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**DONATION REPORT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL  
YEAR 2021**

## Thank you,

*for deciding to buy NOAN delicacies this year. With your purchase you have made a valuable contribution towards supporting educational projects for socially disadvantaged children and young people.*

*We at NOAN believe that education lays the foundation for a sustainably better future. For this reason we donate the profit we make every year to projects devoted entirely to the education of children and young people. This year we have already been able to provide support for a total of twelve projects in eight different countries.*

*This is why we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all our loyal NOAN customers. With your help, even though 2021 was another difficult year plagued by the coronavirus, we have managed to donate funds to several outstanding projects, extending help to those who have been particularly hard hit this year – namely our children.*

*Sincerely,  
Margit & Richard Schweger*

# DONATION REPORT

## HARVEST YEAR 2021

NOAN made donations to the following projects in 2021:

<b>PROSA – Schule für ALLE!</b>	<i>Austria</i>	5,700
<b>Kinder haben Zukunft</b>	<i>Austria</i>	5,500
<b>FREI.Spiel</b>	<i>Austria</i>	5,700
<b>IPA Gewalt:Freiheit</b>	<i>Austria</i>	400
<b>Schulsporthilfe</b>	<i>Austria</i>	200
<b>Light of Love</b>	<i>India</i>	6,500
<b>Schule am Pilion</b>	<i>Greece</i>	3,800
<b>Manuel Neuer Kids Foundation</b>	<i>Germany</i>	2,000
<b>Die gelbe Villa</b>	<i>Germany</i>	2,600
<b>Yabonga</b>	<i>South Africa</i>	2,500
<b>Matematikcenter</b>	<i>Denmark</i>	500
<b>Pestalozzi Stiftung</b>	<i>Switzerland</i>	600
<b>Nepal Trust</b>	<i>Nepal</i>	1,000
<b>Gesamt in Euro</b>		<b>37,000</b>

Although the second consecutive year of the pandemic has led to difficult economic times, NOAN has managed to donate the substantial sum of €37,000 to educational projects for disadvantaged children and young people.

The year 2021, like the previous year, was an unusual and challenging time for NOAN. The lack of clarity about the course of the pandemic, with the constant threat

of a lockdown looming round the next corner, demanded a high level of flexibility and commitment from everyone.

Repeated and frequent closures in the restaurant and hotel trade meant the loss of an important customer segment for NOAN, turning the financial year into a roller coaster ride with a multitude of ups and downs. What is more, gloomy economic prospects did not give us much reason to hope for large donations from corporate and private customers, who generate the majority of the amount we donate every year.

However, we never lost sight of our main goal, which is to pave the way to a better future for children and young people through education. It is all the more satisfying, then, that in 2021 the considerable sum of €37,000 was generated, bringing NOAN closer to the landmark figure of €400,000 in total. Since NOAN was founded in 2008, donations have reached the substantial sum of €337,360. The amount donated this year will support twelve outstanding projects that focus on improving the chances of education for needy children and young people.

Despite the numerous difficulties caused by the pandemic, customers in the restaurant and hotel sectors continued to support NOAN, and a number of new customers came on board to savour world class delicacies. The retail trade also compensated for the lack of income from the catering industry. Added to this was the unshaken loyalty of private and corporate customers who diligently ordered NOAN delicacies throughout the year and who, especially around Christmas time, bought generous gifts in an attempt to defy the somewhat gloomy mood.

The company's entire profit goes to selected educational projects throughout the world, from Austria and Greece to India and South Asia. At least 50 per cent of the donations remain in the geographic area in which they were generated. The rest is distributed supraregionally to countries in which NOAN is not yet economically active. The donations from 2021 will go to eleven aid organizations and a school in Pelion, Greece.



