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TREATS

CHILDREN ACTION,

Art 1. the first right of any child is the right of a childhood

Established in February 1994, Children Action is a Swiss charitable foundation whose mission is to provide relevant and effective aid to children, regardless of their nationality or religion.

SURGERY & PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

While remaining open to multidisciplinary intervention, Children Action focuses on improving children's health, particularly through medical and surgical projects and psychological support.

Children Action runs projects in Switzerland, France, Vietnam, Cameroon, Romania, Argentina, Peru.



EDUCATES

INFORMS



REAL COMPANY

All decisions and directional changes of Children Action are made by the Board of Founders and submit to an Ethics Commission. Consisting of experts from the fields of science, law and business, the Board of Founders and the Ethics Commission have a clear view of what constitutes a feasible project. The Foundation thus functions as a company, with a constant eye to quality to ensure the control and success of its projects.

The Foundation not only brings surgical and medical care, helps and teaches but also measures impact and monitors efficiency of its projects, providing total transparency to both donors and recipients.

100% & TOTAL TRANSPARENCY

The accounts audited by Ernst & Young as well as a statement certifying that 100% of the operating expenses are underwritten by the Founder, are available to donors.

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Children Action seeks to add value to each project by leveraging various levels such as funding, human resources, and knowledge.



\$ 1.- donation
+
Expenses free
(the founder covers all of them)
+
Joint ventures
+
In-kind donations
+
Pro bono professional services
=
\$ 3 to change children's lives

QUALITY

EFFICIENCY

IMPACT

TRANSPARENCY

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

ACCES TO CARE

Thousands of children worldwide suffer from various health problems and yet can not benefit from appropriate medical treatment due to limited financial resources, lack of local expertise or extremely precarious structures.

Every year, top European surgeons take part in our missions in **Vietnam**, organized to enable children to undergo the surgical procedures they require. **Harelips, orthopaedic malformations, burn injuries, heart diseases as well as other pathologies** are treated during these missions.

In **Geneva**, in collaboration with the University Hospitals of Geneva, the Foundation provides surgical and medical treatment for children who do not have access to appropriate medical care in their country of origin.

Since the beginning of our surgical program a total of **8 869 interventions** have been performed:

TEENAGE SUICIDE

LEADING CAUSE OF MORTALITY

In Switzerland, suicide is the most frequent cause of teenage mortality. In response to this problem, Children Action in collaboration with the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG) has set up a dedicated entity in Geneva, formed by three Centers (UC) :

1. the Hospital Unit «Lits de crise» (UCA),
2. the Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide (CEPS)
3. the Centre for Ambulatory Intensive Treatment (CTAI).

This combined offering of hospital treatment, prevention and ambulatory care is emerging as a university centre of excellence and a benchmark in Europe.

Since October 1996, the UCA has taken in over 1 660 teenagers for an average stay of 17 days. Most of them decided to follow a therapy upon leaving the Unit. Over the same period, the helpline has received 5 721 calls. Since April 2008, the CTAI has offered support to 557 teenagers for an average follow-up of 74 days.

MOTHERS & BABIES SUPPORT

ALTERNATIVE TO INSTITUTIONALISATION

Teenage pregnancies, limited financial resources, and other hardships mean mothers can have difficulties with their babies, affecting children's healthy development and in certain cases pushing mothers to abandon their child.

As stipulated by article 9 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Children Action defends children's right not to be separated from their parents against their will, except when such separation is necessary for the best interest of the child.

In **Buenos Aires** and **Lima**, Children Action supports in collaboration with the Foundation Kaleidos in Argentina and the Association Taller de Los Ninos in Peru two projects to guide **teenage mothers** in their role as a mother and in their life of a teenager.

In **Bucharest**, Children Action carries out a similar project addressed to **mothers facing acute hardship** with the purpose of giving them a psychological, medical, legal and social support.

Within the framework of these three programs, the local teams work to **enhance each mother's awareness of the needs of her child and to improve the bond with each other**. They support the young women in their social, professional or school reintegration; they assist them in having their rights recognized and the relationship with their families re-established.

The purpose of these projects is to promote development for the child, to alleviate risks of avoid future pathologies and reduce the number of abandoned children.

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OTHER PROJECTS....

CENTRE FOR BLIND CHILDREN

Children Action supports a group of underprivileged blind children in Vietnam. 30 blind children and teenagers live there, learning to read Braille, playing musical instruments and acquiring basic massage and basket-making skills **in preparation for future professional activities**.

SCHOOLING IN VIETNAM

In order to give the most destitute children the opportunity to get an education, Children Action finances the **construction of schools** in the most remote areas of Vietnam. Children Action also finances daily canteen's meals for nearly 600 children from very underprivileged families.

SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE : SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS

Children Action finances the programs of the French association "Dessine-moi un mouton" and the Swiss Association "Arc-En-Ciel", two organizations **supporting children and families affected by HIV / AIDS**.

and more projects on www.childrenaction.org