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+++ NEW EARTHQUAKE-SAFE HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE SLUMS OF HAITI +++

+++ COMPUTERS FOR HASHMONAIM SCHOOL IN JAFFA, TEL AVIV +++

+++ EXTENSION OF THE LITTLE LAMBS KINDERGARTEN, SOUTH AFRICA +++

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feel the motion.



REGINE SIXT Better opportunities for the future!

Dear friends of „Drying little tears“,

Do you think back every now and again to the time when you were a child? Childhood, that meant happy moments, being protected, being loved. Of course we all shed little tears for things that seemed so important to us at the time: Our playmate took our bunny away from us, or drove off with our pedal car. This time is gone, and this is why I try to put myself in the position of those children whose little tears cannot be dried. In the past, we have been able to help a little. For a while in this wheel of worldwide suffering under which so many children must live. Let's all become involved to prevent our aid just being a drop in the bucket!



A selection of some of our projects: in Beit Jala, the Christian-oriented neighboring city of Bethlehem in Israel, we are creating a true „gateway to life“ in the form of the Lifegate Centre for the Disabled. 100 children with special needs receive targeted fosterhip here. And there also jobs for people with disabilities from the Palestinian West Bank. This aspect of reconciliation and peace is always of paramount importance in our work.

This is why we are also equipping Hashmonaim School in Jaffa with an online connection and a larger number of computers to give children from poor backgrounds and of different religions access to the Internet and thus to better opportunities for the future.

To introduce the people who are committed to the Foundation, we will be introducing them here in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Regine Sixt

THANK YOU.

(The Regine Sixt children's aid foundation is determined to help children in need)

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Kindergarten Little Lambs



Kindergarten Little Lambs 2013: By funding renovations and expansion work, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has now made it possible for 250 children to play and learn in safe environment.

Once again, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has sponsored, the Little Lambs project in Cape Town, South Africa, by extending the premises and the renovating the outdoor facilities.

Following the refurbishment of the playground, the installation of climbing frames, the building of new awnings for the sandpits, and an additional climbing frame for the smaller children, numerous children can again play in safety.

Opening a new classroom has raised the number of children cared for here to 220, and another 30 can be added. Additionally, the sanitary facilities have been improved. A roof was built over the forecourt of another classroom. In summer it is a blessing for the children and teachers, if they can hold lessons and eat outdoors, as it is stifling hot in the classroom.

With a canopy, this space can be optimally used for different purposes; at the same time, it provides protection against rain. With its support, the Regine

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported the building of the Little Lambs kindergarten some years ago, in cooperation with "Ein Herz für Kinder" (A Heart for Children). This created a little paradise of 450 square meters where the children are not provided with enough food to eat, but also looked after lovingly by assistants.



Sixt Children's Aid Foundation was able to create a place where many children can play and learn in a sheltered environment.

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New residential area Cité Soleil in Haiti 2013: The 70 new homes, built by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation for the poorest of the poor in the slums of Cité Soleil in Haiti, mean that families can live in earthquake-resistant houses with a water and electricity supply.



Homes for families in Cité Soleil, Haiti

The slums, Cité Soleil and Wharf Jeremie, are among the poorest and most densely populated areas in Haiti. In these areas there is no electricity or water, no sewers or garbage disposal. In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in January 2010, and the terrible hurricane "Sandy" in 2012, the situation in the slums has worsened. This is why the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is supporting the building of a total of 70 homes. Families from the districts who have lived in makeshift shanties thus far will be moving into these homes. The program is developed in cooperation with neighborhood committees from the slums who decide on the allocation of new housing.

The program is distinguished by the fact that the homes are planned to reflect the needs of the residents and implemented in collaboration with them. The houses then become the property of the families who move in.

The single-story houses are built on solid foundations and are earth-

quake- and hurricane safe. All homes have the same floor plan and offer space for 5-10 people and electricity. The supply of water and sewage disposal is also ensured. With our participation in the building of these homes, we seek to open up the door to a life more fit for human beings in Haiti.



Cité Soleil homes 2013: Earthquake-proof homes instead of shacks



Bauarbeiten 2012: Die neuen Häuser wurden mit den Bewohnern geplant und umgesetzt.

EXTENSION OF A SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES IN BEIT JALA NEAR BETHLEHEM



„Life Gate“ Center in Beit Jala, Israel: providing a healthy sense of self-esteem.

Sixt staff cooks for the children's home

On Valentine's Day, the first cooking evening with volunteer cooks and chefs from Sixt Headquarters (HQ) took place at the Ronald McDonald Children's House Grosshadern, Munich. On Valentine's Day evening, the Children's Aid team and four colleagues from HQ ensured for a richly laid tables at the Ronald McDonald House, where parents can live while their children are being treated at the nearby Grosshadern Clinic Heart Center, in order to be close to their kids.

A full Italian menu was planned, shopped for and prepared on site. All the parents and the house manager, Mrs. Judith Krinke, were thrilled with the results. After a tough day at the clinic all the parents were happy to indulge in a little time at dinner - without having to manage everything themselves.

