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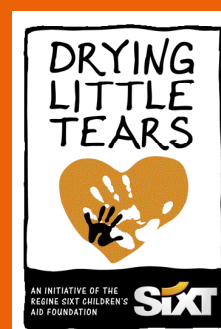


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**"If we are not able to fulfil a child's
greatest desire, namely to recover,
we should move heaven and earth
to fulfil their little desires."**

Regine Sixt



I am convinced that those who want to live a good life, also have to support others. I cannot close my eyes to the suffering of others who are not able to help themselves. It breaks my heart to see sick children in need. In the 21st century that should no longer be the case. We have achieved sufficient material prosperity and medical progress so that all children should be able to live a humane life. It is up to us all to cooperate to address this issue all together.

All over the world we have successfully carried out several projects with our children's aid foundation to date. With Mille Miglia, for example, we support a therapy center in Modena located in the region of Emilia Romagna. At La Lucciola traumatized children between the ages of 3 and 18 who experienced the severe earthquake one year ago are being guided back into normal life: they cook meals together, maintain the vegetable patches and take care of animals. The therapeutic approach also includes music, painting and theatre, to help them to recover.

In South Africa we take care of the renovation and extension of a children's home for sick, neglected and orphaned children on the terrain of the Blessed Gérard's Care Center. Many of the children are AIDS orphans or have AIDS themselves. Our engagement gives them hope and new strength. We are also engaged in projects in Romania, Belarus and Lithuania. For the Lithuanian day care center for children Marijampole many of our employees working for Sixt Travel Service offered concrete support. They collected and transported children's clothing in a Sixt transporter to its destination. The children taken care of there, live in socially disadvantaged families with unemployed parents and lack even the bare necessities. For such campaigns our employees not only sacrifice their leisure time, but also use up part of their holiday leave. We are active not only in those countries, but also in Germany, for example at the parent's house at Klinikum Großhadern, where the relatives of seriously sick children are given the opportunity to recharge their batteries and gain new energy. And our Sixt employees at Nuremberg treated the families of sick children to an unforgettable day at the leisure park Schloss Thurn. Beyond that we also offer emergency relief for syrian refugee children in Turkey and assist with the reconstruction after the flood catastrophe in Germany.

It is my deepest conviction that giving and taking should be well balanced. Just like breathing in and breathing out. That is the rhythm of life. Those of us who are gifted and talented should also give back a lot and support others. That is my motivation for the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation. It is up to us to close our hands or to open them. Those of us adults who have two powerful and healthy hands should use them to do the right things! Especially for those who long for us to hold their little hands and dry their tears.

Regine Sixt



PARTNERSHIP PROJECT BUSINESS TRAVELLER

EXTENDING A CHILDREN'S HOME IN MANDENI

Together with the BUSINESS TRAVELLER the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports the renovation and extension of a children's home for sick, neglected and orphaned children on the terrain of the Blessed Gérard Care Center in South Africa.



The Care Center is located in Mandeni, 100 km to the north of Durban and is the largest child care, social and hospice center in South Africa that in particular takes care of AIDS patients. Blessed Gérard's Care Center which was founded by the Bavarian priest Pater Gerhard Lagleder is dedicated to health care and health protection. The center also includes a children's home and kindergarten which is continuously overcrowded with sick, neglected, maltreated, malnourished, abandoned or orphaned children.

The children's home opened in 2000 is now a home for about 29 children aged 3-17 who have to cope with various social problems. Some of them are social orphans, others AIDS orphans and others HIV positive themselves.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the magazine BUSINESS TRAVELLER cooperate to support the extension of the children's home. The complete building has to be repainted, tiles, sanitary facilities as well as doors have to be renewed. Sockets and light switches have to be replaced and ventilators have to be installed.



For the children from partly disrupted, alcohol-addicted and HIV-infected families, this home offers a safe environment in which they can feel at home. Thanks to the financial support of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the BUSINESS TRAVELLER it is possible to guarantee these children beautiful and safe surroundings.

