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# 356 DAYS - A WHOLE YEAR FOR YOUR ACTIONS

- ▶ „365 days - an entire year for your activities“. That was the motto of WOW-Day 2019, where young people worked together in 114 Waldorf institutions in 22 countries. Through their extraordinary commitment a total of 250,898.26 euros in donations were raised.
- ▶ A special highlight in the centenary year was the Waldorf100 relay race, which took place in cooperation with WOW-Day. More than 4,000 students took part in the event. A total of 25,084.12 euros were raised through this sporting event.
- ▶ The first-time participation of schools in Estonia, Georgia, Mexico and Denmark was especially encouraging, but also the growing participation of educational institutions in Canada, the Czech Republic and Hungary.



250.898,26 Euro were 2019 collected.



A total of 45 Waldorf- and Social initiatives...



...in 25 contries were supported.



In Germany registered students from all over 70 Waldorf Schools.



Worldwide more than 114 Waldorf Schools from 22 countries.

\* Stand 07.07.2020

As I write these lines, the global situation has changed significantly compared to last year. Due to the coronavirus many things have turned out differently, but what remains is the courage to stick together and be there for one another, especially in challenging times.

Therefore I would like to invite you to celebrate WOW-Day in 2020 at your school or with your class. Maybe in a different way than usual. But I am convinced that together we will develop many creative ideas to bring the community to life.

▶ You can find more information on page 12.

With great diligence the students worked for companies, gave fundraising concerts or fought for every kilometer in the fundraising marathon.

We were able to support about 45 institutions with the proceeds from your campaigns.

▶ Some of the wonderful campaigns of 2019 are presented on page 4.

▶ Starting on page 8 you can read how and where exactly your commitment is having a positive effect.



## HAVE FUN READING



Looking back on WOW-Year 2019

# WOW-Day for an Entire Year

2019 was WOW-Year. All over the world, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Waldorf Education together. On this occasion it was possible to organize a WOW-Day in 2019 throughout the year. There was no regular campaign period from 29 September to 29 November. So far we have registered 91 institutions in 19 countries that participated with colorful activities. And we are still getting informed of further events, so we will present the final tally in our autumn issue. In this issue we report on selected campaigns from WOW-Year. We were particularly pleased about the cooperation with the W100 relay race, where an additional 25,084.12 euros were raised.



## ESTLAND

### PÄRNU WALDORFKOOL AND PAULIINE WALDORF KINDERGARTEN

The Pärnu Waldorf School is one of ten Waldorf Schools in Estonia. In 2019 the school community took part in WOW-Day for the first time. The school community organized an Advent market together with the kindergarten.

"In November, we had several preparatory workshops at school for parents and children, where we made many handicraft products: furniture for puppies, paper lanterns, woolly angels," recounts Waldorf100 coordinator Monika Lelle-Haav. The cafeteria also sold cakes, soups, tea, coffee, sweet and savory food - all made by parents and grandparents. The raffle, in which the main prize was a wooden dwarf house, was particularly well received.

"Our school is still very small," explains Lelle-Haav, "we started teaching in 2013. At the moment we only have seven classes, but we are growing by one more every year. In the Waldorf Kindergarten Pauliine there are 30 children." There are not enough musical instruments, sewing machines and wooden tools for all of the classes. At the Advent market, the community raised money for its own needs. At the same time it was an important concern to think of others. With their activities they supported the work of Waldorf educational institutions worldwide.

## SLOVAKIA

### SÚKROMÁ ZÁKLADNÁ ŠKOLA WALDORFSKÁ

For three years now the Waldorf School in the north of Bratislava has been taking part in WOW-Day. In previous years the school community donated the proceeds from the buffet for the sixth grade to Waldorf institutions around the world. In 2019 the school community organized a workshop on the market where children could try out various artistic and craft activities.



"For years I had wanted to take part in the Waldorf One World Day campaign of the Friends of Waldorf Education," recounts Slavomír Lichvár, class teacher at the Bratislava Waldorf School. "Since Nana Göbel repeatedly stressed that no contribution is too small, we began our involvement in 2017."

In 2019, the school participated in the local market's campaign and looked after several waste-recycling points. Inspired by the W100 motto "Act locally, affect globally", the seventh grade took responsibility for six waste-sorting points. In addition, the seventh grade students also performed a puppet show. A creative workshop with wood rounded off the colorful program. Here, visitors could test their strength and, with the help of a small handsaw, cut a piece of wood from a large block, which was then smoothed and painted as a honeycomb.

"In addition, there were many nice discussions around the market", says Slavomír Lichvár, "we are happy to be part of the worldwide event and hope that this impulse will grow even bigger in the coming years"

## GERMANY

### COOPERATION WALDORF100 RELAY RACE

Over 160 schools took part in the nationwide relay race of the Independent Waldorf Schools. The aim was to enable German schools to network and to collect donations for school meals in impoverished regions of the world. The relay race was one of many projects to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Waldorf Schools in cooperation with the WOW-Year.

„Der Staffellauf war ein voller Erfolg. Mehr als "The relay race was a complete success. More than 4,000 students from kindergarten to high school seniors took part," said Rafaela Elsler, project coordinator of the race. The run followed four routes through the Federal Republic of Germany for 15 months. In the process, over 8,000 kilometers were covered. Adding up all the participants, this gives a distance of 75,000 kilometers. The relay batons were brought to the individual stage finishes on foot, by bicycle or over water.

In the course of the relay race, 25,084.12 Euros in donations were collected, which help numerous schools to provide their students with a healthy school meal. "We would like to thank all the schools that took part in the campaign," emphasizes Jana-Nita Raker, WOW-Day coordinator at the Friends of Waldorf Education of Rudolf Steiner. "Thanks to the donations, we enable a large number of schools to buy fresh food. A warm meal benefits above all the children who are not sufficiently provided for at home".

The Association of Independent Waldorf Schools and the Friends of Waldorf Education invite you to continue your sporting commitment in 2020 and to organize sponsored runs for school meals throughout Germany.

You can find more information about the sponsored run at: [www.waldorf-one-world.org](http://www.waldorf-one-world.org)