Further cooking evenings are planned, as part of the CSR activities of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. And thanks to the great response from many colleagues who have signed up for this volunteer support, the next few months are already been guaranteed.



Volunteer cooking for the Ronald McDonald Children's House Grosshadern, Munich: Judith Krinke, house manager McDonald's Children's Home, Julia von Perfall, Sabine Gleixner, Daniela Günther, Johanna Hirsch, Patricia Massö, Constanze Cravaack, Markus Herbst, Sixt headquarters staff and RSKH Foundation (from left).

In Beit Jala, the Christian-oriented neighboring city of Bethlehem, this is for many literally the "gateway to life": "Lifegate" is name of this center for the disabled; its new building was opened in June 2012. The building houses school for 100 children with learning difficulties and a kindergarten which uses occupational, speech and music therapy methods. In addition, training and jobs are provided for disabled people from the Palestinian West Bank.

Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation is now supporting the interior works on the 2nd floor and the therapeutic equipment of the four therapy rooms. This is where care in the fields of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy is provided. No public sector grant or educational programs exist.

Giving children and young people with physical and mental disabilities the opportunity to live a self-determined life. We help to develop healthy self-esteem and confidence.



Center for the disabled in Beit Jala: A school for children with special learning difficulties and a kindergarten that provide occupational, speech and music therapy.



Arne Quinze painting a car for the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation

Palliative Care Team South Hessen receives vehicle to help extend outpatient care for children at home.

An important element in the care of critically ill children: the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation donated a vehicle of the MINI brand to the Palliative Care Team Frankfurt at the beginning of 2013. The vehicle is a contribution towards establishing a

comprehensive care program in the South Hessen region for children with serious or fatal illnesses in their own homes, and thus in a familiar environment.

This improves the ability of the Palliative Care Team South Hessen's staff

Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation donates mini for outpatient care: Frank Meyer, regional director Sixt (center), Frank Reisenleiter, children's palliative team South Hessen; Holger Fiedler, care management; Brunhild Schütze, head of psychosocial services; Sabine Becker, medical director, Mark Herbst, head RSKH Foundation (from left to right).

to visit the children at home and thus enable them to stay at home.

As part of volunteering for the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, Sixt employees regularly visit the children's hospitals in the region. It was this that drew the Palliative Care Team South Hessen's attention to the organization, leading to its request for support to the Foundation.

Computers for Hashmonaim School in Jaffa, Tel Aviv

This will give more than 300 students from different religious backgrounds improved access to state-of-art technology. The objective is to develop a training program with various programs for languages and sciences, and to support children with learning difficulties, thus improving their academic performance.

The Hashmonaim school in the Neve Golan residential area in the Jaffa district of Tel Aviv is attended by children from different ethnic or religious backgrounds. The majority of children come from poor backgrounds and barely fulfill the academic prerequisites. The situation is aggravated by the fact that, due to their economic, social and language problems, many parents cannot sufficiently support their children.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, in cooperation with the Tel Aviv Yafo Foundation, is now supporting the establishment of a new computer system with 36 wireless laptops for integration into daily lessons at school.



Wireless computer system: Cooperating with the Tel Aviv Yafo Foundation to purchase software for laptops that gives over 300 pupils access to modern technology.

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Regine Sixt Children's Foundation projects

We financed...



...the building of a kindergarten in Vietnam's Vinh Long
This enabled full day care for many children while improving access to quality education. Thanks to this relief, parents can now ensure the livelihood of their families.



...a school in Jerusalem, Hadassah Medical Center
The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation funded the building of a classroom in the hospital with an online link in the Hadassah Medical Center. This enables small Christian and Muslim inpatients to participate in school lessons during their stay, thus furthering their education.

Supporting News

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz

CFO of **Sixt AG** and member of the **Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation** board

"Promoting charitable aid and CSR is a labor of love for me, and for me it represents one of the virtues of a family-managed business. Companies are good social investors, as they can contribute important functional expertise and financial strength and intrinsically motivated employees for charitable activities.

Especially in third world countries it is possible, with relatively little use of resources, to achieve major impact in terms of improving the lives of children. And even in Germany, despite a high level of prosperity, there are many areas in which action is needed. As the father of a son children's aid is a major concern for me, and I'm proud to make a contribution."



Sunnyi Melles

Actress with roles in "Adlon", "Zettl"

"The 'art form' in which I am at home, is a border-spanning formative instrument for education. Together with Regine Sixt we jointly realize artistic projects: bringing happiness and joy to children, but also giving comfort. My dream is that this will help children to create 'art', and thus make other people happy. This, in turn, increase their strength to master their lives with love and respect.

As a mother and an actress, it is my great honor to be involved with Regine Sixt's Children's Aid Foundation, 'Drying little tears'."

