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Dear donors and friends,

The Institut Dominique & Tom Alberici Endowment Fund extends Octalfa and its Corporate Foundation's charity work thanks to donations from individuals and businesses that support the programme. We have supported over 80 projects over the past eight years, i.e. over ten projects per year on average.

This is the second newsletter relating to our Endowment Fund and Corporate Foundation. It spotlights three of the most recently supported projects: firstly the JHAM project which is entering its second phase in Madagascar, and secondly the support provided since 2016 to the Association Française du Syndrome de Rett (French Rett Syndrome Association) that helps the families of these children who live with a variety of disabilities. Finally, we will focus on Audition Solidarité, an initiative that aims to improve the situations of disadvantaged deaf or partially deaf people in France as well as in countries like Madagascar...

Your donations and support mean that we can achieve our objectives: to improve the quality of life for disabled people and people living with cancer.

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JHAM PROJECT

Jumelage Handicap Aide Madagascar

The fruit of an initiative launched by the Institut Dominique & Tom Alberici, the JHAM project consists of setting up a partnership between the ARIMC (an association located in the Rhône-Alpes area for people with cerebral palsy) and Madagascan centres for disabled children and teenagers. To ensure this multi-year partnership runs smoothly in the long term, it is organised and financed by our endowment fund.

During the first phase of the project in 2015 and 2016, we provided six centres with equipment, school materials and educational games and toys. Feedback from the centres shows that the results of this initial stage have been very positive. This initial phase also highlighted the



fact that staff in these centres have not had any general disability training or specific training in providing care. This enabled training needs within the centres to be identified.

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2nd phase

March 2017 and
October 2017



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The JHAM 2 project therefore aims to implement a collective educational programme in 2017, following an observation phase. Recently retired special needs educators Pascale Sapin and Brigitte Ramond will help us with this project, travelling to Madagascar to provide training. Our aim is to train the trainers so that our initiatives are suitable for the Madagascan environment and can continue in the long term. We also aim to raise awareness among parents, as Madagascan culture means that they are barely involved in their disabled children's development.

We want to combine all the other donors' initiatives together on-site so that training plans can be drawn up. Partners expected to be present are the Japanese Embassy and the Monaco Consulate, Kinés du Monde (Physiotherapists Worldwide) and Orthophonistes du Monde (Speech Therapists Worldwide) as well as the Audition Solidarité association, a charity supported by the Dominique & Tom Alberici Foundation – Octalifa. Finally, we are of course continuing to collect materials and equipment for these centres from individuals and companies.



JHAM 2: identifying needs

As announced in our previous newsletter dated December 2016, we went to Madagascar from 27th March to 5th April 2017 to work with our Madagascan partners on launching the second phase of the JHAM project: training the care workers in the centres supported by the Institut Dominique & Tom Alberici, identifying what materials and equipment are needed for these centres and preparing to have them sent by container.

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Along with our volunteers Pascale and Brigitte, our team* spent a day in each Madagascan centre that we support in order to observe the care workers in action with a view to preparing future training, and also to identify specific equipment requirements.



JHAM 2: training & dispatching equipment

We now support eight establishments located in Antananarivo, Ambatolampy, Antsirabe and Fianarantsao. It was decided that two of them would be earmarked for training in October 2017: the Sembana Mijoro centre in Antananarivo and the special classes at the Antsirabe Public Primary School. These two establishments work with children and young adults with learning difficulties or physical disabilities.

For Sembana Mijoro, where education mainly consists of school-based learning, Pascale and Brigitte will offer training on the following aspects: learning through play, innovative use of space, workshops, sibling groups, visual aids and helping with non-verbal communication.

At the Antsirabe Public Primary School, the training will particularly focus on developing non-verbal communication and individual work for young people on the autistic spectrum.

Providing specific equipment and materials for these eight centres will form another part of our initiatives in 2017. Between October 2016 and May 2017 we collected a large amount of equipment from individuals,

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associations and businesses*:

- Mobility equipment, wheelchairs for adults and children, glasses, white sticks etc.
- Educational equipment, toys, games, books, school materials and several computers
- Household linens and clothing.

With a volume of around 25m³ (900 cu ft), this equipment will be dispatched with the assistance of ADS (Association Développement et Solidarité) and the Monaco Consulate. It will be sent by container to: Sembana Mijoro, Orchidées Blanches in Antananarivo, Antsirabe Public Primary School and Sainte-Louise School in Fianarantsoa.