Within the scope of the award ceremony for the BUSINESS TRAVELLER AWARDS 2013 at the Frankfurter Westhafen Pier, Regine Sixt was awarded the BUSINESS TRAVELLER CHARITY AWARD on 27 June 2013. The award ceremony offered an optimum basis for presenting the common project. With this prize award Regine Sixt children's aid foundation and the magazine BUSINESS TRAVELLER started a campaign for a good cause which is increasingly strengthened by the joint charity project.



Marc Tügel, chief editor of BUSINESS TRAVELLER:
"The BUSINESS TRAVELLER CHARITY AWARD" aims at distinguishing persons from the travel industry who are engaged in social projects in an exemplary way. The selection of Regine Sixt as first award-winning women was thus self-evident. Mrs. Sixt is a woman who focuses her full energy on the well-being of children in need all around the world – a woman with the ability to move mountains.



ITALY

CURRENT
PROJECTS

PARTNERSHIP PROJECT MILLE MIGLIA S.R.L.

CONSTRUCTION OF A THERAPY ROOM IN LA LUCCIOLA

“Drying Little Tears” and the automobile club Mille Miglia S.r.l. cooperate to support the construction of an Integrative Therapy Center for Children at Lucciola in Stuffleone Di Ravarino.

In May 2012 an earthquake shocked North Italy. In particular affected were the people living in the provinces of Modena and Ferrara. Several people were killed and many thousands were made homeless in the wake of the most severe earthquake which the region had suffered for over 500 years. Amongst these were many children.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and the Mille Miglia S.r.l. reacted immediately and created a joint project which aimed at helping children who are still suffering from the devastating effects of the earthquake.

„La Lucciola“ in Stuffleone di Ravarino in Modena is an Integrative Therapy Center for children aged 3 to 16 with psychic, mental and multiple impairments. Normal activities like cooking, caring for animals and managing the vegetable patch give such children the opportunity to make fundamental experiences. Music, theatre and painting are parts of the therapeutic approach.

Besides that music, art and theatre play a significant role in “La Lucciola”. For the young inhabitants, the Therapy Center is their second home. As a result of their common engagement, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation and Mille Miglia S.r.l. have been able to build and equip a therapy room.

Sixt has been cooperating for many years with Mille Miglia and also took part in this year's legendary vintage car rally with its own fleet of vintage cars. The racing track covering a distance of 1,600 km led from Brescia to

Rome and back – thus including the region that was shattered by the earthquake in 2012. Regine Sixt used the concluding ceremony to present their joint project and to appeal for donations.



CURRENT
PROJECTS

MALTA

CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE MALTESE URSULINE SISTERS OF SAINT ANGELA MERICI IN SLIEMA



The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports this facility in Sliema on Malta for deserted and maltreated children with an extensive renovation and extension of the rooms. A total of 35 nuns take care of the children of various age groups.

A total of four age groups are accommodated in various houses run by this institution. The first house is called “Krippe” [Nursery] and is the home of currently 50 children aged 0 to 4 years. The children of the age group 4 to 11 are accommodated in “St. Rita Tarxien”, and the children aged 12-16 live in the house “Valetta St. Joseph”. The house for the elder children is called “G'Mangia Angela House”.

The Maltese Ursuline Sisters offer extensive care for these children who are unable to live in their natural family surroundings for various social reasons. Living in this community gives them the opportunity

to integrate into the community, thus offering a perspective to lead a self-determined life.

Some of the older children remain with the institution for a period of time as assistants following the end of their care in order to pass on their experience to the next generation.

In order to be able to grant this care in future and to save the children from having to live in the street, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation cooperates with the Sixt franchise partner on Malta and is committed to this facility with its devoted employees





SYRIA

CURRENT
PROJECTS

EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR SYRIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports an emergency relief project for Syrian refugee children

their hometowns because of the fights and who seek shelter within the country.

The refugees are cramped, even absolutely necessary things are missing, the basic care of families gets more and more difficult and the prices for food explode. It is frightening that especially the children in Syria are at present exposed to extreme violence. In the Turkish town Kilis, three kilometers from the Syrian border, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supports a school for Syrian refugee children: The partner organization takes over the personnel costs and distributes teaching material for the children so that they can continue learning. By our support, the school lunch for a few hundred children is guaranteed for six months as a start.

The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation carries out this action in cooperation with the Malteser International, together with the BMZ (German abbr. for: Federal Ministry for economic cooperation and development).

