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Building a more inclusive society together.

Disability does not define destiny...







MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MATTHEW COUSTOU FOUNDATION FROM CONTINENT TO CONTINENT

Dear friends,

The year 2025 was a year of presence in the field, listening and monitoring. From March 22 to April 3, 2025, the Foundation conducted a working mission to Cameroon, mainly in Yaoundé and Sangmélima.

This mission allowed us to meet with children, families, teachers, local authorities and partners. We have been able to see the effects of our actions and better understand the needs that are still present.

Families need long-term support. Children need care, education, follow-up and dignity.

In 2025, the Foundation continued its support for the inclusive public school of Monavebe, accompanied Divine and Marinette in their health journey, studied Arnaud's autonomy project and made a donation to the "Orphelinat Tendre la Main" .

These actions were possible thanks to our donors, volunteers, partners and families who trusted us. Thank you for helping us to act, step by step, with children in need.

Marie-Flora Coustou
President - General Manager



OUR MISSION

The Foundation's mission is to support children with illnesses or disabilities, as well as their families, by providing them with information, services and support that promote a better quality of life.

Its action is based on four main commitments: inform, educate, raise awareness and act.

Inform families, communities and the public about types of disabilities, illnesses, medical advances, available resources and social integration policies.

Educate young people, families and actors in society in order to change the way people look at disability, to fight prejudice and to remind people that everyone has the same rights.

Raising awareness of the realities experienced by people with disabilities and the importance of rapid, adapted and humane care.

Take action by mobilizing the necessary resources, means and partnerships to facilitate access to essential services and promote participation in social life.

Through these commitments, the Foundation contributes to creating an environment where every child can thrive and live with dignity.

OUR VISION

The Foundation's vision is to provide support, accompaniment and assistance to sick children and children with disabilities, in terms of health, education and social integration.

To make know, understand difference and contribute to human development for a more inclusive society.

A MORE INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, AND JUST SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES OR ILLNESSES.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

Working mission to Cameroon

The March-April 2025 mission had three objectives: to evaluate the actions carried out, to meet the beneficiaries and to prepare the next steps. It brought together Marie-Flora Coustou, Monique Adongo, Sylvie Ntsama, Davy Ateba and local collaborators.

In Yaoundé, the team took stock of the Foundation's operations in Cameroon, exchanged with volunteers and explored new avenues of partnership. Meetings were held with the Association of Speech Therapists and the WECCARE Foundation. The Foundation also monitored Divine's medical care with a pediatric neurologist.

In Sangmélima, the mission focused on links with local authorities, inclusive schooling, families and community structures. This step made it possible to measure the impact of the actions already undertaken and to identify priority needs.

Meetings with local authorities

The Foundation was received by Mr. Daniel Arthur Obama, sub-prefect of Sangmélima, as well as by the departmental head of basic education of Dja and Lobo. These meetings made it possible to present the actions carried out and to strengthen a structured working framework with local actors.





Mr. Daniel Arthur Obama, Sangmélima's Assistant Divisional Officers.





Departmental head of basic education of Dja and Lobo.

The authorities encouraged the Foundation to continue its commitment, particularly in favour of inclusive education.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

Monitoring of the Inclusive Public School of Monavebe

The visit to the inclusive public school of Monavebe was an opportunity to exchange with the director, teachers, parents and students.

After teacher training and donations of supplies in 2024, the Foundation has seen progress. However, there is still a need for school materials, continuing education, pedagogical support and support for students with special needs.







Donation to the "Orphelinat Tendre la Main"

The Foundation has donated food and hygiene materials to the "Orphelinat Tendre la Main". This gesture has met an immediate need and could pave the way for future support, depending on the resources available.







Health

Divine is three years old. She has significant mobility and language difficulties. His family had to interrupt his medical follow-up due to a lack of resources.

In 2025, the Foundation funded examinations, including blood tests and an MRI, and helped to relaunch its care pathway. Divine now has to undergo regular rehabilitation, three times a week.





ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

Family support

The Foundation also continued its support for Marinette and her family. Marinette was living with trisomy 21 and had previously received support for vision, dental and hearing care.

In 2025, discussions with his family focused in particular on the organization of the necessary travel to the Obak Specialist Hospital.

