

## **Initiative|SCHLÜSSELMENSCH e.V.**

Initiative|SCHLÜSSELMENSCH e.V. (roughly, “key person initiative”) is a non-profit association that supports refugees living in Freiburg. Its main work consists in finding young adults, mostly students, to serve as sponsors for refugee children and youths. Besides offering further services to refugees, the initiative also advocates local as well as federal refugee policies for providing refugees in Germany more humane living conditions and greater rights of participation.

We were able to realize several projects last summer with the help of your donation. Your donation made it possible to continue offering our swimming course, which has been held regularly for two years. Eight children learned how to swim and completed their swimming course before summer vacation, earning a “sea horse” swimming badge. Swimming is a skill almost every child learns as a matter of course in Germany. Enabling refugee children to take a swimming course helps them to participate in society and improve their skills and self-confidence.



In addition, your donation helped us to organize a trip to the Karlsruhe Zoo. A number of children and their sponsors enjoyed a special day with each other. These outings give the children a chance to leave behind the dreary surroundings of their refugee home in the industrial park and forget about their precarious life situation for a few hours.



Another part of the donation went to support Freiburg Forum's legal assistance fund. Families have been experiencing increased difficulties due to recent restrictions to asylum laws, and this fund gives them an opportunity to seek legal advice. This service is especially important to us, because many families receiving support from Initiative|SCHLÜSSELMENSCH are unable to cover these costs on their own.

Thank you very much for enabling us to continue our work with your donation. We hope we can continue to count on your support in the future.