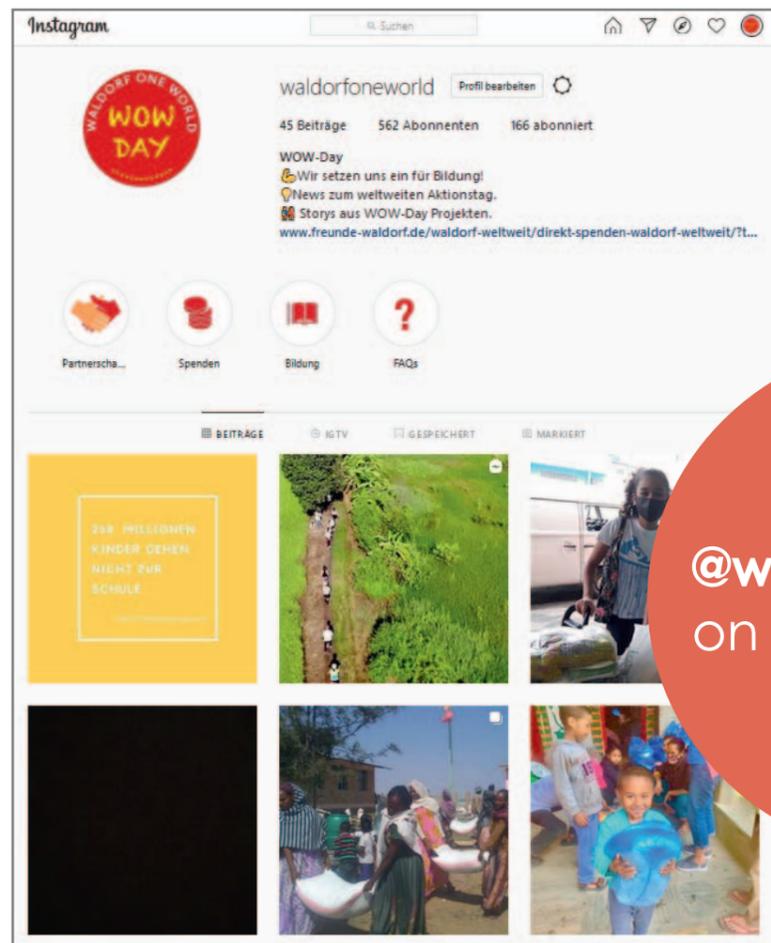


## WOW-DAY 2020

„Your day, your activity!“ is the motto of the 2020 campaign. The next WOW-Day will take place between 29 September and 29 November 2020. We warmly invite all students, teachers, and parents to organize a WOW-Day and be a part of this global campaign.

For more information please go to: [www.waldorf-one-world.org](http://www.waldorf-one-world.org)  
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# NEWS, NEWS, NEWS WOW-DAY



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## ▶ ACT TOGETHER FESTIVAL

On the 1st & 2nd of May the Act Together Festival was held instead of the 30th Federal Students' Conference. The festival was filled with contributions from musicians and artists and with live reports from Waldorf institutions worldwide. The festival was organized together with the Waldorf students' council.

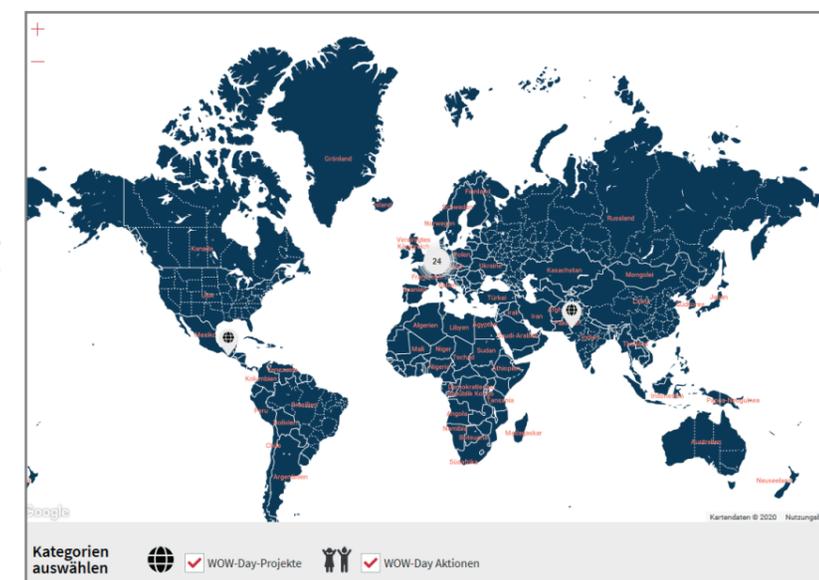
As a joint project we aimed for:

1. Drawing attention to the challenges which Waldorf institutions are facing worldwide.
2. Having fun together and „compensating“ for the missing sense of togetherness.
3. Giving solidarity, confidence and courage.
4. Acting and developing new ideas together
5. What does the virus want to tell us? Is it time to change habits?
6. Stay awake - how can we see the crisis as an opportunity and not fall into paralysis?

At this point we would like to thank all the people without whom the festival would not have been possible. It was a great pleasure for us to get the festival going with you as musicians, artists, speakers and organizers. Many thanks!

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WOW-DAY  
WORLD MAP?

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# NEWS, NEWS, NEWS WOW-DAY

## 12 month - 12 fairytales: a campaign by the Friends of Waldorf Education

The Friends of Waldorf Education invite you to travel around the world with twelve stories, taking readers on a colorful journey of stories, fables, and legends from all over the globe.

Following our WOW-Day cookbook, the Friends of Waldorf Education will this year publish a fairy tale from a Waldorf institution worldwide every month on their website and in their newsletter. The journey begins in Brazil and leads via Colombia, Argentina, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa to Georgia, Russia, Moldova and ends in Ukraine.

The fairy tales are illustrated with drawings, blackboard drawings or photographs and are accompanied by a brief description of the institution from which they come. They all need continuous support to allow children from poorer backgrounds an upbringing based on Waldorf education.



### ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE

Whether you want to read the fairy tales directly on our website or download them as a handy PDF, they are available online at [waldorf-one-world.org/maerchen](http://waldorf-one-world.org/maerchen). The Friends' campaign runs from January to December 2020 and is aimed primarily at teachers with the warm invitation to use it for classes in grade school or kindergarten. But also parents and friends can easily print it out at home and thus build a bridge to the world.

To find the fairy tale collection  
please go to:

[www.waldorfoneworld.org/fairytales](http://www.waldorfoneworld.org/fairytales)

The idea of a fairy tale collection was born during the Waldorf-One-World-Day, WOW-Day for short. The worldwide student campaign takes place annually and is coordinated by the Friends of Waldorf Education.

On this day, children and young people directly and actively work towards making the world a better place. For this purpose, they organize a large number of extraordinary fundraising events that connect people on all continents.

All Waldorf Schools, curative education and social therapy institutions and Waldorf Kindergartens worldwide are invited to take part in this campaign. The proceeds of the campaigns provide children with school time, a sheltering community or a warm meal.



DO YOU KNOW OUR  
WOW-DAY COOK BOOK?

GO TO RECIPIES



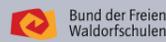
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# YOUR DAY YOUR ACTIVITY

LET'S CREATE A FUTURE  
FOR EVERYONE!

29 SEPT – 29 NOV 2020

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A campaign of the Friends of Waldorf Education in cooperation with the European Council for Steiner-Waldorf Education, the Bund der Freien Waldorfschulen and the Bundesschülerrat der Freien Waldorfschulen in Germany.

## INVITATION TO WOW-DAY 2020

# SET A DATE NOW!

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### WOW-DAY

#### Waldorf-One-World

Worldwide solidarity with Waldorf institutions – that is the idea behind Waldorf-One-World, WOW-Day for short. For one day, dedicated people collect donations in many different ways and give the money to Waldorf institutions in need. The proceeds of these activities will be used to provide children with school education, a protective community, or a warm meal.

#### What we have achieved so far

For over twenty five years now, WOW-Day has been connecting people from all over the world. Students from 40 countries have wholeheartedly committed themselves to an education that opens up new perspectives. With their campaigns, they have already provided essential support for over 187 Waldorf and social initiatives.

#### How it works

WOW-Day comes to life through your campaigns. Whether student, teacher or parent, together you can plan your WOW-Day: For example, you can organize an open stage, inviting the audience to spontaneously show off their talents, be a waffle maker and enchant with your sweet delicacies, or dig up old treasures for a flea market. Whether big or small - any kind of campaign is possible!

#### Choose your day!

The time frame for your WOW-Day is from September 29th to November 29th 2020. Within this period, you with your school chooses the day that best fits its campaign.

#### Register

Let us know if you're planning a WOW-Day. This is the only way we can make your commitment visible. Participation is open to people at Waldorf schools, curative and social therapeutic institutions or Waldorf kindergartens. Please fill out our online registration form.