In the meantime, more than two million people have fled abroad from the civil war in Syria. Especially the flow of refugees into the neighboring countries Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon goes on and on. Plus more than 4.25 million Syrians who have been expelled from



CURRENT
PROJECTS

GERMANY

ASSISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD, GERMANY RENOVATION / BUILDING MEASURES OF A CHILDREN'S HOME, MARKKLEEBERG



The flood disaster is over but its consequences will still continue. Thousands of people still have to document damages, caused by the flood, to houses and private property, countless public institutions for children, such as day-care centers, schools and community centers cannot not be used for the time being and have to be reconstructed.

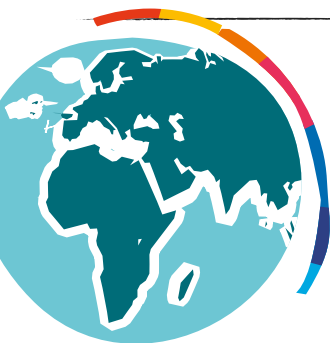
Regine Sixt, member of the board of trustees of Aktion Deutschland Hilft (= Germany's relief coalition), supports with her initiative "Drying Little Tears" the alliance partners who still actively provide assistance under intense pressure to the persons concerned in the flooded areas.

intensive help here in order to live an independent life. The house has been heavily damaged by the extreme rain and the groundwater that has risen due to it, and now it has to be reconstructed by means of comprehensive structural alterations. The outdoor facilities with the sports grounds have to be rebuilt, too.

The measures that are financed by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation are, among others, supposed to prevent in the future that a flood can cause such damages again.

In cooperation with arche noVa e.V., the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation finances the reconstruction of a children's home in Markkleeberg. The institution for curative and social pedagogy offers a new home to 16 children and adolescents with different family backgrounds. By the versatile possibilities for therapy, e.g. the life with pets, the children get





FURTHER SUPPORT OFFERED FOR THE HADASSAH CLINIC

IN JERUSALEM

FINANCING OF LIFE-PRESERVING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHILDREN'S WARD

For years now the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation has been cooperating with "Ein Herz für Kinder" for the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. The two hospitals operated there, Mount Scopus and Ein Kerem, ensure that all children in need – irrespective of where they come from – are offered optimum medical care.



The little patients are above all Israeli and Arabian children from the northern city districts of Jerusalem and the neighboring cities and villages as well as from the Palestinian autonomy region. In particular here at Mount Scopus the everyday togetherness between Israelis and Arabs is clearly visible and a matter of fact for all parties involved.

With its 30 beds, an intensive care ward and a fully equipped emergency ward, Mount Scopus is the largest paediatric hospital in Jerusalem. With an occupancy rate of 100%, in the winter months of even 150% 3,500 little patients are treated as in-patients per year and 9,000 patients are treated on an out-patient basis. As a result of the high volumes, it was necessary for some of the patients to sleep in the corridors. For parents and doctors there was no space to relax. And above all the young patients lacked the necessary tranquillity, which is such an important prerequisite for their swift recovery.

After 34 years an extension of the floor space and new medical equipment became absolutely urgent. Thanks to the commitment of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation in cooperation with "Ein Herz für Kinder e.V." the construction works could have been implemented. In the second step important medical equipment was purchased, e.g. monitors, weighing scales for newly born babies and patient beds were thus financed.

Regine Sixt convinced herself of the correct use of the monies donated and the situation at the paediatric hospital.

Thanks to the highly positive reports all along the line, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation will continue its commitment at this facility, thus giving a good example to show how it is possible to bundle engagement with partners pursuant to a guiding principle of the chairwoman of the board "together we are strong".



KINDERGARTEN FOR RETARDED CHILDREN IN THE REGION OF VORONOVA



In Belarus impaired or retarded children are not seldom. The country's social systems hardly focus on therapy, care and fostering of handicapped children. And what is more, the economic situation is so bad that there are no public funds to offer impaired children sufficient therapy. Besides that there is an dramatic lack of nursery facilities.



