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RÜTLI STIFTUNG

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In brief

On Mai 15, 2026 the Rütli Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary, in the company of its sponsors. We were fortunate enough to be able to welcome co-founder Karl Reichmuth as a guest of honour for the occasion. We extend our thanks to him, and to a treasured friend – who, alas, is no longer with us – for the existence of today's umbrella foundation.

A lot has changed since the foundation was established in 2000. Today, we are one of the largest umbrella foundations in Switzerland. Thanks to some wonderful people, who placed their trust in the Rütli Foundation via its sub-foundations, donations for the previous year reached the heady sum of CHF 6.12 million. This made it possible to support 187 beneficiaries in the achievement of their charitable projects.

More and more people are making the conscious decision to support a sub-foundation instead of setting up their own foundation. There are several reasons for this. For a start, the annual costs and administrative workload of running a separate foundation keep rising. Moreover, donors appreciate the option of ceding the administrative duties and concentrating on selecting the beneficiaries, in collaboration with the umbrella foundation.

Seeing the effects of one's own donations brings more joy than having to deal with administrative matters. A sub-foundation allows for individual, uncomplicated and effective philanthropic commitment.

Despite the multitude of challenges and injustices shaping the world today, we encounter plenty of big-hearted people at the Rütli Foundation. Out of gratitude for a fulfilled and healthy life, they often consider devoting some or all of their assets to charity in a simple way, whether during their lifetime or after their death. We are most grateful for this and look forward to every new conversation.

Against this backdrop, we are convinced that the Rütli Foundation is the right partner to help you realise your charitable objectives.

We thank you sincerely for your commitment.

