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## FOREWORD

DEAR READERS,

the previous founding year was one thing above all: very emotional! During the initial phase, the foundation and all of Germany were caught up in the refugee crisis. Many of us remember the pictures on television of war- traumatized families who were walking barefoot with their children across German motorways. We remember pictures of babies who slept outdoors in minus temperatures and the recurring images of burning refugee shelters and capsized boats. We remember the three-year-old dead boy who was washed up on the shore of Bodrum. Hundreds of thousands sought asylum and the state structures came to their limits. The media image of the „Til Schweiger Foundation“ as a foundation for refugees was quickly consolidated.

Although the „Til Schweiger Foundation“ was much more diverse from the beginning and sees itself as a foundation for ALL children in need, we have accepted the challenge and helped where help was needed the most. Over one million euros were donated and in just four months 20 projects could be funded, many of them in the field of refugee aid. In addition to immediate emergency measures such as additional tents, stabilisation through trauma-therapy and a mobile medical practice, we mainly supported integration and language development for children. With these measures, we were able to reach hundreds of children and young people.

At the same time, the foundation also promoted projects apart from the refugee crisis. These include the rescue of a meeting centre „Villa Kunterbu(e)nd(nis)“ and the prevention project „KICK im Boxring“ – in addition to sporting activities, home care, and social learning are also offered.



The aim of the „Til Schweiger Foundation“ is to continue to improve children's life prospects and to give them the chance of a better future. Every child should have access to education, healthy eating, activities and a good start in life. We want to help where support is needed!

The most beautiful thing about the foundation's work is the smile of children. So please help and reduce the suffering of children. Every Euro counts. Help us to help!

Thank you very much!

Yours, Til Schweiger



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## OVERVIEW

The “Til Schweiger Foundation” supports where disadvantaged children and young people of all backgrounds need assistance. The goal is to improve their chances and their participation in education and social integration in our country. For this purpose, donations of € 1,000,963.17 have already been collected in the first year of the foundation, i.e. within four months. Of this total, €643,338.78 could already be granted for 20 different projects in 2015.

Every single cent of your donation goes to aid projects. All administration expenses in 2015 have been entirely financed through a large donation by the founder

Originally planned as a foundation for children in need, the “Til Schweiger Foundation”, during its founding phase in the summer of 2015, was caught up in the reality of one of the largest refugee waves ever experienced by Europe.

While the social discourse hadn't begun and hardly anyone opposed resentment and xenophobia publicly, Til Schweiger and his prominent advisory council set a sign for tolerance, cosmopolitanism and charity: the goals of the foundation were adapted and pushed forward under the pressure of the European-wide refugee tragedy. The relationship to children and young people still determines the focus. However, the amendments to the statutes opened up a wider range of support possibilities and themes, for which reason a large number of the projects in 2015 were refugee aid projects.

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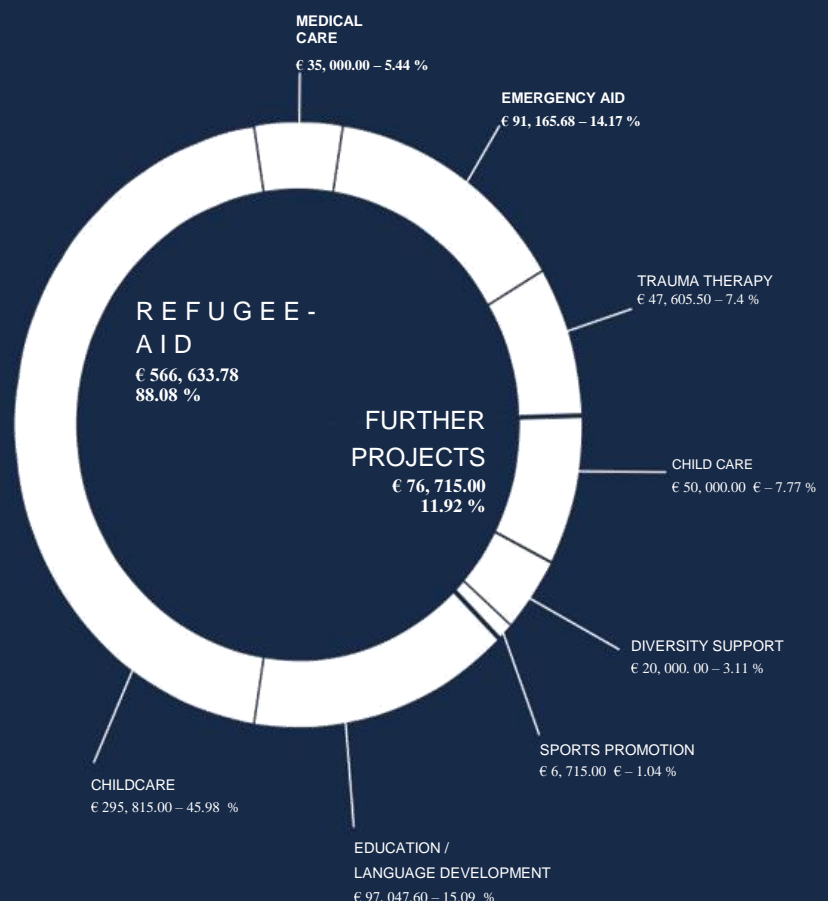
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€ 1, 000,963.17

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APPROVED  
FUNDS  
€ 643, 348.78  
FOR 20  
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## THE ADVISORY BOARD

On the initiative of Til Schweiger, the advisory board of the foundation has assembled within one and a half days.

**PROF. DR. RITA SÜSSMUTH**  
President of the German Bundestag

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board of trustees currently consists of the following members:

**TIL SCHWEIGER**

**RENATE ZINDLER**

**PARAGO SEILER**

**CHRISTIAN SPECHT**

The Board of Trustees is the decision-making body of the foundation.



## COVERAGE

We will keep you informed about our projects on our homepage under [www.tiltschweigerfoundation.de](http://www.tiltschweigerfoundation.de), via Facebook and Twitter.

There, we will regularly update you concerning our supported projects. In order to protect the children and persons affected, we do not want to publish all projects or provide pictures. Due to a high number of applicants, we are not able to finance every project. Daily we receive many help requests for children in need and often, we can only cover part of the expenses. We appreciate your understanding.

In order to help even more children, we will be depending on your donations.

## FORECAST 2016

In the coming year, the support of refugee children and their families will remain a key issue. We want to help to cope with traumas. We'd like to provide access to education and integration, especially for children who are still living in accommodation centres.

In addition, the „Til Schweiger Foundation“ supports the help of socially disadvantaged children and young people in Germany. The most important components are the areas of development, education, and nutrition. Within this framework, various existing projects are being developed and expanded, among other things, the cooperation with Arche for example. As a result not only the Arche is going to be opened in Hamburg-Billstedt in autumn of 2016 but also the project for setting of the course „Weichenstellung“ is going to continue its success story.

Another plan is the reorientation of the website and a more regular update of the project information.

## THANK YOU!

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And above all: Many thanks to the many donors, who we cannot all name due to a large number of people. Especially the many regular donations help us to continue our work consistently! Every single Euro counts and helps children who, without your and our assistance, can't have the chance of a lucky childhood!



## HOW YOU CAN HELP AS WELL

Whether by transfer or PayPal, we ensure that your help reaches!

At [www.tilschweigerfoundation.de](http://www.tilschweigerfoundation.de) you can donate securely and easy via PayPal with safety certificate.

Or you can transfer your donation to:  
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