Up to the age of 18 a great deal of care and professional support: Together with Malteser International, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation supported the extension of the special facility for seriously and multiply handicapped children in the region of Voronova in the diocese of Grodno. An extensive therapy program guarantees a life in dignity – according to the prevailing circumstances. In the past 16 children and youngsters lived here together with their families. The renovation and extension will offer sufficient space for further 20 children.

An aim of the individual and intensive therapy is to consistently enable such children to live an independent life within their family surroundings resp. beyond a home.



MOBILE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SERVICE

Mobile support for the children's hospice and personal assistance service for families in Berlin

This year, too, Clean Winners e.V. is running its Charity Golf Cup 2013 once again at Bad Griesbach.

It is a common aim of Clean Winners e.V. and the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation to improve the living circumstances of children and youngsters from socially disadvantaged and difficult backgrounds.

A further module of our engagement comprises the improvement of medical care for seriously sick and dying children in a familiar environment, in the best possible case at home.

Within the scope of the evening event the two founders of Clean Winners e.V. Charly Steeb and Stefan Schaffelhuber handed over an electric vehicle Renault Fluence ZE to the CEO of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, Dr. Julian zu Putlitz.

In future the vehicle will be in service at the day-care children's hospice service run by Malteser International in Berlin. Last year the facility accompanied seriously sick and dying children in about 46 families in Berlin. The specially trained full-time and honorary assistants offer the families in concern help to alleviate the burden,

thus helping them to find time and the energy and to focus on the essential aspects.

In the past we have already equipped two mobile children's hospice services each with an electric car, one in Baden-Wuerttemberg and the other in Hesse, to enable such activities. Our aim is to ensure that by furnishing such facilities with electric cars, a nationwide coverage will be achieved.

We thus all offer extensive support to reliably and efficiently maintain the children's hospice service and its staff. Thanks to all parties involved and to all supporters.



Hand-over of keys at the gala event, (from the left) Dr. Julian zu Putlitz, member of the board of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, Charly Steeb and Stefan Schaffelhuber, initiators of Clean Winners e.V.



Hand-over of vehicle to Douglas Graf v. Sauma-Jelitsch, managing director of the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. by Regine Sixt, chairwoman of the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation

CHILDREN'S NURSERY FACILITIES



Malteser International has been running the children's nursery facilities in Vilnius, Kaunas, Marijampole and Siauliai since 2006. Many of the children taken care of in these facilities come from socially weak families with unemployed, handicapped and sick parents. Under these circumstances the children are deprived of the opportunity to grow up under normal circumstances. A future marked by addiction and youth criminality seems to be predetermined. Some live lives as street children and go round begging for support.

Each of the four day centers has a special program and has developed its own detailed daily schedule focusing on working with children. The employed specialists are qualified and the rooms are furnished according to pertinent hygiene standards. In the facilities the children are given the opportunity to focus on their social competences, to grasp new chances in life and to achieve their own personal goals and objectives.

Nevertheless, it is necessary to renovate, to improve the furnishings in the rooms and to extend the facilities and leisure-time activities offered to the children. The four day-care centers were furnished with obsolete fittings and old kitchens and thus urgently needed refurbishing. For this reason, the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation decided to help and perform the urgently required renovation and furnishing of the rooms with new furniture, thus creating a wonderful place to relax and feel at home.



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY by Sixt CSR

Integral part of our corporate culture

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is an integral part of the corporate policy made by the Sixt Group. The promotion of activities for a consistent and socially responsible engagement on the part of the company and its employees corresponds to the fundamental understanding as well as the guiding principle and system of values of Sixt. The focus lies on the issues of energy and environment as well as honorary cooperation and commitment in the charity sector.

Honorary cooperation and commitment in the charity sector: the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation, the official CSR Program

The Sixt Group supports the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation as official CSR Program with measures to improve health condi-

tions of children and young people worldwide as well as their living circumstances.

The foundation not only supports nationally, but also internationally the treatment and research on serious and chronic sicknesses, as well as on rare diseases amongst children. Besides that, the Sixt Group promotes facilities focusing on the care of children and youngsters which serve to improve education and vocational training as well as social care centers for children. In the course of the past years, facilities operated worldwide among others in Romania, Belarus, Israel, Palestine Vietnam, South Africa and Germany have been supported.