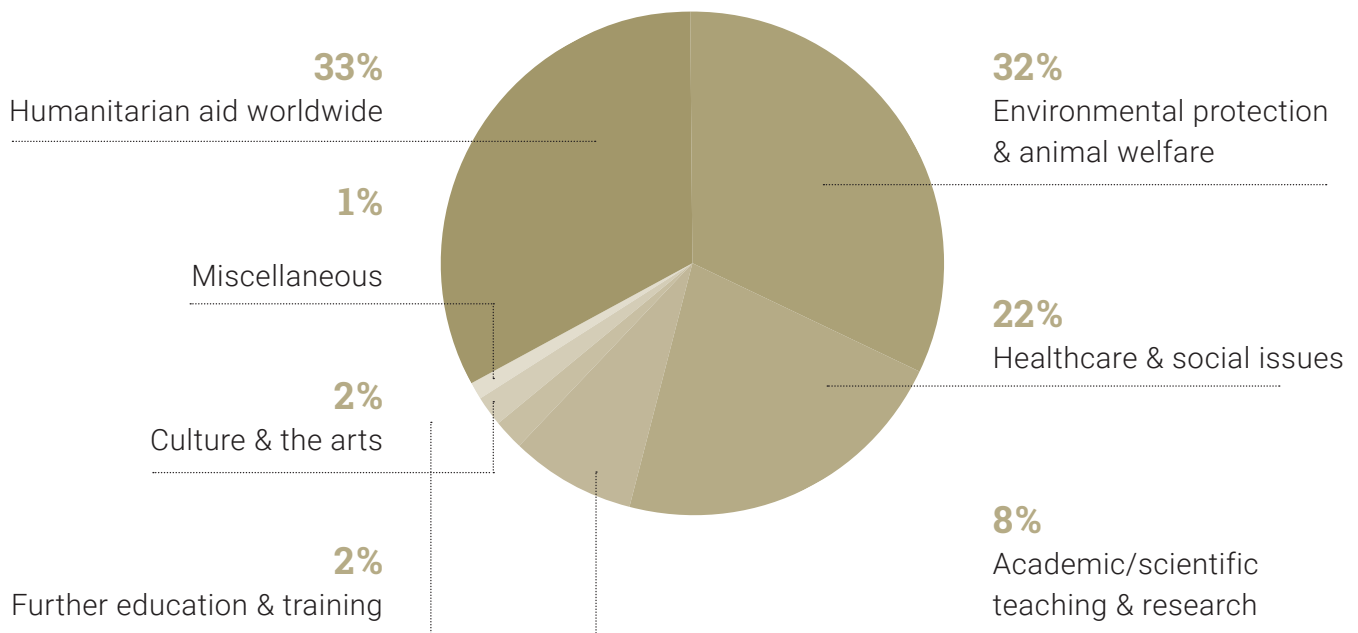


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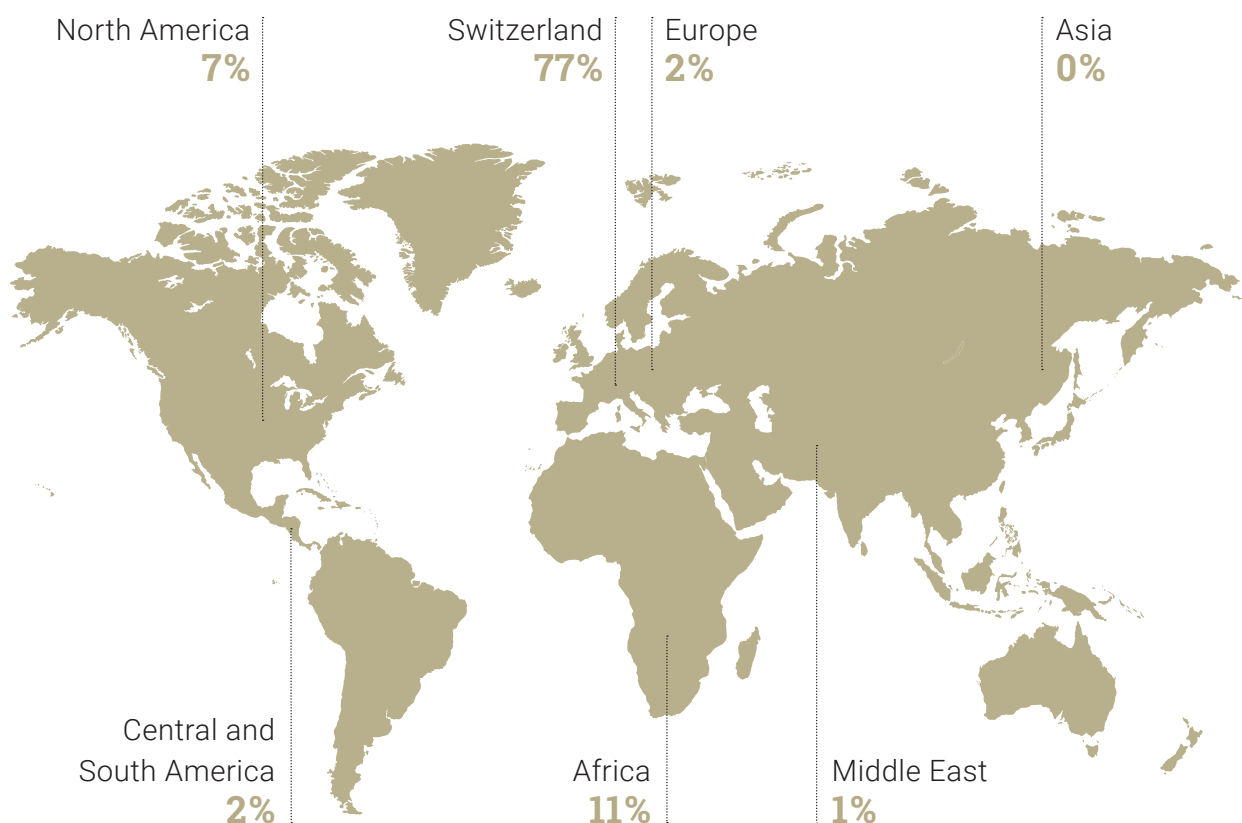
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