









# LA MAISON
## TERRE DES HOMMES VALAIS

## Our mission: to welcome sick children

La Maison, run by the Terre des hommes Valais Foundation, welcomes seriously ill children from Africa who are transferred to Switzerland to receive vital care that they cannot receive in their own country. Once cured, they return home. Every year, 180 to 200 children in need of treatment that cannot be provided at home come to La Maison de Terre des hommes Valais. Sick and fragile when they arrive, cured and in good shape when they return home.

This institution, unique in the medical landscape, is part of a very complex program. Numerous partners are involved in Switzerland and throughout the world to enable these children to be operated on, but also to reinforce prevention, training and development in many African countries. La Maison occupies an important place at the heart of this network, in direct and permanent link with the organizations that transfer children as well as the university hospitals of Geneva (HUG) and Lausanne (CHUV) that operate on them.

## Hope in everyday life
## Contributing to a more just world

La Maison de Terre des hommes Valais is a reassuring nest for children, created and designed to welcome and care for them in optimal conditions, with a permanent concern for safety. At La Maison, we live hope every day and, above all, we strive to transform it into action. The health of each child is a source of permanent attention. The nursing and educational staff also monitor their behaviour, attitude and development. Many of our staff members are fluent in Arabic and some of the children's other native languages.

To structure their stay, various activities are offered: kindergarten for the toddlers, pre-school workshop and school for the older children, crafts and other creative activities, without forgetting the time reserved for playing, walking and resting.

## An exceptional mobilization around our mission

La Maison de Terre des hommes Valais could not exist without its generous donors, nor without the hundreds of people who volunteer for the smooth running of its activities. Volunteer drivers travel 150,000 km per year on the roads of the Lake Geneva region, godmothers and godfathers, who ensure visits to the hospital, and volunteers at our events are all essential links in our chain of solidarity.

## Every donation counts
## Your support saves lives

Your donations do more than just fund a welcoming place: they give children a future. La Maison receives no public subsidy, so it faces constant financial pressure. Its budget (CHF 4.2 million per year) relies solely on donations.

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