#### Get started!

Please go to [www.waldorf-one-world.org](http://www.waldorf-one-world.org). You will find numerous ideas for your campaign, information concerning WOW-Day projects, as well as standard employment contracts and forms for a sponsored run.

#### Schools are asked to transfer the donation to:

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Reference: WOW + name & location of your school

#### Contact

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### IDEAS FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN

**YOUR CAMPAIGNS MAKE WOW-DAY WHAT IT IS.  
WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT SOME IDEAS TO YOU HERE.**



#### Classics

Working for an entire day can be an interesting experience. How about helping out your neighbor or working for a company? You may need to perform some calculations in your head while working as a salesperson: From homemade treats to handcrafted jewelry – a market stand offers many possibilities. A sponsored run demands endurance and stamina. You need a suitable running track, sponsors to support you, and off you go!



#### Popular

Making music as a street artist, performing a skit or a circus show – you can discover your hidden talents working for WOW-Day. How about organizing a performance off the premises of your school, for example at a retirement home? Or, you can work outdoors as a farm hand, picking apples or harvesting potatoes. You can do good twice around with a sponsored litter collection.



#### Extraordinary

Take turns on a 24-hour home trainer cycling race – what an idea! As a team, you are not only stronger, but you will also have lots of fun. You can organize a festive and glamorous gala night, for example, when your school is celebrating a jubilee. Art lovers can organize a school auction where you can auction off your artwork or your class 12 project.

### WHERE SUPPORT IS NEEDED

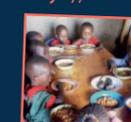
**WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU SOME PROJECTS  
IN NEED OF YOUR SUPPORT.**

#### Argentina // Kindergarten Namandu



The legal situation of the Mbya Guarani in South America is very difficult. The indigenous population lives in the border triangle of Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil. They live in so-called comunidades, far away from the major highways, where the rainforest is disappearing more and more and there are fewer and fewer areas where their huts are tolerated. For three years, there has been a small Waldorf kindergarten in Namandu, which appreciates the culture of the Mbya Guarani and gives the little ones a safe place to grow up. The two nursery school teachers need support in order to be able to complete an education at the Waldorf Seminar, so that they can structure the education of the children as creatively as possible. In addition, they have to purchase supplies such as candles, paper, wax crayons, soap for washing hands and watercolors.

#### Kenya // Humane School



Humane School is a very special school. The Waldorf School in the eastern highlands of Kenya, in Kitale, offers children in this rural area access to good education. Most children attending Humane School come from families who can barely afford to provide their children with regular nutritious meals. Many of them were only able to attend part of the classes because they used to have to go home for lunch and then with their parents to work on the tea plantation. Now that the school offers a lunch, many children can attend classes full-time. The children are also healthier, livelier and more concentrated at school. The school community wishes from the bottom of their hearts that the school could continue to offer lunches.



#### WOW-Day Fund for Projects in Need

You want to leave the purpose of your donation open? Awesome! With the WOW-Day fund for projects in need we provide help where it is urgently needed. If there is a specific Waldorf School you already have a connection to (e.g., your partner school), please mention it during the registration process.

For more projects please visit our website [www.waldorf-one-world.org](http://www.waldorf-one-world.org)

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## DO YOU KNOW OUR COLLECTION OF IDEAS

GO TO COLLECTION



# THIS IS WHERE YOUR DONATION HAS A POSITIVE EFFECT

On the following pages you will find letters from the institutions that we were able to support thanks to your donations.

>> The idea is: one institution is presented per page. As a WOW-Day coordinator you can easily print out individual pages for your school/class and present them to the classes.

>> Important! Please remember to send the document to the school newspaper with the request to print the letter and the summary. Only in this way can the whole school community participate in the success and commitment of the students.

## ▶ WOW-DAY FUND

▶ Your unmarked donations go into the **WOW-Day Fund**, which means that you left open where your donation will be used.

▶ The WOW-Day Fund makes it possible to support projects that need urgent help as well as those that are unable to make some purchase on their own.

▶ **EARMARKED DONATIONS**  
starting on page 19





Argentina

# KYRINGUE 'I ATY ÑEOVANGA

Dear hard-working students!

Thank you very much for the great work you have done! Thanks to you, Mirian and Diego will still be able to work at the kindergarten next year. They enjoy singing, painting, doing handicrafts and dancing with the children and are proud of their work.



„Thanks to you, Mirian and Diego will still be able to work at the kindergarten next year.“



The children from Ñamandu love their kindergarten. Our former kindergarten children, who now attend the first and second grade, are a bit jealous of their little siblings who come to the kindergarten every day. That is why they are now allowed to join in the singing and round dance every morning and also to sing after dinner. As they are older they are already very good at singing the many old Indian songs and support the kindergarten choir with their strong voices. After each song the children take each other by the hands and shout in unison „Aguyjevete!“ for the gods.



## Ñamandu

The Waldorf Kindergarten Kyringue'í Aty Ñeovanga is located in a school in the indigenous community of Ñamandu. The children there live in palm-covered huts in the middle of the jungle of northeast Argentina. Their parents are all illiterate and battle with poverty and the malnutrition of their children. Since 2016, there has been a Waldorf Kindergarten in Ñamandu, which was originally founded by two volunteers. It is now run by two parents – Mirian Ayala and Diego Escobar - and there are already two groups in other villages.



The financial support we receive is intended for our project „Getting Talents Started - Multigenerational“

Brazil

# ACOMI

Dear students,  
Your commitment is great, admirable and worthy of imitation! Congratulations for this great success, from which we in ACOMI, and all who are supported by us, can also profit. Our joy here is indescribably great.

The financial support we receive is intended for our project „Getting Talents Started - Multigenerational“. This project includes many activities for young and old. We offer art and music lessons, judo, embroidery, knitting, dancing, meditation, language lessons and much more. And thanks to your support we can offer these activities in the following year, too. Great!!

We greet you very warmly with a big hug, and if you want to know more, please write to us. We look forward to every message!

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## São Paulo

ACOMI (Associação Comunitária Micael) is located in the Jardim Boa Vista, a district on the outskirts of São Paulo, Brazil's largest city. Founded in 2000, ACOMI has been, even before its formal foundation, taking care of children and young people who live and work in the neighborhood with their families, and more recently also of adults, especially the elderly. There are no other institutions that could support the cultural or social interests of the residents. This is where ACOMI would like to help to fight poverty in all its manifestations.



„With your support we were able to finance the projects that we offer in the Aramitan Association like sports, theatre and English lessons.“

Brazil

# ARAMITAN

Dear students,  
Thank you for your donation through WOW-Day 2019. Thank you for being part of social change and contributing to a better world. Muito obrigado! With your support we were able to finance the projects we offer in the Aramitan Association.

In 2019 we have cared for about 150 people, children, teenagers and adults in the following projects: in the group „Growing Together“ (Waldorf educational activities during school time for children from six to twelve years); a theater project; sports; English lessons; Capoeira, art, study groups and seasonal festivals. While the parents go to work to provide for the family, there are many children who wander the streets alone or roam the railway tracks. If this is not the case, they are often robbed of their childhood by having to do the household chores. Drug addiction and alcoholism among young people in Embu-Guaçu is on average higher than in the neighboring communities and dealing with this situation is a challenge for us.

The afternoon activities in Aramitan are a safe place for the children where they feel protected and well looked after, where they can play freely and learn activities like handicrafts, theater and gardening that they do not have at school. Thank you for your contribution to a better world!