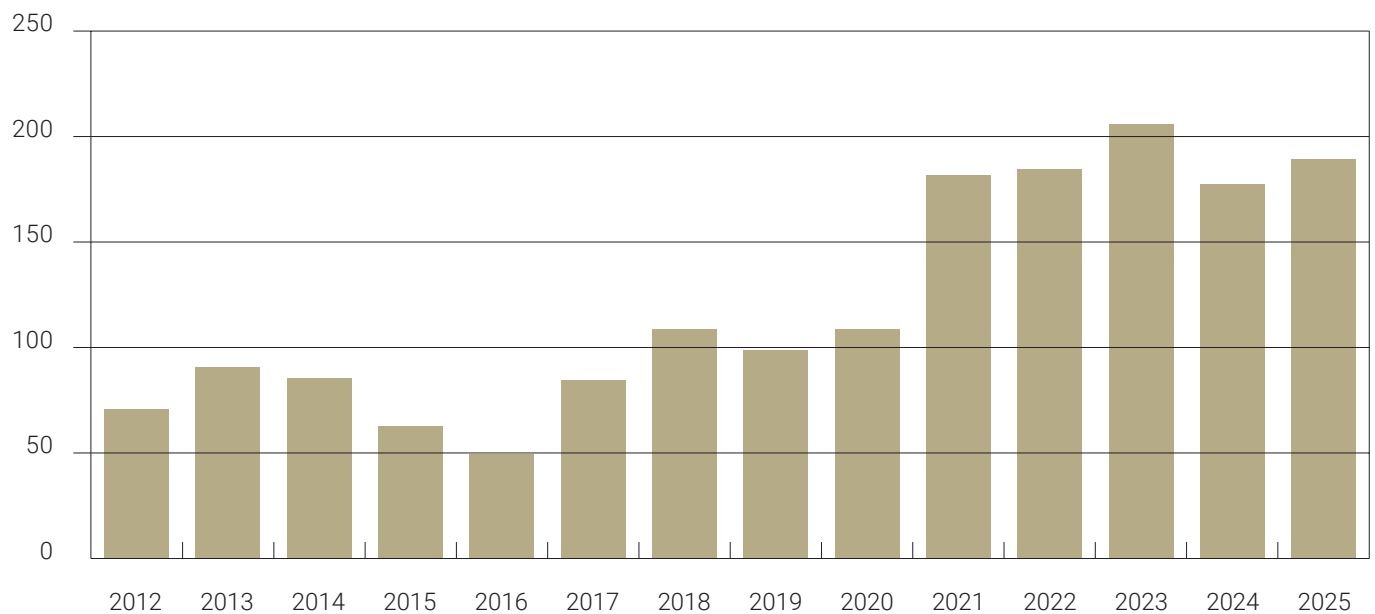
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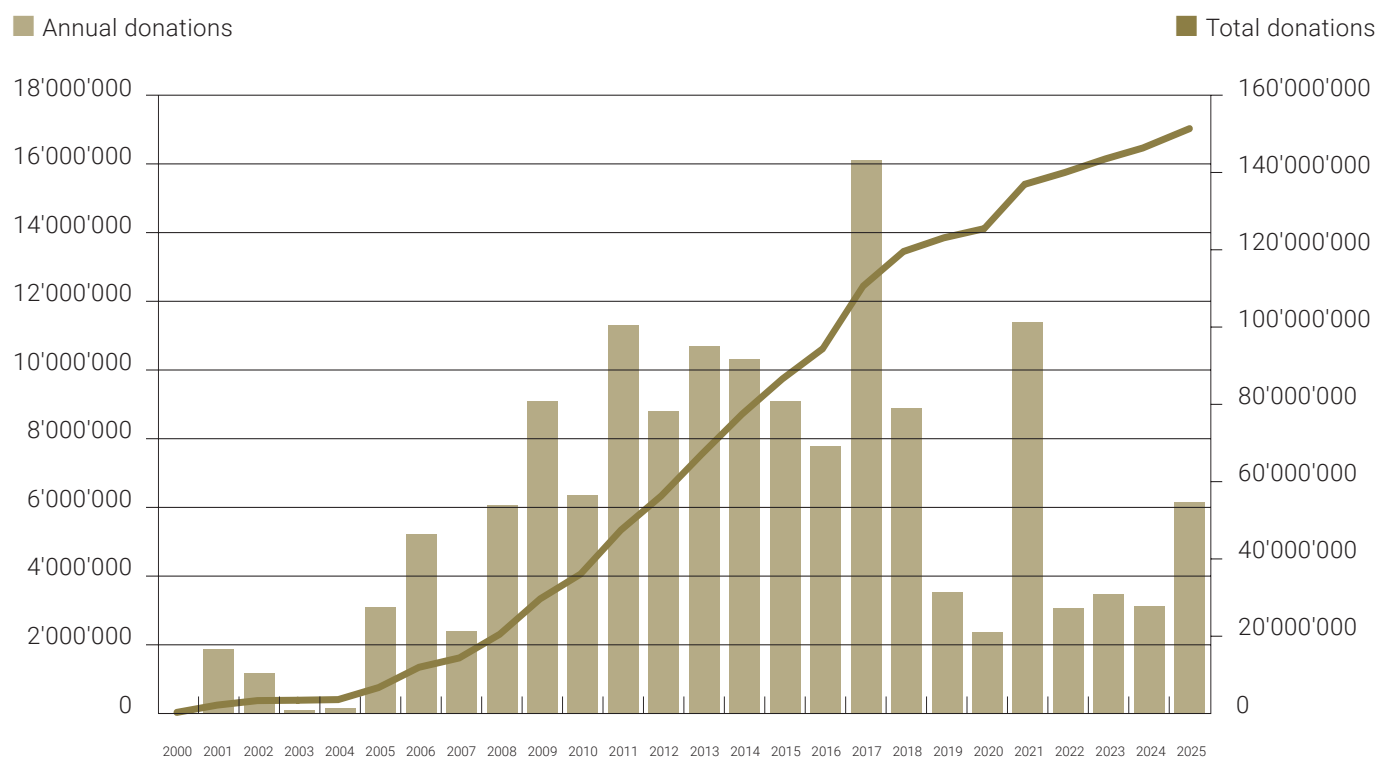
Location of recipients



