



**THEODORA  
FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2023**

**SHORT  
VERSION**



**EDITORIAL**

**Dear donors, partners and friends,**

In 2023, we celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our 2 millionth visit to a child. It is so touching to see how the funny, soothing and poetic visits of our artists gradually become engraved in the collective memory of the Young and Old.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude. Without you, our ground-breaking project of 1993 would not have become a reality today. Every person supporting the Foundation and its mission makes a significant contribution to helping children and families going through difficult times, by bringing them moments of comfort. In 2023, our Gigggle Doctors made close to **115,900 individual visits** to children in hospitals and specialist care centres throughout Switzerland, thanks to your support.

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**2023 KEY FIGURES**



**Hospital  
94,035  
visits**



**Specialist care centres  
21,845  
visits**



**59 institutions  
throughout  
Switzerland**



**6 programmes**



**21,070  
hours visiting children**



**PROGRAMMES**

*Since its beginnings in 1993, the Theodora Foundation has been pursuing its mission to bring laughter and joy to children in hospitals and specialist care centres.*

**IN HOSPITALS**

**Gigggle Doctors**

Every week, the Gigggle Doctors visit children's bedsides to improve their hospital stay. In 2023, our Gigggle Doctors made approximately **12,425 hours of visits** in 33 Swiss hospitals.

**68,345  
VISITS  
TO CHILDREN**

**Operation Dreams**

This programme is designed to support young patients during surgery. Through their reassuring presence, both before and after the operation, the Gigggle Doctors help transform the procedure into a magical journey, helping children and their families to relax. In 9 hospitals, the artists completed more than **3,640 hours of visits** as part of the «Operation Dreams» programme.

**20,030  
VISITS  
TO CHILDREN**

*«At the Lucerne Children's Hospital, Dr Fridolin accompanied our son to the surgery room. He made this moment easier for us thanks to his calm and sensitive approach. Many thanks to him!»*  
**Sonja Larcher, mother**

**Emergency Giggles**

In 2023, the Theodora Foundation launched its 6<sup>th</sup> programme, so that it is now in 5 hospitals: «Emergency Giggles». For several evenings a week, the Gigggle Doctors visit the paediatric emergency units. They interact with people in waiting rooms and treatment areas in order to reduce the perception of waiting time, ease family anxiety and provide valuable support to hospital staff. Last year, the Gigggle Doctors made close to **1,030 hours of visits** in these hospitals.

**5,660  
VISITS  
TO CHILDREN**



**THANK YOU!**

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In 2023, we were able to bring a smile to countless children and families. This was only possible thanks to the incredible support of hospitals and specialist care centres as well as our many donors, partners, sponsors and volunteers. **We would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.**

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**IN SPECIALIST CARE CENTRES**

**Mr and Ms Dream**

Theodora Foundation's artists regularly visit specialist care centres for children with disabilities. As «Mr and Ms Dream», they give children **3,440 hours** of laughter and pleasure across our 26 specialist care centres in 2023.

**18,920**  
VISITS TO CHILDREN

*«Children are always delighted to see «Mr and Ms Dream». The artists immediately captivate the children. During the visit, the children laugh a lot. In the company of the artists, they get to try out new things and see themselves in a whole new light.»*

**Nadia Alessio**, assistant director and curative pedagogue at the school and support centre

**Little Orchestra for the Senses**

This orchestra, comprising a trio of artists, is a musical and interactive show that was created specifically for children with disabilities. In 2023, this poetic, humorous spectacle was performed for **410 hours**.

**2,255**  
VISITS TO CHILDREN



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**SPECIAL PROGRAMME**

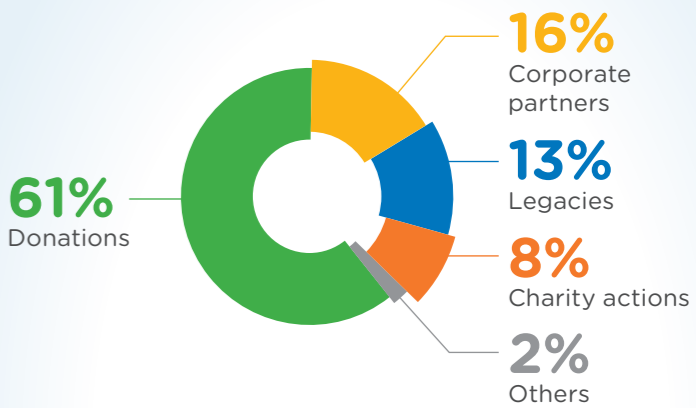
**The Lil' Champs**

Theodora Foundation's artists also visit children and young people with obesity, who participate in organised group activities. Last year, they participated in more than **120 hours of activities** and integrated themselves as humorous and motivating participants.

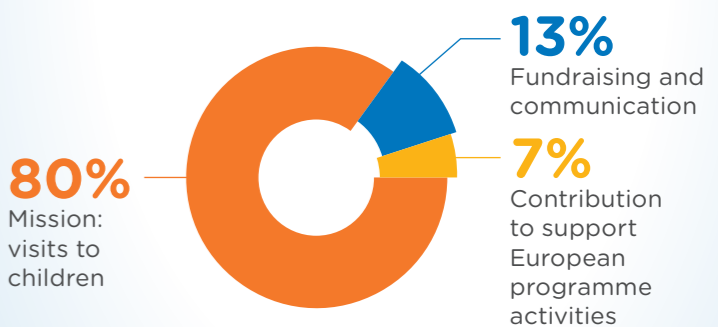
**670**  
VISITS TO CHILDREN

**FINANCES**

**Source of funds**



**Use of donations**



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