After all, we believe that it is important to promote team spirit, to motivate employees to enable employees to identify themselves with the company. That is the reason why we support the voluntary commitment of our employees. They, for example, visit local children's hospitals to bring joy to seriously sick children at Easter and

Christmas to bring joy to their lives.

That is not all: they also support summer festivals at clinics, organise excursions with the children and also take intensive care of many sick children at the traditional "Regines' Kinderwies'n" [Children's Oktoberfest] sponsored by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation during the Munich Oktoberfest.



COOKING FOR A GOOD CAUSE



A cooking session with honorary cooks from the Sixt head office took place for the second time in a row at the Ronald McDonald House, Großhadern.

Supported by the children's aid foundation team, employees on the payroll of Sixt did their best to ensure a wonderful cooking event. Parents of sick children find a temporary place to stay at the house

which is located close to the Clinic, thus enabling them to optimally care for and comfort their children. Not only that, but there the parents are given the opportunity to recuperate in wonderful leisurely, non-clinic surroundings.

The motto of the whole evening was Bavarian. A complete menu was planned in advance and prepared at the Ronald McDonald House, starting off with a so-called Brotzeitbrett [a selection of cold cuts and cheese specialties with Bavarian bread], followed by Viennese Schnitzel served with potato salad and coleslaw and then rounded off with vanilla ice-cream with steamed raspberry topping – a delight for the taste-buds. The families enjoyed the dinner in a

warm summer ambience in the yard of the parents house with good discussions.

Evenings of that kind are especially valuable for the families, giving them the opportunity to relax and enjoy such a get together. A further highlight of the evening was a self-made soap-box racer which a Sixt employee, Thomas Hoferichter handed over after a Team Event to "Drying Little Tears" for a good cause with the aim of donating it to such a facility. For the brothers and sisters of sick children, a soap box racer is an exciting toy that they can play with when they come to visit their sick little brothers and sisters.



AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK

The Nuremberg Sixt Team treated families of sick children at the University Clinic of Erlangen to an unforgettable day at the amusement park Schloss Thurn.

The journey to the amusement park with the team bus of Nuremberg's football team 1st FCN was a highlight in itself. At the amusement park the guests were treated like little VIPs: there was no queuing at the entrance gate, they were welcomed by management and the mascot Dinolino, enjoyed full service, had reserved seats at the Western Shows and knights' games and not only at the Western Shows and knights' games but also the Harald's stunt team took care of the children personally. The children enjoyed having photos taken with Dinolino and the Harald's and were given the opportunity to ask all of the questions on their mind. This visit was thus an unforgettable experience for the small group.

With eyes sparkling with joy and smiles of delight all over their faces, we travelled back to the clinic. Special thanks go to all sponsors who made this event possible.

Peter Milec, Branch Manager, Nuremberg



REGINES' OCTOBERFEST FOR CHILDREN 2013

THE REGINE SIXT CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION ORGANIZES A HAPPY DAY ON THE OCTOBERFEST FOR MORE THAN 250 CHILDREN

Following a tradition that is 14 years old now, Regine Sixt and her Children's Aid Foundation invite sick and handicapped children from hospitals and institutions from all over Germany. Thus, little guests from the Haunersche Children's Hospital, the clinical center

Hospital arrived. Even for the children from Berlin, the journey had not been too long. Numerous children from institutions such as Artists for Kids, Herzenswünsche e.V. and the Chancenstiftung were pleased about the invitation.

Together with their chaperons, partially also with brothers, sisters and parents, the children experienced an unforgettable day. With the support of the Airport Munich and Air Berlin, the businesswoman Regine Sixt and her team provided for a diversified program and starry children's eyes. They were actively supported by numerous Sixt employees who proved their social commitment on this day in an increased manner and who visibly enjoyed the day with the children.

Großhadern and the Ronald McDonald Parents House and from the Schwabing Hospital in Munich had been represented. Besides, children from the teaching hospitals in Freiburg, Erlangen and Cologne, the Olgahospital in Stuttgart and the Augsburg Children's

After an elaborate Bavarian lunch with chicken, wieners and bismarcks in the pavilion "Tradition" on the „old Oktoberfest“, they went on to the fairground rides. Apart from chairplanes, bumper cars and the shooting of roses, the guests of honor were allowed to feast on chocolate fruits and al-



monds as much as they liked. As souvenirs for at home, they got gingerbread hearts, caps and even a yodeling stuffed groundhog.