Set out below is a detailed account of the distribution of the donations, as well as information about the projects themselves:

## PROSA – SCHULE FÜR ALLE!, ÖSTERREICH - €5,700



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Access to education in Austria is particularly difficult for young people in an ongoing asylum process. In an initiative that is unique in Austria, the Vienna-based project **PROSA – Schule für Alle!** (PROSA – School for Everyone!; [www.prosa-schule.org](http://www.prosa-schule.org)) offers basic education and compulsory school courses for young people and young adults with a refugee or migrant background. NOAN is supporting this initiative with a donation of **€5,700**, enabling refugees and asylum seekers not only to graduate from school, but also to take part in workshops, sports, dance, theatre, and much more.

The year 2021, like 2020, was marked by a number of lockdowns which entailed a transition to distance learning. This year, however, the changeover was much

easier thanks to the experience gained last year. Funds were made available for the purchase of personal computers and laptops this year, which gave even more students access to the e-learning units. Computer courses were held over the summer months to improve IT competence. As it turned out, it was even possible to hold a summer party to honour this year's graduates, as well as those who were unable to celebrate their graduation last year due to lockdown, in a festive atmosphere with food and dance. In the summer, about 150 teaching units and almost 600 hours of private tuition ("buddy project") were organized.

### **FREI.SPIEL – FREIWILLIGE FÜR KINDER, ÖSTERREICH – €5,700**



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A donation of **€5,700** goes to the association **FREI.Spiel – Freiwillige für Kinder** (FREI.Spiel –Volunteers for Children; [www.freispielwien.at](http://www.freispielwien.at)). Thanks to the important work of the association, up to 1,500 children are catered for in 34 after-school care centres and 21 elementary schools in Vienna and Lower Austria. Over 150 volunteers work with students who are at a disadvantage in regular classes due to understanding difficulties and language barriers. The aim is to create fair



educational opportunities. Quality assurance and a comprehensive pedagogical concept are key elements of the initiative. Schoolchildren in particular, who have been especially hard hit by the pandemic, urgently need additional support now. There is a huge demand from schools and after-school care centres for the services of the FREI.Spiel volunteers. In many cases skills already acquired, such as reading and arithmetic, have been lost. Added to this are the many psychological and social problems that the children face.

### KINDER HABEN ZUKUNFT, ÖSTERREICH – €5,500



Wussten Sie, dass viele Kinder im Salzburger Land in Armut leben?

© Kinder haben Zukunft

This year, for the second time in a row, we are donating funds to the project **Kinder haben Zukunft** (Children have a Future; [www.kinder-haben-zukunft.at](http://www.kinder-haben-zukunft.at)) in the province of Salzburg. With a donation of **€5,500** and with the help of this association, assistance has been provided to over 60 children and young people from Salzburg in financial emergencies. The funds enable participants to take part in further education courses, tutoring sessions, language courses and specialized further training. Specific talents – music, literature and theatre – are also supported, and learning aids such as computers or peripherals are financed. The donations are also used to finance afternoon schooling, thus supporting and guaranteeing the children's educational progress.

**IPA INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION - GEWALT:FREIHEIT,  
ÖSTERREICH - €400**



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This year, for the first time, we have been able to support the **International Police Association** ([www.ipa.at](http://www.ipa.at)) with a donation of **€400**. The IPA is the largest international association of police officers in almost 100 countries, and has set itself the task, through study trips and meetings, of educating its members and awakening understanding for the problems of others. Wherever possible they are active in the social field, endeavouring to promote mutual tolerance and help people to understand each other better. Every year the Austrian chapter spends around €100,000 on helping people who are in need through no fault of their own, quickly and without bureaucratic hurdles.

The current Gewalt:Freiheit (Freedom from Violence) campaign is an educational brochure developed by practitioners who deal on a daily basis with victims of violence in all its forms. The brochure will be made available free of charge in schools, violence counselling centres, medical practices, local and municipal authorities, and regional police stations. The aim of the information campaign is to increase awareness about violence, to serve as a guide, and to inform people in need where they can turn to for advice and assistance. Victims of violence – primarily women



and children who experience violence in the private and family sphere – are often in dependent relationships that make it subjectively impossible for them to ask others for help. Education and information are often the only way for victims to free themselves from their tormentors with the help of various organizations.