Number of projects



Donations since establishment



Selection

Last year, together with our donors, we were able to support 187 charitable projects. The total volume of donations, amounting to CHF 6.12 million, was significantly higher than in previous years. Below, we present a selection of our beneficiaries.



Free donaton

Rickenbach Dementia Centre Foundation

Donation: CHF 30'000.–

The Rickenbach Dementia Centre is a place where young people affected by dementia can live as a community and receive individual treatment during the different stages of their illness. The services, needs-oriented infrastructure and professional care and support available provide a stable basis for the living situation of young people with dementia and their environment.

When residents and guests live together, the illness fades into the background. The spotlight is on joie de vivre, appreciation and normality. The flexible and open-ended services enable the needs of young patients to be addressed holistically and nurture their existing abilities and potential.

The facility in the former Rickenbach monastery encompasses residential groups as well as day and holiday structures.

dz-rickenbach.ch



Free donation

Children's Relief Bethlehem

Donation: CHF 102'000.–

The Children's Relief Bethlehem association was founded in 1963 and its chief project is running the Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem (Palestinian Territories). This is the only hospital in the West Bank specialising in paediatrics. To the extent allowed by its financial means, the association also supports mothers and children in Bethlehem and the surrounding region and provides emergency assistance.

The hospital treats sick babies, children and young people up to the age of 18. It supports low-income families and mothers with hospitalised children in particular. Socially disadvantaged families that do not have sufficient access to medical care are thus given the opportunity to have their children treated professionally and to high medical standards.

Autumn 2024 saw construction begin on a day surgery, where outpatient surgical operations will be performed in a child-friendly environment. Construction is progressing in spite of the difficult situation. Increased roadblocks, logistical restrictions and rising costs are making it more difficult to carry out the work and remain within budget. We are nonetheless confident that the day surgery at the Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem will open its doors in autumn 2026.

kinderhilfe-bethlehem.ch



Project in Niger, Diffa

SOS Children's Village Switzerland

Donation: CHF 50'000.–

Niger is heavily affected by climate change: droughts and floods are plaguing the country and its population. Harvests are declining, and violent gangs from neighbouring countries are forcing families to flee. Children in particular are suffering from this situation. Literacy is low at 19%, and child labour is very high at 41%.