## São Paulo

Aramitan wants to offer a path of development for the individual and thus for society by promoting love for fellow human beings and offering opportunities in the fields of education, culture, exchange and environmental issues. The project is concerned with the unfolding of the material, social and spiritual development by encouraging all participants to act consciously with freedom and in love. Thus, Aramitan creates a network of trust and hope for the future. With the participation of people from all over the world, Aramitan promotes a different kind of globalization - the globalization of fraternity, commitment and responsibility. Aramitan's goal is to contribute to making the motto „another world is possible“ a reality.



„With your donation we will also be able to buy materials like wool, felt, wax crayons, paper for drawing and writing, needles, utensils for working with wood and clay.“



Brazil

## CREAR

Dear students, dear teachers, I would like to express our warmest thanks for the WOW-Day donation. We were very happy and the money reached us at the „right“ moment.

At the beginning of the year, in a huge renovation involving all employees and many volunteers, we were able to tackle a further phase of our construction work on the old building. In addition to the installation of room ceilings, new sinks, the laying of floor tiles and the interior painting of all classrooms including the kindergarten rooms, two outdoor toilets could be built and our schoolyard could be covered with lawn. Both the old building and the kindergarten building were also painted on the outside. All this could only be done because we received financial support to buy the materials, and thanks to all those involved we did not have to hire expensive professionals.

Fortunately, the materials were not bought until after our return from vacation, because sadly, on the first day of work, doors and windows of our facility

were broken open and many objects were stolen. It was a very hard blow for us. Thanks to some parents who joined forces and asked for material donations for us, the stolen food and cleaning materials could be replaced quickly and ensured the start of the new school year. Some of the stolen valuables such as drills, telephones, kitchen machines, washing machines, and guitars have already been replaced; in other cases we will be able to acquire replacements in small steps.

With your donation we will also be able to buy materials like wool, felt, wax crayons, paper for drawing and writing, needles, utensils for working with wood and clay.

On behalf of the children, parents and educators, I would like to express once again our most heartfelt thanks. Yours sincerely, Peggy



### Capão Bonito

The CREAR is located on the outskirts of „Vila Aparecida“, one of the largest and poorest districts of Capão Bonito in Brazil. CREAR was founded in 1994 with the desire to help the population and especially the children and young people. In the meantime a multitude of offers has been created: daily all-day care for small children and pre-school children, as well as extensive adult work (manual work groups, gardening, lectures, home visits, social welfare)



„Your donation will preferably be used to cover the monthly school costs.“



Brazil

## ESCOLA ANAEL

Dear WOW-Day friends,  
We are very happy to receive a donation from the WOW-Day Fund 2019! Many thanks from our whole school community to all who have supported us and many other projects in need!

About 10 percent of the monthly costs can be covered by our parents themselves, the rest must be financed by donations. The current donations, which come from German friends who have taken over a sponsorship with a monthly amount, are unfortunately not sufficient to cover the entire operating costs. Therefore we are always looking for new financial possibilities and we are especially grateful when young people like you support us!

Your donation will preferably be used to cover the monthly school costs, but we are currently setting up a horticultural project in which all interested families can participate and in which fruit and vegetables for our school meals will also be grown. With your donation we can now also invest in the urgently needed sun protection of the flowerbeds!

We are very happy that this work is possible! And in fact it is only possible because you also support us!

Kind regards  
Doris Knipping and Ekkehard Sommer



### Várzea da Roça

Seemingly at the „end of the world“ there is Várzea da Roça, a small city of approximately 15.000 inhabitants in the middle of the dry hinterland of Bahia. This area was a recruitment area for the slave trade in the 19th century and is now a place from which many people only want to leave because there is no work. However, the people then end up in the favelas of the big cities and have no prospects there either. The question of a resident of Várzea da Roça was the reason for Doris and Wolfgang Knipping to visit this place. The need was immediately evident and so the two decided to found a kindergarten in 2009 and a school in 2010. The kindergarten and school, which are now run by local people, generate a hope for the future, more self-confidence and much more skills. But: all this has to be maintained. This is still only possible with the help of numerous supporters.



Brazil

## PONTE DAS ESTRELAS

Thank you very much for your WOW-Day donation! Your support helps us to pay for jam, peanut butter (our favorite breakfast), flour for the bread we bake every week... but also for sewing thread to make aprons, tablecloths and costumes, cleaning supplies to keep our house beautiful... and water and electricity bills. In short, the donation helps us with everything that quietly and silently turns the children into stars in the long run.

There's a children's pyramid on stage... „and HEP!“ it resounds over the heads of the audience. The children look into the audience with their heads held high and their eyes shining. And then, in a matter of seconds, the pyramid is dismantled; the children run out, behind the curtain and come back again for the roaring applause. But then they calmly begin to build a bridge from individual wooden sticks. Without any screws, the parts fit into each other. When the bridge is finished, the children come to the very front of the stage. Here they just stand still and sing their circus song, the conclusion of each performance. It is very quiet in the hall: The children look around and sing - the audience looks at the children with shining eyes, some of them already know the song and sing along, some of the spectators even cry...

The CIRCO PONTE DAS ESTRELAS is for children between 12 and 18 years old who are in danger of dying. They come from the outskirts of São Paulo. Violence, crime, murder squads, drug and human trafficking are their immediate environment. In the circus we meet daily and practice circus modalities and theater... but also just getting along with each other. Because that takes courage and practice after the hard experiences that every child brings with it. In addition, there is a lot of art and music, but also help with homework. On weekends we stay together overnight and put together a circus program, which we will perform during the holidays. If all went well, then at the end of a year costumes and animals will have been created from old clothes, and from vague ideas, conflicts and questions of the group a story will have arisen that concerns the whole world. Colorful circus acts are created from individually practiced tricks and from all of them together a whole performance. The children turn into real stars.

Kind regards from Brazil, Regina Klein



### São Paulo

The circus „Ponte das Estrelas“ is aimed at children and young people from the outskirts of the Brazilian metropolis of São Paulo, often coming from the most difficult of circumstances. The violence of the big city, families involved in criminal activities, and early responsibility for younger siblings and housework shape many of them. The circus Ponte das Estrelas, which means „Star Bridge“ in Portuguese, is a salutary contrast to these experiences. Here the young people learn handicrafts and musical skills in addition to circus activities. The circus offers not only a fixed framework, but also a place where the young people can feel at home and learn to develop self-confidence.

[www.circopontedasestrelas.com](http://www.circopontedasestrelas.com)



„Thanks to your donation, we can now pay all salaries for one year and are sure that there is enough money for all meals.“

Ghana

## COSMOS-CENTER

Dear students,  
I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your commitment on WOW-Day! Thanks to your donation we can look forward to this year with confidence!

We are still a rather small institution in Ghana, West Africa. At the moment 17 children and young people live in our center, all with a severe disability. In Ghana, children born with a disability are usually killed immediately after birth, as they are considered cursed, and cursed children are said to bring misfortune to their families. Some children are also kept hidden in the back of the house.

We offer these children a home in which they can grow up safely. They receive three simple healthy meals a day; for the last few months a physiotherapist has been coming to the center regularly and working with our children, none of whom can walk independently. But what is special about our center is that we have also set up a small school for our children where we try to let a little Waldorf education live. The children love their school above all!

Thanks to your donation, we can now pay all salaries for one year and are sure that there is enough money for all meals. Believe me, this is a wonderful feeling! Thank you very much again!

