBURG / GERMANY**

**EASTER VISIT AT UKE**

This Easter, SIXT Hamburg employees visited the pediatric cancer ward at the University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE). As usual, the patients were delighted about the visit. In addition to some candy, they also brought a lot of craft materials for the Easter celebrations. For more than three hours, the Sixt staff decorated and painted the Easter cards together with the children and talked about the upcoming holiday.



**FRANKFURT AM MAIN AND COLOGNE / GERMANY**

**VISITORS FOR THE ONCOLOGICAL OUTPATIENT CLINIC OF THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS FRANKFURT AM MAIN AND COLOGNE**

Once again, the SIXT Easter bunny hopped along, distributing many sweet surprises together with his staff to the children at the oncological outpatient clinics of the University Hospitals in Frankfurt am Main and Cologne. They put a smile on these very brave children's faces. Thank you to the local sponsors Emirates and Global Communications, who further sweetened the little ones' day with a small donation, as well as the driver Thomas Bauer.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears" and Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich gave traumatized and socially disadvantaged children a few happy hours on Easter. The foundation invited children from Munich-based institutions such as the Zauberwald Child Protection Center and the Order of St. John's Dominik-Brunner-Haus to paint Easter eggs together. In the hotel's beautiful gallery, they were able to enjoy a carefree Easter holiday afternoon.

them are not granted such a life. Easter is a colorful and happy time, an ideal occasion to bring children gifts and a little joy. With my foundation, I want to help these children forget their worries, at least for a short while, and experience happy moments. I would particularly like to thank the Hotel Bayerischer Hof for making this wonderful experience possible for the children."

Together with Regine Sixt, founder of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation "Drying Little Tears", and Innegrit Volkhardt, Managing Partner of the Hotel Bayerischer Hof, 40 children painted Easter eggs in colorful patterns and made cheerful decorations for the holidays. Special surprise guest: a real Easter bunny who brought along an Easter basket with gifts for every child. Regine Sixt: "Every child has the right to a carefree life. Unfortunately, far too many of

Innegrit Volkhardt: "Awareness of people and their needs has always formed part of our company values. We are therefore very happy to support the important initiative run by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation 'Drying Little Tears' and give the children a great time."



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Since 2011, "Drying Little Tears" has also been the official CSR program of the SIXT Group, working to support children in all the places around the world where SIXT operates. This includes the construction of orphanages, children's hospices, clinics, preschools, and primary schools. The foundation is also supported by SIXT's many employees on a voluntary basis in more than 115 countries around the world. These employees take part in social initiatives in their local communities and take responsibility for their neighbors.

# THE CHILDREN IN THIS WORLD ARE OUR HOPE AND OUR FUTURE.

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