

#### THE FOUNDATION'S PHILOSOPHY

The Foundation supports the poorest children in Colombia from birth to the age of six, who are all the more exposed as the country lacks pre-school facilities of this age category. We offer help to the most urgent needs of children in extreme situations (abandonment, child labor, begging, abuse) helping them to recover their physical and psychological balance. At the same time, we address the basic causes of these family problems: the parents, mostly single mothers without any means, are guided towards lasting autonomy through training courses which correspond to their capacities (PROMEFA) and self-employment activities financed through microcredits.

Since the Foundation's creation in 1985, about **13'600 children** were welcomed in the Homes in Bogotá, Cali, Medellín, Marinilla and Darién. More than 3'200 mothers and fathers were able to build a better future thanks to the PROMEFA program. **After their stay in the Homes, 75% of the children return to their families** who have meanwhile acquired economic and social stability.

## **OUR ACTIVITIES**

- Provide vital support for children suffering from malnutrition, psychological distress, a lack of social stability, child labor or abandon;
- Offer their parents, mostly single mothers without any means, professional training, enabling them to acquire a basis to provide a stable environment for their children:
- Build a future for the children and their parents in their own country.

The first six years are the most important ones

Helping young children is an essential contribution to tomorrow's world. Support for a child during the first six years of his life determines his future, as these are the critical years for acquiring basic skills like language, socialisation and self-confidence. Scientific research has shown that a child's brain reaches 90% of its final weight during the first six years of his life. Any ability, which is not acquired by then, is lost forever.





Every year, **between 800 and 1'200 children are taken into our 7 « Bambi » Homes** where respect for their fundamental rights is guaranteed:

- adequate nutrition;
- access to medical care:
- psycho-affective development;
- preschool education;
- the security of a caring environment.

#### If a mother feels secure, she can raise a strong child

very year, about 400 mothers and fathers receive specific professional training through the PROMEFA program which was created for the parents of our « Bambi » Home children. The program addresses the needs of resourceless parents who can no longer take care of their children. Through specific training programs, adapted to each participant's needs and the creation of independent activities financed through micro credits, PROMEFA helps parents who are in difficulties to find employment and ensure autonomy for the family. Every year, about 400 mothers and fathers in helpless situations benefit from the program; in a relatively short time, they are able to take their children back and provide them with a secured future.

#### **COOPERATION WITH THE COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES**

#### Almost 30 years of experience in protecting disadvantaged children

Our institution is known for its tradition of strict management, transparency and efficiency. In Switzerland we were awarded the ZEWO label, in Colombia we received the ICBF's seal of quality and the ISO 900 certification for our « Bambi » Homes. With the help of our Swiss and foreign donors, our partnership with Colombia (government and private sector) is now close to a 50:50 ratio. The operating cost of our Swiss organization is less than 10% of our total budget.

By employing 140 Colombians in our Homes, the Foundation contributes to the local economy. Between 2006 and 2008, we were given several awards by the Colombian government and Congress (Order of Merit and Order of Congress) in recognition of our extensive work in favor of the poorest inhabitants of the country.





#### 1. COLOMBIA

#### **GENERAL SITUATION**

After more than 40 years of armed conflict, Colombia has to face a humanitarian and social crisis without precedent. Among the 5 million internally displaced people who live mostly in the large cities' slums, almost 80% are single mothers with children and without any resources and help of any kind. They originally come from rural areas, victims from the conflict between the guerilla and the army, forced to move to the cities without any training or support.

- 48% of the population lives on less than 2 USD per day;
- 50'000 abandoned children are registered every year;
- 20'000 children under the age of 5 die of malnutrition every year (Sources: UNICEF, DANE).

The political situation in Colombia remains unstable, but the efforts to reach a peace agreement and the new governments' initiatives have created a more positive environment.

- In 2012, Colombia's economic growth was 5,9% one of the highest in the world:
- The government's efforts have reduced poverty from 37,2 to 34% and extreme poverty from 12,3 to 10,6%.

#### **OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2012**

In 2012, 1'179 children were welcomed in our Bambi Homes and 400 parents received professional training within the framework of the PROMEFA program.

The new Home in **Bogotá**, which was inaugurated in 2011, has become a national model for early childhood care. In almost 30 years of activity, the Foundation has acquired an excellent reputation for serious and transparent work, which qualifies it to participate in the governmental "De Cero a Siempre" ("from zero to always") programs in all cities.





These programs make it possible for us to open our doors to close to three hundred day-care children who join as day time boarders and so receive a warm meal, basic medical and early childhood care.

Our three « Bambi » Homes in **Cali** no longer fulfill the ICBF's increasingly stringent standards. A project for a new facility following Bogotá's successful model is currently under study with the help of the municipality and local partners.