I greet you all very warmly,  
Patrice Reinhardt



### Dormaa Ahenkro

The Cosmos-Centre is a curative education institution in Dormaa Ahenkro, Ghana, which provides a safe home for around seven children with disabilities. In addition to regular meals, the children not only receive lessons according to their abilities, but also experience appreciation. In this way they learn to develop self-confidence.



„Your donation will be used to provide nutritional support to children at school in our newly established cooking workshop.“

Pakistan

# GREEN EARTH SCHOOL

Dear friends,  
Thank you very much for your donation for the cooking workshop of our Green Earth School. Our students appreciate your support, as it will help us to complement our program.

Your donation will be used to provide nutritional support to children at school in our newly established cooking workshop (especially in the inclusive area for children in need of emotional care). The school already offers free food to the students, but with your kind support this program will be expanded even further. The idea of the nutrition workshop was developed at the school, taking into account the nutritional needs of the students to promote a healthy lifestyle in our environment. The introduction of cooking and baking courses for healthy food at school will certainly bring many benefits to the students. The children will try out new and healthy foods that involve all their senses.

Once again, on behalf of all students, teachers and the administration, we thank you very much for your kind support.

Green Earth School, Lahore-Pakistan



## Lahore

The Green Earth School is a project of the Roshni Association and the first Waldorf School in Pakistan. It was founded in 2005 as a joint project of the Roshni Association and Green Earth Recycling. The school not only received its name from the Green Earth Recycling Factory, but also its building and further donations. Our school offers more than 320 students from the surrounding area a meaningful education from kindergarten to eighth grade.



South Africa

# LESEDI WALDORF SCHOOL

**Dear friends and supporters,  
Thank you very much for your donation! Your  
WOW-Day efforts are very welcome and will be  
well used this year.**

Our school has a boarding school, which is run by four „aunts“. There is no television, and the children enjoy learning from people who come to visit from far away countries. Since they don't get around much, all the stories from abroad are exciting and very instructive for them. Maybe you could write a letter to us and tell us more about you?



„Look at our beautiful vegetable garden, which was made possible by the donation for the water pipes.“



Last year the children went to a farm and saw how to grow vegetables. There the idea was born to expand our vegetable garden to a reasonable size. Look at our beautiful vegetable garden, which was made possible by the donation for the water pipes.

We had some parents from our sister school visiting, and they helped paint the school. Now we just need new curtains for the classrooms. Your donation makes this possible. And if there is any money left, we will buy new jerseys for our sports teams. We thank you with all our hearts!

Lesedi Waldorf School



## Madietane

Our small school is located 300 kilometers from Johannesburg. The small village is called Madietane, where goats and cows run freely through the village into the mountains to graze. The next big town is Polokwane. Our school was founded by a village woman, who worked in Johannesburg and then came into contact with Waldorf Education. When she died the school was struggling a lot but was able to survive with the help of the Friends of Waldorf Education. Now the school is flourishing.

South Africa

# PUPPETRY PROJECT

Dear WOW-Day students,  
The puppeteers from the city of Hermanus in South Africa would like to thank you very much for the money you donated so that we can continue our work.

The puppeteers from the city of Hermanus in South Africa would like to thank you very much for the money you donated so that we can continue our work. The three puppeteers Nomandla, Nolungile and Audrey perform puppet shows for small children in kindergartens and primary schools in poor communities. These children come from families where their parents do not read to them (a survey has shown that 95 percent of South African parents do not read to their children). We hope that the joy that these stories bring to them will make the children want to one day bring the same joy to their own children. Because children need stories.

The puppeteers build their own table puppets according to the Waldorf puppet technique. They make their puppets with the same skin colors as the children for whom they do the performances. It is a surprising fact that it is very difficult to find black or brown-skinned dolls in the shops of South Africa. The stories are a mixture of African and European fairy tales, and Christmas and Easter stories. The wisdom underlying all stories is universal and easy for everyone to understand. But they are presented in the native languages of the children.



In South Africa we have eleven official languages. In the province where we live, there are three: English, Afrikaans - the language spoken by the majority of the interracial community - and Xhosa, the click language. Audrey does shows in Afrikaans, and Nomandla and Nolungile do them in Xhosa. But we create and rehearse them in English, our common language.

Because of this cultural diversity, South Africa once called itself „the rainbow nation“. And it is the hope that the rainbow symbolizes that we want to keep alive in these very poor communities. On behalf of all the children we visit, about 600 of them every month, we thank you for your inspiring work, which helps to keep hope alive through the joy and the preservation of the stories through puppetry.

Lila Nicholson



## Onrus River

Since 2004, female puppeteers have been performing table puppet and marionette plays in local schools and kindergartens around the South African city of Onrus River, mostly in the Xhosa language. The children see the same play a few times, so that they get to know and love the story. The players work alone or in pairs - and by now everyone knows them and calls out to them when they see them again with their bags full of dolls. The eyes of many children and even adults look at the puppet stage with excitement and affection. The performance is simple, mistakes are made, the puppeteers are amateurs - and yet this great and wonderful effect unfolds. For a few moments a different world is created, a world in which the children's wounds can be healed, and new strength can be drawn for the challenges of everyday life.

# THIS IS WHERE YOUR DONATION HAS A POSITIVE EFFECT

## We forward to 100%

Did you know that we forward 100% of your donations to the local facilities, that is, without deductions for our administrative budget? This has been one of the principles of our work since the very beginning of the *Friends of Waldorf Education*. This is especially important for small projects where every Euro counts.



## ► EARMARKED DONATIONS

► In this case you decided to support a particular facility you feel connected to, for example your partner school.





„We will use your donations for the lunch.“

Argentina

## CULTIVARTE

**We are a project in Argentina that offers afternoon care for children and adolescents from very poor backgrounds.**

So we offer games, lessons and various joint leisure activities, followed by a meal. For example, we teach cooking, music, art, theater, sports and English. The children who come to us do not have the opportunity to contribute to the costs. This means that the children and us, the helpers, are dependent on donations.

The children from our project grow up in an environment where many people have no prospects. The children sometimes experience violence and observe the use of drugs. CultivArte aims to offer alternatives.

In addition to the leisure activities, which alternate daily, the children receive a lunch, which for many is the only full meal of the day. Therefore we will use your donations for the lunch. Many thanks to all the dear students who were active on WOW-Day and supported our project with a donation.

I thank you very much for your donation.  
Best wishes from Brazil, Estefania



### Buenos Aires

Some 15 years ago, faced with the terrible situation of unsupervised young children in San Fernando, a suburb of Buenos Aires in Argentina, former students of the Escuela Arcangel Micael decided to do something about it. The result is a place where the children can come and play. Here they also get explained the school content that they did not understand properly at school. Ever since its foundation, over forty former Waldorf students have been working voluntarily for CultivArte, which has grown a lot in recent years.



„With your donation, the teachers can receive a salary and buy new furniture for the kindergarten group.“

Brazil

# PROJETO SALVA DOR

Dear students, dear teachers,  
**We thank you very much for your important help. Thanks to your support we can continue our work with the children and young people in Projeto Salva Dor.**

The Projeto Salva Dor is a social project. Its aim is to support the development of children in the São Lázaro district and its surroundings. Salvador da Bahia is a city about the size of Berlin. The city is crisscrossed by slums, called favela in Brazil. Slums are districts in which many people live in small apartments close together. On the hills of São Lázaro, the improvised houses of 2000 people are crowded in a very small area. The people live under difficult conditions. Often no water comes out of the tap, and the apartments are very small. Sometimes there is only one room for six people.