### SCHULSPORTHILFE, ÖSTERREICH - €200



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The **Österreichische Schulsporthilfe** (Austrian School Sports Aid; [www.schulsporthilfe.at](http://www.schulsporthilfe.at)) implements a wide variety of projects at Austrian schools. NOAN has donated **€200** to support the Clara Fey School in Vienna's 19th district ([www.clara-fey-schule.at](http://www.clara-fey-schule.at)) with its campaign "Bewegte Pause" (Recess in Motion), which promotes games that enhance motor skills for the school's severely disabled children. Joyful and colourful recess activities have been shown to improve concentration in class and are extremely important, especially for children with special needs.

**SCHULE AM PILION, GRIECHENLAND – €3,800**



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A total of **€3,800** has been designated for the school in Argalasi on the Pelion peninsula. Greece, too, has been badly affected by the COVID19 pandemic and the country has switched to e-learning. This is a huge financial burden for many socially disadvantaged families. The purchase of equipment such as computers or printers is not a matter of course for many families on Pelion. In order to offer the children and young people the opportunity to take part in school events, any financial support is helpful. In recent years, donations from NOAN have made it possible to provide laptops for the students.

This year an interactive whiteboard was funded, which requires the students to take an active role during lessons. They are required to acquire knowledge by interacting with the whiteboard rather than as passive “spectators” in a traditional classroom setting.

**LIGHT OF LOVE, INDIEN – €6,500**

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The **Light of Love** project in northern India ([www.charity-ashtangavienna.at/](http://www.charity-ashtangavienna.at/)) has received a donation of **€6,500**. These funds are to be used to finance a school in Varansi. The early part of the year was very challenging, as the pandemic was becoming worse rather than better. There were many deaths, including people within the Varansi village community. Light of Love has therefore supported the village community with immune-boosting products, masks, food and medicine, among other things. The majority of the teaching staff was also infected with Corona, but they have recovered and are healthy again.

Schools remained closed until July and teaching was only possible online, which turned out to be very difficult as most families have neither a computer nor a smart-phone. It was a very challenging time, especially for families with disabled children.

The good news is that – with the help of the donations – all the construction work on the fountain and the plastering work on the girls' upper school have been



completed. The biggest project of the year - the purchase of a school bus – has also been implemented.

## DIE GELBE VILLA, DEUTSCHLAND – €2,600



© Die Gelbe Villa

This creative and educational center for children and young people aged 6 to 16 in the heart of Berlin received a total of **€2,600**. The **Gelbe Villa** (Yellow Villa) project ([www.die-gelbe-villa.de](http://www.die-gelbe-villa.de)) is one of the projects funded by NOAN since last year, 2020. A varied and free educational programme is offered on site for children, regardless of their cultural, religious and social background. After numerous lockdowns and closures, children and young people had been showing clear signs of “online fatigue” and expressed interest in real-life experiences. The activities that were finally carried out during the summer included an end-of-school party in the garden, rap, photo, yoga and 3D printing workshops, as well as creative urban exploration.

**MANUEL NEUER KIDS FOUNDATION, DEUTSCHLAND – €2,000**



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Manuel Neuer, the famous world-class goalkeeper at FC Bayern and a member of the German national football team, is not only outstanding at his job but is an exceptional person, too. It was he who founded the **Manuel Neuer Kids Foundation**, which provides support for children and needy young people in his home town of Gelsenkirchen and throughout the Ruhr area.

The amount of **€2,000** goes to the Manuel Neuer Kids Foundation ([www.manuel-neuer-foundation.de](http://www.manuel-neuer-foundation.de)). The MANUS children's and youth centre is a place where young people in need are offered meals, tutoring and social and leisure activities. The building was closed repeatedly by the authorities and has only been partially reopened for a limited number of people.

In 2021, the construction of a second children's centre in Bottrop was completed, thus offering even more children the level of care they need.