The project supported in Diffa strengthens families so that children can grow up healthy. Protecting and supporting children is a fundamental part of that. Parents learn to bring up their children in a respectful and loving way and children are actively involved in family life. In addition, child protection systems are being promoted in neighbourhoods, where they advocate for the rights of children and young people.

Children who have left school are given bridging classes to give them the opportunity to return to education. Young people from the age of 13 who were unable to attend school are given the option of attending vocational school or completing a practically-oriented short training programme in a training organisation.

Adults – particularly girls and women – also receive training in how to boost their income. They learn how to manage micro-companies efficiently and grant each other loans within the group. This allows them to live strong, independent lives.



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Free donation

Luzerner Sinfonieorchester Foundation

Donation: CHF 10'000.–

This foundation supports the long-term development and quality of the Luzerner Sinfonieorchester.

The Luzerner Sinfonieorchester is one of the most renowned professional orchestras in Switzerland today, with international reach. As the residential orchestra at the Lucerne Culture and Convention Centre, it regularly performs in the concert hall and offers a wide range of concert formats to a broad audience. It also serves as the opera orchestra in the Lucerne Theatre and hosts Switzerland's leading piano festival, Le Piano Symphonique.

One of its core concerns is nurturing the next generation – on stage, in the audience and in terms of musical training. With programmes

for young musicians, offers for children, young people, families and schools and its own orchestra academy, the Luzerner Sinfonieorchester provides a range of ways to experience classical music.

School classes at every grade and their teachers are invited to discover the world of the orchestra during rehearsal visits, concerts and workshops. Family workshops are a fun way to discover music, sounds and instruments.

The orchestra's 'musicmobile' also brings music to people outside the concert hall, strengthening cultural involvement over and above institutional structures.

sinfonieorchester.ch



Free donation

Help for the Elderly in Need Foundation

Donation: CHF 10'000.–

This foundation is often approached to help out with simple things: covering the cost of travelling to a specialist doctor, a warm coat or help with convalescence following an operation.

The foundation also supports mobility, moving into cheaper accommodation or remaining independent, in order to promote quality of life and allow people to be self-determined as they grow older.

Hidden hardship has many faces, particularly among the elderly. Losing one's life partner, loneliness, a succession of unfortunate events, or health concerns can trigger significant financial problems. Essential expenditure becomes impossible and an onerous crisis situation arises.

The Help for the Elderly in Need Foundation supports elderly people in genuine emergencies, quickly, unbureaucratically and directly via one-off financial contributions, and gives the people affected new hope so that they can preserve their self-esteem and dignity.



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Clown and preschool project

Children's Hospital Zurich – The Eleonore Foundation

Donation: CHF 180'000.–

The private Eleonoren Foundation is the legal entity responsible for the University Children's Hospital Zurich and has realized the construction of the new children's hospital. The opening of this once-in-a-century project took place in November 2024.

The foundation also sees itself as a promoter and conducts fundraising for the services offered by the children's hospital. The donation from the Rütli Foundation was used for the hospital clown project as well as for the preschool project.

The hospital clowns ChaChaCha, Dada, Giga, Knopf, and Lumi are present at the children's hospital from morning to evening. They support sick children throughout the entire course of treatment, distract them during painful proce-

dures, give them and their families courage, and are also there whenever a child spontaneously asks for them. A clown is also present once a week at the Children's Rehab Switzerland in Affoltern am Albis.

Many patients have a long hospital history that often begins before they start school. For this reason, children are supported pedagogically from preschool age (from around 3–4 years), as their illness and frequent hospitalizations often affect their development. The kindergarten teacher creates an environment that encourages discovery and learning, enabling children to experience new things every day and independently form social connections. This helps prepare them as well as possible for their start in compulsory schooling.