The children from Cologne and Berlin returned only in the evening. To arrange the time until then as exciting and beautiful as possible, the Airport Munich organized a

tour around the airport. The children could gaze at the newest aircrafts and could take a look behind the scenes. This was the great finale of a very special day!

Regine Sixt: „It is especially dear to my heart to give the children who do not have an easy life, a little bit of the cheerfulness on the

Oktoberfest. I am very pleased that also this year children from all over Germany will arrive to leave all their sorrow behind for one day. I would especially like to thank the supporters Air Berlin and the Munich Airport, apart from the team of my foundation and the numerous Sixt-employees“.

LETTER OF THANKS OF THE HAUNERSCHE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:

Dear Mrs. Sixt,

Mrs. Simader and I would like to thank you very much for your wonderful invitation to the Oktoberfest on behalf of the Dr. von Haunersche Children's Hospital.

During this week, the Oktoberfest for children has once again been incredibly nice for all participants. It is a great joy for the children as well as for the parents and for us to spend this day together! The scope of our patients reaches from Cham in Lower Bavaria to Dubai and from Schwabing in Munich to Syria. Everybody has worries of his/her own but it is a good feeling to exchange experiences and to share nice things together.

This is only possible thanks to your initiative, and for that we would like to thank you very sincerely!

With kind regards

G. Borgolte
 („Hauner Verein“, organization for supporting the
 Children's Hospital Dr. von Haunersche)





LITHUANIA

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KIDS' STUFF FOR LITHUANIA



Employees of the Sixt travel services collected donations in kind for the Children's Day Care Center Marijampole run by Malteser International. Children from socially weak families are given a warm meal after school and furthermore the opportunity to play with other children in a protected environment and to learn. Many of the little visitors do not have adequate warm clothing. That is why the Sixt employees working at travel agency partners in the car rental business in Germany collected clothing for children over a two-month period – all in all 71 boxes.

A truck was packed and transported the boxes from Berlin via Warsaw to Marijampole in Lithuania. The whole journey took two days. Above all the children were so excited to get new outfits to keep them warm in the cold winter months.

INTERVIEW

MARLIS SCHAPER



Marlis Schaper has been involved in the kindergarten Little Lambs in Hout Bay, South Africa for about 12 years now. The Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation financed the interior fittings and furniture for eight classrooms some years ago in cooperation with "Ein Herz für Kinder e.V." and also installed glazing around the terrace. This year the foundation once focuses on renovating and extending the rooms as well as extending the outdoor facilities. At a get-together with Marlis Schaper we were given the opportunity to personally gain insight into the project.

Simply by chance you heard of the kindergarten "Little Lambs" that was founded in 2000. What was your first impression of this kindergarten?

When I stepped onto the property I saw a two-year old child eating mud. That was a key experience, as far as I am concerned. I found out that the kindergarten was taking care of the children, but was not responsible for feeding them. Runny noses and fat, bloated tummies were the consequence. In Little Lambs there was no functioning toilet, not enough tables and chairs, insufficient blankets – in other words: deficits everywhere.

And then you decided to help. How did you support the kindergarten?

First of all I began distributing fruit among the children. Then I asked my friends living there to provide us with furniture, cutlery and crockery. I argued with the South African authorities with regard to future building measures, negotiated with building companies and contractors and asked for donations amongst friends, at charity events and at private bridge evenings.

How successful were you over the years?

In 2005 the kindergarten was able to move into a new, more spacious building. After eleven years the number of children cared for between 10 months and 6 years of age has risen to 240. The kindergarten now has 11 classrooms, 17 toilets, a well-equipped kitchen, a roofed veranda and a newly renovated playground. I am convinced that a well-balanced diet is as equally important as English, music and dancing lessons for the children. One further success is that the children leaving Little Lambs have been guaranteed a place at the nearby child day care facility Home of Hope since 2010. After visiting the state-run school of Hout Bay the 6-13 year old children are supervised and can participate in sports, learning assistance and besides that are given a meal.

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