## YABONGA, SÜDAFRIKA – €2,500



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This is the third time that NOAN has provided support, amounting to **€2,500**, for the **Yabonga** project in South Africa. Yabonga fights the spread and the effects of HIV/AIDS in poor communities by offering education, information and support to those directly and indirectly affected. During lockdown, the ban on personal contacts meant that social workers were not able to continue their work. Financed by donations, a total of 78,550 hot meals were distributed to the communities. Over 600 parcels of hygiene products and more than 1000 food packages were also put together and distributed. After the easing of restrictions in April, it was even possible to organize a school trip, giving 262 children an exciting day out. A total of 833 children were given psychosocial support in 2021 and 49 children received additional support from the Yabonga welfare centre.



**MATEMATIKCENTER, DÄNEMARK - €500**

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The Danish **Matematikcenter** ([www.matematikcenter.dk/](http://www.matematikcenter.dk/)) is the recipient of a donation of **€500**. The Matematikcenter is a Danish non-profit organization that offers free tutoring in mathematics to students from 7th grade through university. In open-access "Maths Tutoring Cafés" in schools and libraries throughout Denmark, and via an online service platform, volunteers offer free maths tutoring with a view to improving students' mathematical skills and abilities and reinforcing them through positive experiences.

Denmark, too, was affected in 2021 by closures and a reduction in the number of exams. Nevertheless, there was a huge demand for digital maths tutoring. Although the COVID 19 pandemic was a challenge for the local maths tutoring cafés, it also highlighted the importance of addressing students' personal needs and learning styles both face-to-face and digitally. This year, more than 250 students were able to take advantage of the tutoring sessions offered by the Matematikcenter and choose the appropriate units from around 2911 available online lessons.

**PESTALOZZI-STIFTUNG, SCHWEIZ - €600**

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**€600** has been allocated to the **Pestalozzi-Stiftung** (Pestalozzi Foundation; [www.pestalozzi.ch](http://www.pestalozzi.ch)) in Switzerland, which is committed to promoting the training and further education of young people from mountainous and remote regions. Financing an apprenticeship can be a problem if young people have to live and eat away from home, as is the case with most of the Pestalozzi Foundation scholarship holders. These costs are only partially covered by public scholarships.

The Pestalozzi-Stiftung offers children and young people a subsidized kindergarten, special tutoring schools, various youth welfare services and a training seminar for social workers and educators, and supports individual education and development in a systemically oriented way. The foundation also offers a variety of services for people with disabilities. This includes the provision of assistance, vocational training and jobs in the foundation's own workshops as well as in local firms. Donations also provide for individual housing and out-patient care services.



## NEPAL TRUST, SÜDASIEN – €1,000



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This year, another project dear to our hearts is again supported with a donation of **€ 1,000**. **Nepal Trust Austria** ([www.nepaltrust.at](http://www.nepaltrust.at)) is committed to a life lived in health and free of violence for people in South Asia. In the mother-and-child house, women and children who have suffered violence, or have been rejected, find a loving temporary home, help in times of need, a sympathetic ear and a place in the community. In the social and health groups, participants are informed about legal questions and health; they experience mutual support and forge solutions, and learn about their rights and how to stand up for them.

As part of the school co-operation, students discuss and question misogynistic norms and carry the struggle against violence and discrimination into the next generation. One of the topics focused on here is putting an end to chhaupadi, a dangerous tradition that not only excludes girls from school during their menstruation, but also banishes them from the village, even when this means they are exposed to the elements and have to spend time in the forest in sub-zero temperatures. Women and girls raise their voices in broadcasts on supraregional radio stations; they consolidate and share lessons learned, and encourage others to do the same.



With courage and determination they transport their knowledge and experience, their solidarity and confidence, into every household and beyond. Donations have made it possible for the hospital to be saved and equipped with vital medical equipment. The first maternity ward in the region was also set up and midwives were hired; thanks to Nepal Trust Austria several hundred newborns have seen the light of day safely and have received the best possible care.