New animal shelter building

Paradiesli Animal Shelter

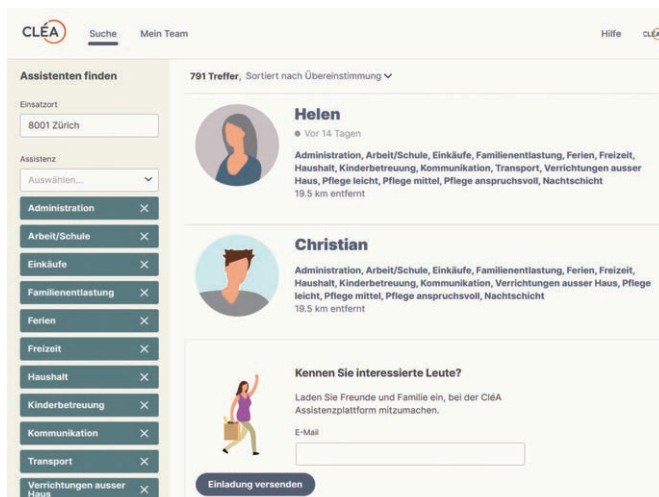
Donation: CHF 25'000.–

The Ob- and Nidwalden animal shelter has been in operation for over 26 years and takes in around 200 animals a year on average, meaning that it has helped over 5,000 animals since it was founded. Its patients are dogs, cats and small animals that need care and medical treatment and are then adopted by animal lovers.

The current animal shelter was previously a stable and is in critical condition; the infrastructure is outdated and needs to be rebuilt. The previous

animal shelter will be closed in April 2026 and a provisional arrangement has been found to allow its activities to continue. This means that animals can still be adopted during this time.

The new building will meet current animal welfare standards and will be a modern refuge for animals in need for decades to come. There will also be a dedicated area for consultations for owners of small animals.



Further development of the assistance platform

CléA digital gemeinnützige GmbH

Donation: CHF 30'000.–

CléA digital gemeinnützige GmbH runs and develops an assistance platform for people with special needs. It helps these people make their daily lives easier and more manageable. The platform combines core tasks like asking for assistance, planning, documentation and billing in a single digital system.

The CléA jobs platform already allows people to search for suitable auxiliary personnel. Its intelligent matching system connects people who need support with the appropriate support staff. This feature is now being expanded by three additional modules: CléA Scheduling, CléA Time Logging and CléA Billing.

These facilities will allow people with special needs to reduce their administrative workload considerably and organise their affairs easily via the CléA website. This makes them more independent. Currently, organising an assistance team, carrying out payroll accounting or filling out forms for social assistance is often very complex and intensive. Many of the people concerned are referred to expensive services as a result.

The CléA assistance platform is an important step towards greater independence and quality of life. It is being updated on an ongoing basis and is to be completed by 2028.

clea.app



Musical therapy in paediatric oncology

University Hospital of Bern

Donation: CHF 20'000.–

Children and young people are treated using music therapy at the University Hospital of Bern. This form of support is extremely valuable, particularly in cancer cases, which are accompanied by a range of emotional burdens and challenges.

Even if the young people concerned have no prior musical knowledge, it provides them with precious emotional support during treatment and when working through their illness. It gives them a non-verbal way to express themselves and serves as an emotional release valve, especial-

ly when mastering heavy feelings such as fear, sadness and anger. The music can take any form, from free, chaotic sounds to synchronised chords and elaborate melodies. It provides a break from the daily hospital routine and helps patients process the course of their illness mentally.

Music therapy also promotes communication and social interaction with siblings and parents. It allows patients to dive briefly into another world and experience moments of happiness and lightheartedness.



Free donation

Don Bosco Youth Welfare Worldwide

Donation: CHF 20'000.–

Don Bosco Youth Welfare Worldwide is dedicated to giving children, young people and young adults around the world perspectives that will pave their way to a self-determined life. The focus is particularly on young people affected by poverty, social marginalisation or difficult living conditions.

Its holistic training programmes, vocational qualifications and social support with education give these people the opportunity to discover their capabilities and take an active part in

shaping their own future. They receive support, orientation and a sense of community from schools, training centres, youth centres and social facilities.

The work of Don Bosco is devoted to the goal of boosting young people's personal development and guiding them on the path to an independent, conscientious life. This is tailored by the individual needs, potential and opportunities of each individual.

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