In **Medellín**, the partnership with the local enterprises continues and our organization was entrusted with the so-called "Doctors' Brigade"- a program that locates endangered children in the poorest parts of the cities and its surroundings. This new activity along with the day-care program in our home in **Marinilla**, has allowed us to welcome many more children and to increase the number of parents who can participate in the PROMEFA program.

#### 1. SWITZERI AND

The departure of our Secretary General, Cristina M. Fedele, was an important event in the history of our Foundation since its creation in Geneva. After 14 years of tireless efforts, she has joined the Board of the Foundation on January 1, 2013, where she continues to participate with her practical experience. Our new team, Sabine Rosset and Diane Grobet Granelli, pursues the mission with great energy.

Our Action Committee organized our traditional "Cirque de Noël" again in December 2012 and has some new projects for 2013.

Fundraising was pursued actively and has met with positive reactions from our faithful donors, numerous public entities, donor foundations and enterprises. Once again, we managed to raise the necessary funds to pursue our mission for another year.

#### 1. USA

Our first auction of Colombian art in Miami was organized by our American team, the "American friends of Bambi Homes" and by Colombia on October 25, 2012 in the "Moore Building". The Auction was carried out by Christie's, following the model of our two previous events held in New York in 2009 and 2011. Twenty-eight works of art and 20 pieces of jewellery donated by Tiffany's were auctioned off in favor of Cali's new project. The next action is planned for 2014.





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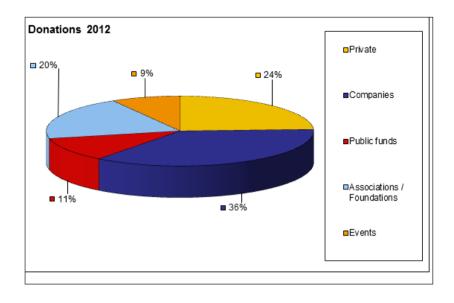
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## **DONATIONS' ORIGIN**







# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1ST - DECEMBER 31, 2012

REVENUES	31.12.12 CHF	31.12.11 CHF
Bank interest	86.76	228.04
Donations *	734'571.37	655'771.35
Donations / events' profit **	71'221.00	96'696.25
Specific donations	56'152.55	100'000.00
Donations / PROMEFA funds ***	46'718.55	4'210.15
Foreign exchange profit	698.29	0.00
Extraordinary revenues	53'785.40	102'049.87
	963'233.92	958'955.66

- \* With the sustain of the Foundation Symphasis
- \*\* With the sustain of the Foundation Hans Wilsdorf
- \*\*\* With the sustain of the Foundation Stavros Niarchos, Stiftung Avina and apia

## **CHARGES**

Profit / (Loss)	-103'827.77	-78'726.54
	1'067'061.69	1'037'682.20
Foreign exchange loss	0.00	4'335.75
Cost of events	7'383.10	5'603.35
Special grant Colombia	125'782.17	160'517.11
Donations and grants	711'932.36	682'866.29
Insurance	273.60	272.40
Travel to Colombia and representation costs	11'781.97	3'210.10
Marketing expenses	24'988.88	20'481.90
Postage and CCP expenses	2'459.80	2'852.65
Office expenses Foundation and website	16'229.41	29'430.20
Administration expenses	8'687.15	8'978.10
Interest and bank charges	981.40	798.90
Social insurances	23'647.30	23'735.45
Wages	132'914.55	94'600.00

<sup>\*</sup> covered by an anonymous donator



## BALANCE & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2012

Total liabilities	530'488.16	576'856.23
Profit / (Loss)	-103'827.77	-78'726.54
Capital	300 001110	011000.01
Capital	565'637.13	644'363.67
Special reserve for the Foundation of monitoring	450.00	450.00
Donations received in advance	53'000.00	0.00
Transitional liabilities	15'082.05	6'264.00
Creditors	146.75	4'505.10
LIABILITIES		
Total assets	530'488.16	576'856.23
Real estate	124'070.00	218'790.00
Transitional assets	40'000.00	0.00
Debtors	951.80	0.00
Current account (insurance policies)	267.82	267.82
Bank liquidities	359'727.77	304'795.49
Postfinance	5'097.32	52'494.67
Cash	373.45	508.25
ASSETS	Orn	OI II
	31.12.12 CHF	31.12.11 CHF
	31.12.12	31.12.11

These accounts were executed according to Swiss Gaap RPC 21 and to Zewo's recommendations.

They were approved by the General Assembly on April the 16th 2013, after examination by the accountants and the auditor BDO SA, Geneva.

The annual report and the financial statements are available at the Foundation.