The Foundation remembers **Marinette** as a young woman whose career reminds us of the importance of continuous, humane and dignified follow-up for people with disabilities.





"In memory of Marinette, accompanied by the Foundation in her care journey."

Autonomy

The Foundation met Arnaud and his mother about a breeding and drying project. This project could strengthen their autonomy and promote their social integration.

An initial study has been submitted to the Foundation. It will be reviewed to assess opportunities for improvement and funding.

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Partnerships and prospects



Discussions with the **Association of Speech Therapists** and **WECCARE Foundation** have opened up new avenues for collaboration.

The Foundation wishes to develop partnerships with local actors capable of providing concrete expertise for the benefit of children and families.

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YEAR IN REVIEW



The year 2025 has allowed the Foundation to consolidate its actions and better guide its next steps. The main achievements of the year are:

- The follow-up of the inclusive public school of Monavebe;
- The accompaniment of Divine, Marinette and Arnaud;
- The delivery of food and hygiene materials to the "Orphelinat Tendre la Main" ;
- Meetings with local authorities;
- Exchanges with new partners;
- Strengthening the local team and volunteers.

These actions make it possible to respond more effectively to the needs of the children and families supported, while laying the foundations for more structured work for the coming years.

WHY
SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION?

Supporting the Foundation means helping children and families who face concrete obstacles: difficult access to specialized care, transportation costs, lack of school materials, need for rehabilitation, isolation and lack of support.

Each donation can help finance a medical consultation, a rehabilitation session, a trip to a specialized hospital, school equipment, food support or awareness-raising action.

Your support allows us to act where the needs are visible and urgent. It helps a child to be monitored, a family not to be left alone and a school to better welcome students with disabilities.







FINANCIAL DATA

Financial data 2025

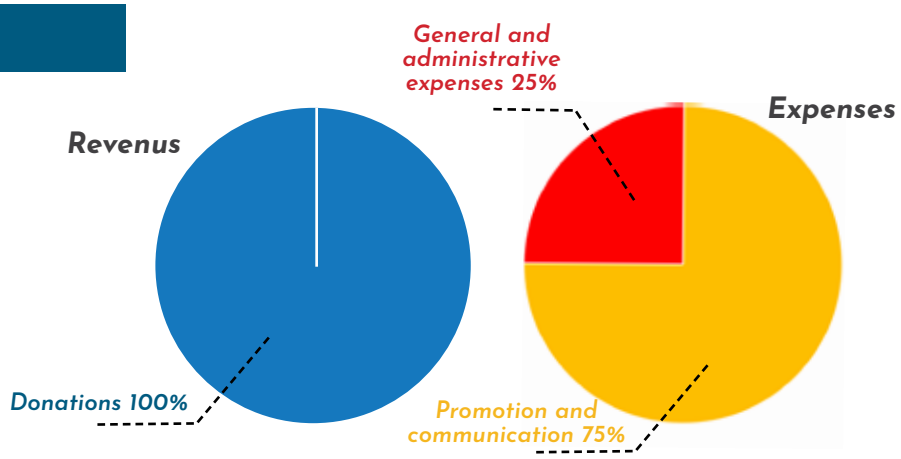


The Foundation's income in 2025 comes from donations received during the year. These contributions have made it possible to support the activities carried out in the field, the support of beneficiaries, communication actions and the administrative structuring of the Foundation.

lincome and expenses details

The expenses incurred reflect the efforts made to monitor projects, strengthen the Foundation's visibility and prepare the next stages of its development.

The Foundation remains committed to managing its resources with transparency and accountability.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Foundation sincerely thanks its donors, volunteers, members of the Board of Directors, the local team in Cameroon, the families met, the teachers, the leaders of the "Orphelinat Tendre la Main", the authorities of Sangmélima and all the people who believe in its mission.

Your trust allows us to continue to act with courage, humility and determination.

Together, we can build a more inclusive, just and humane society.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your generosity transforms lives and gives hope to children with disabilities or illnesses.

GOVERNANCE



The Foundation is administered by a Board of Directors committed to the same vision: to support children with disabilities or illnesses and to promote a more inclusive society.

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FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES OR ILLNESSES AND THEIR FAMILIES

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