Patricia Massó

Manager **CSR Programm**

"Corporate Social Responsibility at Sixt: Since the foundation of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid - more than twelve years ago by Regine Sixt - numerous projects at home and abroad have already been successfully implemented, helping to dry the tears of many a child. The help given ranges from providing medical care, building housing, educating and caring for children worldwide, and emergency assistance in disaster areas. In collaboration with Sixt and its dedicated employees in over one hundred countries, a foundation has thus grown that can achieve many things, and which is continuing to expand thanks to the support of Sixt employees all over the world. In Germany, following the tradition of our founder Regine Sixt, who had already visited children's hospitals in Munich at Christmas for many years, we have organized hospital visits in the Easter and Christmas season to bring some joy to seriously ill children at child cancer centers throughout Germany.

Thanks to the personal commitment of Sixt staff at home and abroad, a number of children's aid projects have also been initiated with the support of the Foundation - such as the expansion of a care and fostering institute for people with special needs in Rostock, or supporting an orphanage in Malta.

Coordinating global children's aid projects in collaboration with the Sixt colleagues colleagues around the world, initiating new projects, the ongoing expansion of our CSR activities, and the variety of my work, and - most of all - improving the living conditions of many individual children mean two things to me: for one, the satisfaction of making a small contribution toward making the world a little bit better and for another an incentive to use every single opportunity to do so."





Drying little tears 2012: Regine Sixt, boxing legend Henry Maske (photo left) and Christoph von Tschirschnitz, Vice President Fleet, Corporate and Direct Sales BMW AG (photo right), together visited Munich hospitals and handed out gifts to the smaller and bigger patients.

Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation spreading the joy of Christmas to sick children

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, again conjured up smiles on the faces of seriously ill children during the Advent period last year, helping them to forget their troubles for a few hours. Accompanied by boxing legend Henry Maske and young actor Nick Romeo Reimann ("The Crocodiles"), and Santa Claus, of course, Regine Sixt and her team once again distributed many colorful gifts to children in Munich's clinics. They included the Dr. von Hauner Children's Hospital, the Schwabing Hospital and House Atemreich and the Grosshadern Clinic in conjunction with the Ronald McDonald Children's House.

The small patients were delighted to receive colorful bags filled with a huggy, a chocolate Santa and a personal gift, and were thus able to forget their illness for a few hours. Another highlight was making straw stars, initiated by the team from the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Sixt employees. Thanks to many sponsors, including BMW, Lambertz, Kosmos publishing, Mattel, Zapf Creation and Firenzini, the day was an unforgettable experience, with the children's eyes shining amid dolls, toy cars, coloring books and crayons.

Together with Nick Romeo Reimann, known from the film series "The Crocodiles", Regine Sixt visited the children at the Dr. von Hauner Children's Hospital and sang Christmas carols with them. She then accompanied Henry Maske to visit the children at Schwabing Children's Hospital and Grosshadern

Clinic in conjunction with the Ronald McDonald Children's House. The boxing legend handed out signed miniature boxing gloves to the young patients.

The Christmas campaign was extended to cover all of Germany: Sixt staff visited and gifted children in many hospitals all over Germany. They include the Olga Hospital Stuttgart, the University Hospital Mannheim, Leipzig University Hospital, the University Hospital Hannover, the University Hospital Frankfurt am Main, the Björn Schulz Foundation's Sonnenhof Hospice in Berlin, and the Ronald McDonald House in Hamburg.

Christmas visit to the Children's Hospice Sonnenhof Berlin

On Friday, December 14, we visited the Children's Hospice Sonnenhof Berlin in the company of Santa Claus. From the moment he arrived, the Sixt Santa Claus was eagerly received and warmly welcomed by staff and excited children.

The colorful bags filled with gifts were a big surprise that made the children's eyes light up. It was a beautiful experience to be able to bring the joy and spirit of the Christmas season to these terminally ill children and their families for a few hours. The foundation's director, Mr Schulz, informed us in a friendly atmosphere about the current projects and expressed his thanks for this very welcome visit. The staff and children then bid Santa Claus a fond goodbye - a very special moment that will not just remain in the children's minds.

MICHAEL KRUMMRICH, BRANCH MANAGER



Christmas visit to the University Hospital in Homburg

At Christmas, too, it was with the help of the Regine Sixt Children's Foundation that we visited the Oncology ward of Homburg University Hospital on December 13. Laden with games and gift bags we were warmly welcome by Dr. Wevers-Donauer and ward nurse Erika. While talking in the coffee room, we handed an envelope containing 125 euros from an internal SIXT employee fundraising activity to Dr. Wevers-Donauer. As requested in advance, this amount will put towards purchasing mobile massage mats so that both the children and their parents can be massaged and treated by physiotherapists on-site.

After leaving the coffee room, we went to the community play room to hand over gifts to the smaller and bigger patients waiting for us. We didn't say no to testing our sporting prowess against some of the bigger patients, but unfortunately with no success. The boys won.

Once again, this was a great experience for everyone involved. We would like to express our thanks to the staff on-site for their daily, loving care on the ward, and also for taking the time to support our action. Thank you very much on behalf of all Sixt staff!

THOMAS ARNDT, SENIOR BRANCH MANAGER



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