As a place of peace and quiet, the Projeto offers a safe place for about 50 children every day. Here they can play, exercise, cook, bake, eat, paint, do handicrafts, learn and much more. The project is popular and important. It offers the children space and thus relieves the burden on entire families. By providing security it helps the families and leads to a more harmonious relationship between children and parents.

Your donation helps us to continue the project. The president in Brazil does not care about people without money. They don't get any more help. Even projects like the Projeto Salva Dor don't receive any

funds. With your donation, the teachers can receive a salary and buy new furniture for the kindergarten group. Salvador lies directly at the sea. The salty, humid sea air is not good for the wooden furniture. They break down faster.

Thank you for your support!  
Fabiana Naka and Lukas Pottiez



## Salvador de Bahia

For many years, In Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, the Salva Dor center helps to get the youngest of children off the streets and provides them with loving care and three meals a day, a care that their own parents unfortunately do not provide. Together with the rhythm cultivated in the kindergarten and the activities worthy of imitation, the children thus receive an inner and outer stability, which hopefully contributes to them experiencing their youth more vigorously.



Georgia

# MICHAELSCHOOL

Dear students, dear friends,  
Michel School devotes a great deal of attention to art. At school we do drama and puppet theatre. It's a therapy for the autistic children. They can communicate using puppet language.

There are also handicraft classes, where students learn to make embroidery, knitting, felting and mosaic pictures. For this they continuously need wool, fabrics, wooden board, ceramic plates and other materials.



„With the help of WOW-Day we can provide our children with materials like wool, fabrics and much more.“



Your WOW-Day activity is a great help for us to provide our children with supplies. It is very important for them to engage in arts and crafts. Thank you very much for your support.

Head, colleagues and all students of the curative education Michael School in Georgia



## Tbilisi

Since its foundation in 1994 the curative Michael School has been the only school for children with disabilities in Georgia. The curative education initiative has its own house in the center of Tbilisi. The school is financed under the same law as all regular schools in Georgia. For these, one estimates about 30 children per class. But if there are only six or eight children in a class, as in the Michael School, then the school only gets the corresponding share. This amount is so small that the teachers cannot live on it. Therefore, continuous support is needed to ensure that the valuable work of teachers with pedagogical and therapeutic experience will continue in the future.



Georgia

# TEMI

Dear students,

**On behalf of the TEMI community I would like to thank you for your donation through WOW-Day! TEMI is a large community in Northeast Georgia at the foot of the Caucasus, where over 60 people live, work and care for each other.**

We have various gardens, fields and a large greenhouse where we grow vegetables. Currently six volunteers from Germany are helping in the TEMI community. I myself have been a volunteer in the TEMI community for over 22 years and spend four to five months in Gremi (the name of the village where TEMI is located) every year. I often travel to Georgia in a van and bring lots of things for the TEMI inhabitants. As there are many people living in TEMI who cannot live or work alone, who do not receive public funds and who have no parents or family, we are always very happy to receive support for daily life. That is why a part of the donations is also used for this purpose.

For emergencies and doctor's visits we often need money unexpectedly, as the people in Georgia have only minimal health insurance, if any. Of course, the children and the older ones are happy when we go on excursions, visit concerts and also go to the mountains or to the sea with tents and cooking equipment, get to know the country, go hiking and have a holiday. We will use your donation for just such activities.

„As there are many people living in TEMI who cannot live or work alone, who do not receive public funds and who have no parents or family, we are always very happy to receive support for daily life.“

I myself live in Berlin when I am not in Georgia. I am also happy to tell you about the TEMI community if you are interested. You are always welcome to visit Georgia!

Best regards, for the TEMI Community, Susanna Reinhart



[www.temi-community.org](http://www.temi-community.org)



[@TEMI.community](https://www.facebook.com/TEMI.community)



## Gremi

The TEMI community in the small village of Gremi in Georgia aims to be a home for the poor and disadvantaged. Homeless people, neglected orphans and people with severe disabilities come here. There is a small school, a vineyard and a carpentry workshop. Of the about 70 people, less than half receive a few euros a day in government support. Children as well as a large proportion of the residents with care needs still receive no financial aid at all. Therefore the community has to raise the necessary funds each year through self-sufficiency, the sale of products and through donations.



Guatemala

# ESCUELA CARACOL

Dear students,  
The Escuela Caracol is an educational institution in San Marcos la Laguna, a small town in the western region of Lake Atitlán, Guatemala. Its main objective is to provide a quality educational alternative for the indigenous Mayan families.

We provide our students with education from kindergarten to sixth grade, as well as nutritious snacks; Guatemala is a country with a high rate of malnutrition and a profound lack of quality education

Juan Diego Arrivillaga from the Escuela Caracol tells us how the WOW-Day donations are used on site:

„The donation that Escuela Caracol received helped to buy teaching supplies and to finance the nutrition program for all students for an entire school year.“

„ The donation that Escuela Caracol received from WOW-Day in 2019 helped to buy teaching supplies and to finance the nutrition program for all students for an entire school year. Therefore, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the people who

have worked so hard at your school on WOW-Day 2019: they have helped Escuela Caracol to promote change through education in the region of Lake Atitlán in Guatemala.

Thank you very much!  
Juan Diego Arrivillaga



## San Marcos La Laguna

The name of the Waldorf School Escuela Caracol (which translates as snail shell) in San Marcos La Laguna, Guatemala, refers to the vision behind the school and its close connection to the Maya culture: The spiral symbolizes how the different facets of life are connected in a whole. The approximately 120 children from Mayan families and immigrant families from the USA learn three languages: the Mayan language Kaqchikel, Spanish and English. At first, the Escuela Caracol was the only school that also teaches in Kaqchikel, now state schools follow this example. The majority of indigenous families have a very low income, and the school fees are therefore hardly sufficient for the necessities of everyday school life.



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„With your donations we can cover our monthly budget of 2300 euros.“

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India

# DABARI WALDORF SCHOOL

Dear students,  
Thanks to WOW-Day your school has given us an incredible gift! It is a great help for us. With your donations we can cover our monthly budget of 2300 euros. This includes the salaries of our four Indian class teachers, a lunch for our 38 students, water and much more.

My name is Jacques Monteaux and I was a Waldorf teacher in France for 40 years. For five years now, I have lived in the Thar Desert in the Indian state of Rajasthan. Together with Ganpat I have founded a small Waldorf School there for one of the poorest peoples in India, the so-called Dalits.

As you may already know, the families are very poor. Some of our children sometimes only get one meal a day, and that is at school. The families themselves cannot pay school fees at all. But I think it is very important that Waldorf Education is also open to very poor and socially excluded people. Moreover, for the girls here school is the only alternative to an early marriage. In fact, many girls are married at 12 or 13 and never go back to school. Our children are Dalits, which means they are outside the caste system and are still despised in this region of India. But for five years now, something special has been happening: in France and in Germany, people are showing interest in them, sending donations, helping our school and showing a sense of fellowship. In India I see a new inner dignity growing in them!

Last October I travelled to Germany to visit some Waldorf Schools that support us and to talk about our Indian school with pictures and short videos. I would like to do this again, either in autumn or in May/June 2021. Please let me know if you are interested.

To all a heartfelt thanks  
Jacques Monteaux



## Jaisalmer

In the northwestern India on the outskirts of the city of Jaisalmer there is a young Waldorf school for the children of the Bhil people, one of the largest indigenous tribes in India. Despite the official abolition of the caste system, the families living there are still being marginalized by society and live in great poverty. At school, the children experience respect and learn to develop self-confidence.