Equipment will also be provided to various establishments such as Kozama in Antananarivo that takes children with severe learning difficulties; UNHAM, a group of charitable associations for people with physical disabilities, learning difficulties, or hearing or sight impairments; Anyma, a home providing accommodation for the families of children admitted to Joseph Ravoahangy Andrianaivalona Hospital (Antananarivo); and the 'Les Enfants du Sourire' orphanage in Ambatolampy.



As in 2015, wooden toys will be made by the Sacré-Cœur carpentry workshop in Ambatolampy, whose aim is to train disadvantaged Madagascan children. These toys will be distributed to the specialist centres and establishments supported by the Institut Dominique & Tom Alberici.

At the end of the year we will also support specific projects, including ways to collect and transport children (specially adapted coaches) and specific premises (Snoezelen hall, extending premises).

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Finally, all individuals - families and friends, Novasep staff (Saint-Maurice de Beynost) - who donated huge quantities of games and toys, computers, books, household linen, clothing and footwear.

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Association Française du Syndrome de Rett

Rett syndrome is a rare genetic disease that develops in very young children, mostly girls, and causes severe learning difficulties and physical disabilities. It is the biggest cause of genetic multiple disability in girls in France.

These children go into a decline with loss of voluntary movement in the hands leading to repetitive motion of the hands, inability or difficulty in walking or robotic walking, communication difficulties, deterioration in behaviour, autistic signs, severe changes in language and declining psychomotor skills, severe learning difficulties, seizures, respiratory problems and orthopedic deformities. Loss of language is always the case, and just one in five children retains the ability to walk and nearly all will need specialised equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, splints, hoists ...

The Association Française du Syndrome de Rett (ASFR) was founded in 1988 and has been state-recognised since 2008. It has 737 members (407 families) who are all looking after an adult or child with Rett Syndrome. The association also has 75 active volunteers.



The Fondation Dominique & Tom Alberici financed family respite days in the Sologne region of France for over 400 participants during May 2017.

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Audition Solidarité

We have supported the Audition Solidarité association on two occasions, in 2016 and 2017.

Audition Solidarité is a humanitarian and citizenship association created in 2008. It aims to improve the well-being of people with hearing impairments in vulnerable or disadvantaged areas all over the world, through prevention, providing information, fitting hearing aids and providing training and research. The association works within France as well as in developing countries.



Audition Solidarité is based around three types of initiatives:

- Humanitarian initiatives abroad: every year, the association provides hearing aids for over 500 disadvantaged deaf and hearing-impaired children all over the world (recycling hearing aids). A comprehensive team of ENT specialists, hearing aid specialists, speech therapists and earmould manufacturers fit these children with hearing aids and provide training on their everyday use. To date, Audition Solidarité has fitted over 2,500 deaf and hearing-impaired children with hearing aids.
- Humanitarian action in France: Working in partnership with recognised major French associations along with the Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris public health organisation, Audition Solidarité fits homeless adults who are deaf or hearing-impaired with hearing aids. To date, Audition Solidarité has fitted 212 homeless people with hearing aids.

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- Hearing loss prevention initiatives: Audition Solidarité works with Music Schools and Colleges free of charge, raising awareness among over 50,000 musicians each year about the need to take care of their ears.

In addition, the association has a unique workshop in France for recycling hearing aids. It collects over 2,900 used hearing aids each year, of which



around 2,000 are refurbished and given to children and adults as part of various humanitarian missions.

In 2016, the project supported by the Fondation Dominique et Tom Alberici aimed to equip the 194 hearing-impaired children at

the Aka Ma school in Antananarivo, Madagascar, and train teachers in monitoring and maintaining the equipment. The association retains regular contact with the school's management team.



In 2017, we decided to support Audition Solidarité as part of a three-year programme helping deaf or hearing-impaired homeless people in France.

Support our actions...

The endowment fund Institut Dominique et Tom Alberici collects donations from individuals and companies to support our programme of actions that improve quality of life for cancer patients and disabled people. In doing so, our endowment fund helps perpetuate initiative OCTALFA's charity work, thanks to the financial support of those who feel an affinity with our actions.

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Antananarivo

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