

The Honorine newsletter

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EDITO

One year after the creation of the Association, we measure one more time while writing these lines, all the way we have been through. The daily involvement of the volunteers enables us to hope on the development of Honorine. The actions of solidarity in order to raise funds in favour of the Association allow us to plan quietly her future and to offer her the means of her ambitions.

All these surrounding commitments take us to keep on with our action. The Association, thanks to your impulse, has got a new dimension. The newsletter n°3 is now translated into English, which proves that solidarity does not stop on the border lines.

The best way to thank you lies in the progress of Honorine. She reached an important stage by integrating the nursery school past September.

The Association Board very sincerely wishes you a happy New Year 2011. Many Thanks for all.

Le bureau de l'Association

1st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our first AG took place on March 19th, 2010. Thanks to the participants for their very constructive exchanges. For those who could not attend the meeting or who have joined us recently, you can find the report on the website.

SOLIDARITY IN SCHOOLS

In April, we were invited to the middle school Jeanne d'Arc to receive funds from the Operations "Bowl of rice and Solidarity". Special thanks to Mrs Enée, Mrs Jeanne and Mrs Launay. See detailed press review on the website.



MY FRIEND GUILLAUME

You will find below a website extract relative to another family which shares the same concern.

"One day, Guillaume received an e-mail from a little girl who shares a common point with him: They have both the same disease. But what she did not know is that he also practises the **Padovan** method. Honorine has a lissencéphalie. Her parents, helped by her godfather and godmother, launched an association to cope with the lack of centers for disabled children as young as Honorine.

No kidding! **It reminds me of something.** They also made the choice to complete her care system (which is actually not that bad) by regular Padovan stimulating exercises (**much more regular than Guillaume does!**) thanks to the involvement of volunteers who come at home to help her practicing.

Honorine has no blog, but a website: Honorine lève-toi."

Site : www.guillaumeetnous.org

HONORINE PROGRESS

Honorine is 3 years old. She has been doing stimulation exercises since the age of 1. Here are some of her new victories upon the disease that we have noticed for the last six months :

- **Vision and prehension:** Honorine grasps her glass on the table and takes it to her mouth to drink. She seizes an object (a spoon for instance) with a single hand thanks to an effort of concentration. The small accidents "on the way" from hand to mouth are very quickly forgiven.
- **Motricity and balance:** Honorine stands in sitted position and keep straight. She makes gladly some steps with support by folding the knees, with a lot of application, to do a movement which is for us so natural;
- **Chewing:** Honorine learns how to use her teeth to chew the small pieces that we now give her. To be perfected as the small tongue does not play the expected role!





At the beginning of the summer ", we were invited in Brussels in the office of Pepsico Belgique. We met there the marathon runners we had already met a few months earlier. Little by little, employees came to join us in the room which could not contain any more people! After an introducing speech by the Manager, we watched, with a lot of emotion, a small movie which tells about this tremendous sport and human competition. Pepsico Belgique decided to double the gifts recorded for the benefit of the association. This moment is definitely the best of our association short history and doubtless not the last ... Special thanks to Christophe, Kristol, Daniel, Andy, Jan, Fouad, Bern, Peter and Bruno. You can find the movie on the site www.move4purpose.



We were particularly touched that a firm as big as Pepsico got interested in the anonymous cause which we defend while he could have dedicated his energy to more media causes.

A "Standing ovation" please, for Bruno Boucquillon, the organizer of this event and our contact within Pepsico.

TRAINING PADOVAN 2 In LYON

Last July, Bérangère, Honorine's mummy and official trainer of the volunteers, attended the level 2 of the specialized training for disabled children due to functional neurological disorders. This program accounted 4 days of theory and practice. The objectives: to improve the communication, to work on the mouth and the word. This training period was financed by the association.

SEQUOIAS BLUES



Mid-June, The SEQUOIAS BLUES Band dedicated their annual concert to the association. A magnificent frame in Ussy, the visit of Mr . SEBIRE's garden house, a warm welcome, hundred-years-old sequoias... all the ingredients were gathered to fully enjoy the talent of these six great musicians. It was the opportunity for the association to present its activities to fight against the disease and the progress realized by her protected girl. We recorded many testimonies of support and encouragement. Very special thanks to **François FLAIS** the initiator of this operation which federated around him the team of the musicians, our always available hosts and the sponsors the NORMANDY CRÉDIT AGRICOLE, SOBATEN, SOPROBAT and CERANOVA. We will always remind of this nice afternoon.

GOOD RESTORING UNCLE



A special mention to Honorine's Uncle, Jean HEBERT, who was hospitalized this summer and to whom Honorine makes a big kiss



As regards the supplier of Honorine's official and customized toys, it is well worth the second kiss!



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I AM GOING TO SCHOOL!

Hardly before Summer Holidays, the expected official decision finally arrived: Honorine integrates the nursery school in September with the support of a school aid. Good news! We would definitely need a new organization of the week but will enable an intellectual stimulation for Honorine.