„We will open a new first class in September and will use half of the donated money for the new classrooms.“

Ireland

## DUBLIN STEINER SCHOOL

Dear friends,  
we are so grateful to be part of this wonderful community and so grateful for the boundless warmth and generosity we have received. The very best wishes from all of us here at Dublin Steiner School.

We are a small Waldorf school in Dublin, one of seven in Ireland. Currently we have 17 school children in two classes and 32 kindergarten children in two groups. Our school is located in a beautiful, very old building in the center of Dublin, in a district where Vikings once lived. Our teachers come from Ireland, Italy, Spain, Poland and Germany. We are very proud to be part of the worldwide Waldorf community and love the contact with schools like yours in other countries.

Thank you very much for your great donation. It means so much to us that you have made such an effort to raise money for us! We will open a new first class in September and will use half of the donated money for the new classrooms. The room is very bare at the moment and we need benches,

a new blackboard and decorations for the season table. The children will love it! The other half of the money is spent on our garden. We have made a nice new design with vegetable beds and a willow dome, and in the next four months we will have several working days with our parents to make the garden more beautiful. The money will help us to buy plants, building materials and tools.

Thank you very much!



### Dublin

Dublin Steiner School is the only Waldorf School in the city. Most schools in Ireland belong to the church, very few are nondenominational or interdenominational; and very few people know anything about Waldorf Schools, so they put a lot of work into raising people's awareness of Waldorf Education. Their approach is to convey that school can be different, that learning can be loved, that it is important to work with your head, heart and hands, and that you can have a lot of fun doing it. The school receives no financial support from the state - therefore they are dependent on donations and parental contributions.



Canada

# EVERLASTING TREE SCHOOL

Dear students,  
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Halton Waldorf School, which collected donations for our school on WOW-Day 2019. Your donation will contribute to our school nutrition program Tyonnhekwen Onkwaya'takenhathatshera.

This program brings our school community together to ensure that our children eat healthy, homemade meals. Through this program we can provide the students with healthy and freshly prepared meals every day. In our school kitchen we use organic food as much as possible and take care to minimize wheat, dairy products and sugar. We also plant vegetables in our own school garden, which we harvest together and thus contribute to the lunch.

Nyá:wen táhnon Skén:nen (Thank you and peace),  
Tekonwaniahé:sen Stacy Hill

„Your donation will contribute to our school nutrition program.“



## Ohsweken

The Skaronhyase'kó:wa Everlasting Tree School is an alternative school. The school was founded in June 2010 by a group of parents and teachers who wanted a holistic education based on Kanyen'keha (Mohawk language), the Rotinonsonni culture (People of the Longhouse) and the ideas of Waldorf Education, and an education that incorporates life-long learning with head, heart and hands.



„ Your donation will be used for the school lunch for the children.“

Kenya

# HUMANE WALDORF SCHOOL

Dear friends,  
**Thank you very much for your donation! The Humane School community is very grateful for your continued support.**

The Human School is not state-run and therefore the classes are of a manageable size. This enables the class teachers to respond to the needs of all children in their class. In Kenya there are only two other Waldorf schools, which are located in Nairobi. The capital is over 400 kilometers and eight hours' drive away. The Humane School enables families in a rural region to send their children to a Waldorf School.

Since the Humane School is open every weekday from 8 am to 5 pm, parents have enough time to do their odd jobs and earn some money to support the family. During the weekends we organize various Waldorf activities and invite children from other schools to try activities that are not offered at the state schools.

Your donation will be used for the school lunch for the children. This way the children receive a balanced diet and can concentrate better during the school day.

It also minimizes the time the children spend walking home and back to school during lunch breaks. On a normal school day most parents are not at home anyway. And those who are at home cannot afford three meals a day, so the children return to school hungry and tired.

Many many thanks!



## Kitale

The Humane School is a Waldorf initiative in rural Kenya that is committed to offering Waldorf Education to children from the lowest income families in Sirende. The school was founded in January 2008 as a kindergarten and now operates from playgroup to eighth grade. Students take a national examination in the eighth grade, and those who pass this examination go on to secondary school.



Kenya

# MBAGATHI WALDORF SCHOOL

Dear students,  
Thank you very much for your WOW-Day donation. It will be used for our smallest children in the kindergarten of the Mbagathi Waldorf School. On behalf of the children a heartfelt thank you!

Mercy Nyoki, staff member at the Waldorf School Mbagathi, tells us what the WOW-Day donations made possible: „The WOW donations played a very important role in the modernization of the kindergarten. The donation was used to finance the following project areas: installation of a ceiling, additional sinks, interior doors as well as painting work, purchase of carpets, accessories for afternoon care such as new mattresses and sheets, a sandbox, and the separation of play areas in the garden. By equipping the kindergarten, a place was created where the children feel comfortable, so that they can learn with head, heart and hands. On behalf of the children and the entire team we would like to thank you all for your generous donation.

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„The WOW donations played a very important role in the modernization of the kindergarten.“

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## Nairobi

The Rudolf Steiner School Mbagathi in Nairobi is a school with four kindergarten groups and nine classes. The school has a small organic farm with cows and a large vegetable garden. The cows give milk for the school children and also provide fertilizer, together with the compost heap in the garden. 80 percent of the 340 children come from families struggling with financial instability, domestic violence, disease and alcoholism. The school fees for these children are raised through individual or class sponsorships and other donations every month.



Kyrgyzstan

# NADJESCHDA

Dear students,  
Thank you very much for your support for the children of the Nadyezhda.

Nadyezhda is a Russian name and means hope in German. We have given the Children's Rehabilitation Centre this name because we aim to offer a happy childhood to all those children who would otherwise be excluded from society because of their severe disabilities.



„Thanks to your donation we can employ a caregiver for a particularly severely disabled girl for the period of time during which the child needs special care.



Thanks to your donation we can employ a caregiver for a particularly severely disabled girl - her name is Zhamilia - for the period of time during which the child needs special care. The cost for the Zhamilia's caregiver is 15 000 SOM (1 Euro=80 SOM). That is the equivalent of 187,50 €.

On behalf of the children and staff I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support! Karla Maria Schälike.



## Bischkek

The curative education institution Nadyezhda in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019. The Centre for Alternative and Free Pedagogy takes care of children and young people who have been classified in Kyrgyzstan as „not capable of education“, which means that they do not receive any public funding for kindergarten, school and corresponding therapies and are not integrated into society. We work with curative education, elements of Waldorf Education, the pedagogy of Janusz Korczak and other forms of therapy, so that in the course of time half of the children can move on to state institutions. Nadyezhda is a Russian name, meaning hope.



„We plan to use your donation to buy art supplies that we can send home to the children. In this way you will enable each child to make art at home at least during this time.



Philippines

# GAMOT COGON SCHOOL

Dear friends,

We were so pleased to learn that our school is once again benefiting from the work you did on WOW-Day. We feel blessed and filled with gratitude.

As we write these lines, we find ourselves in a strange situation. It is the end of June, and there are currently no students on the school grounds. This has never happened before in the history of our school and illustrates what many schools have experienced in the time of Covid-19. In the Philippines, the government does not allow children to return to school and instead provides for distance learning from home. All schools are forced to adapt their curriculum, and it is not easy.

We plan to use your donation to buy art supplies that we can send home to the children. In this way you will enable each child to make art at home at least during this time.

Let's keep in touch. All the best for the coming school year!

Warm regards,  
James Sharman  
Principal



## Iloilo

The Gamot Cogon Waldorf School is located in the Philippines in a rural village in the province of Iloilo. There it is situated in the midst of nature, surrounded by rice fields, trees and bamboo. This school year around 240 students from kindergarten to 12th grade are attending the Waldorf School. The majority of parents live in the surrounding rural communities, where it is very difficult to find work. Since the founding of the Waldorf School it has been the social aspiration of the community to enable both the son of a rickshaw driver and the daughter of a lawyer to attend school. The Waldorf School thus has to try and compensate for the lack of school fees. It needs constant support in this.



„We will use your donation for  
our school lunch.“

South Africa

# ZENZELENI WALDORF SCHOOL

Dear students,

In these extraordinary times we take a moment to express our deep gratitude for your continued support of the children of the Zenzeleni Waldorf School. We wish you all the best for the challenges you and your families are facing.

Like all other schools, we explored different ways to teach our children, to keep them motivated, inspired and positive. During the lockdown our teachers were in regular contact with their classes. It was not easy to keep up with the curriculum, as many families are very poor and have no money for their own Internet access.

For this reason, we had to rely on the national curriculum as a backup, as one of our mobile phone providers provides free data on their network to access the national curriculum. Where people had access to electricity and data, they also had access to national radio and television.

Oh, how our teachers miss our children and cannot wait to see them again. It's been months! We will use your donation for our school lunch.

Thanks again for your generous support of our school.

With deep appreciation and warm greetings from all of us at the Zenzeleni Waldorf School



## Cape Town

The Zenzeleni Waldorf School is located in Khayelitsha, the largest township in Cape Town. The school was founded in 1999 on the initiative of some parents and with the support of the Centre for Creative Education. Today the school has seven classes and a kindergarten and provides a warm place for 280 children to learn and grow up.



Tajikistan

# CHUDJAND WALDORF SCHOOL

Dear friends,  
On behalf of our PASCH school we would like to express our great gratitude for your WOW-Day support. Our school is growing from year to year; we currently have almost 3,000 students.

Thanks to your support we have realized many school projects: we have renovated the roof of our school and a handicraft room, and now we also have a nice classroom for German lessons.

We are currently embarking on a major project: a curative education center and workshop for our former students with disabilities. We have already begun building the rooms. We hope that we will be able to start as early as September this year. All students and parents are already waiting for the opening of the center.

We would be very happy to get in contact with you. Many students speak German and would like to have pen pals from Germany.

Kind regards, German teacher Rano Okhunova

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## Chudjand

The Waldorf facility in Chudjand was founded in 2002 by Rano Ahunova and includes a kindergarten, an after-school care and a school. The work of this Waldorf educational initiative is highly regarded, so parents are committed to its continued existence, especially at the political level. Nevertheless, they could not prevent the state authorities from seizing the school building, which had previously been renovated with great effort by parents and teachers. Today the school is located outside Chudjand. The Tajik school system is still characterized by great arbitrariness. All teachers still have to make ends meet with a second or third job.



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Tanzania

## ZANZIBAR STEINER SCHOOL

Dear students,

**What a nice surprise for us to receive an email last week that you all collected money for our school.**

Our school is like many other Waldorf schools, just that our languages are Kiswahili and Arabic, we have beehives and chickens, and are starting biodynamic agriculture on the eight hectares of land we are allowed to use for the children. Another thing is that in Zanzibar we grow spices! We have vanilla, cardamom, pepper and cinnamon - the idea is that we will eventually be able to sell the spices and hopefully raise some money for the school costs, as none of our students are able to pay school fees.

Last year we bought 300 little chicks and now they lay eggs and all the children can eat a few eggs a day and we can sell eggs to help us buy other food. The students love the chickens very much.

Your donation will be used to supplement our full nutrition program for the students. You may be interested to know that we have been measuring

the weight of our second graders for a year now to see how successful our nutrition program is. During the Christmas holidays, all students lost weight and body mass index - some slightly, some dramatically, but every child in this class lost weight while the school was closed. This shows how hard their families are fighting and how many are suffering from food insecurity here in Zanzibar.

We hope that with the fabulous education they receive, our children will one day be fully able to work and help others.

We would like to thank you very much for your continued support - we really appreciate it and the help is urgently needed.

With grateful greetings,  
Judi Palmer



### Bububu

The Zanzibar Steiner School is a small school with 72 students in the small town of Bububu, Zanzibar, with grades two to eight. The students all come from disadvantaged families and many children have no fathers, which makes life very hard for their mothers, who cook over wood, carry water home in buckets and are not really educated. Many of the families live below the poverty line, and there are numerous cases of malnutrition among the children.



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Vietnam

# KINDERGARTEN DIEU GIAC

Dear students,  
On behalf of the kindergarten teachers of the  
Dieu Giac Orphanage we thank you for your  
WOW-Day donations.

The support is highly appreciated by our kindergarten teachers: they only receive a measly salary, yet give a large part of their time. Your support helps to increase their salaries a little, so that they too can feed their families.

The three teachers of the Dieu Giac Kindergarten are themselves all orphans and grew up in an orphanage run by Buddhist nuns, affiliated to the Dieu Giac Temple. Although the kindergarten teachers now have their own lives and families outside the orphanage, they continue to support the Dieu Giac family community. They also attend a Rudolf Steiner teacher-training course in Ho Chi Minh City. One of our kindergarten teachers, Lien Kim, has just completed the 6-Module course and received her certificate.



## Ho-Chi-Minh-City

In and around Ho Chi Minh City there are ten Waldorf kindergartens, which are supported by the Australian association Vietnamese Children's Project, among others. The Dieu Giac Kindergarten was the first to begin its work with 30 children in 2002, the Thanh Lan Kindergarten followed a year later, and in 2006 the Tho Trang Childcare Center opened its doors. The kindergartens do not receive governmental support and live on donations from parents and friends.

# About us

The Friends of Waldorf Education have been promoting Waldorf Education worldwide for over 40 years. Our association has developed continuously, and we now work on several focus areas in our offices in Berlin and Karlsruhe.



## Waldorf Worldwide

The Friends of Waldorf Education were founded in 1971 with the aim of promoting Waldorf Schools, early childhood education, curative education centers and social projects worldwide. It is very important to us to open up good educational opportunities for children and young people around the globe. So far, we have supported and accompanied well over 600 educational institutions all over the world. We support Waldorf Schools as well as anthroposophical curative education homes worldwide in financial and legal matters and forward 100% of our donations to the recipients abroad. Our educational sponsorships enable children from disadvantaged families to attend a Waldorf School. We support the training of school and early childhood teachers around the world with scholarships. On WOW-Day (Waldorf One World) we coordinate the worldwide fundraising activities for Waldorf initiatives by students.



## Voluntary Services

In 1993, the Friends of Waldorf Education also became a recognized organization for international voluntary service. With the suspension of compulsory military service, the area of domestic voluntary services was added in 2011. Since then, the association has supported over 1,800 people annually during their voluntary service. Since 2006, the voluntary services have been extended to include volunteers from abroad, called Incoming. This enables young adults who have their permanent residence outside Germany to do voluntary service in Germany.



## Emergency Pedagogy

Since 2006, the Friends of Waldorf Education have been committed to emergency pedagogy for children who live in war and crisis regions or are refugees. Emergency education uses Waldorf-educational methods and related forms of therapy to help children cope with traumatic experiences. With art therapy and experiential education exercises, we can strengthen these children's self-confidence as well as their trust in their fellow human beings and resolve their paralysis. This type of trauma work has already proven itself in numerous missions worldwide. A further focus is on international networking and the ongoing training of local professionals.