

BerenbergKids – Hiking for Charity

Acknowledgement

We made it! Through 3 Cantons, over 3 Alp passes and roughly 6,000 metres of altitude difference...

Eighteen members from Berenberg Bank Switzerland (Capital Markets and Private Banking) set off on August 17th on a **three**



day walk through the Alps, following the route that the famous Russian General, Alexander Suworow took some 200 years ago after his masterly retreat back in the Napoleonic wars. We decided to organise this challenge to raise money for Charity, with the help of BerenbergKids.

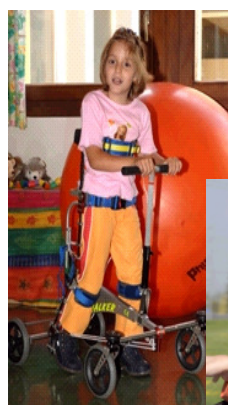
Our expedition took us from the heart of Switzerland; from the banks of Lake Lucerne (Flüelen), through Muotathal and the Pragelpass to Lake Klöntaler. From here we drove to Elm, where we would tackle the toughest

challenge of the hike – the steep ascent of the 2,407m Panixer Pass.

Luckily we were blessed with fantastic weather despite various reports stating the contrary, it did not rain! Although we had to deal with some very demanding passages, we are pleased to report that there were no serious injuries and although all participants were left absolutely exhausted, we all returned home safe and sound.



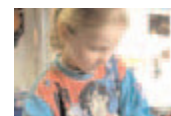
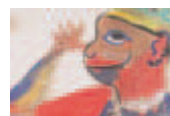
With the support of BerenbergKids, we organised this hiking trip so that we could raise funds for the Swiss charity **Stiftung Cerebral**. Founded in 1961, the purpose of Stiftung Cerebral is to detect in the early stages, support, and care for children with cerebral palsy living in Switzerland. In order to achieve their goal, the Stiftung Cerebral relies on every Swiss Franc donated.



We would like to sincerely thank all donors for their generosity!

It is amazing to see how people are willing to participate and donate so readily. Your help will give children suffering from cerebral palsy a better start in life and, at the same, minimise the financial burden on their families.

Many businesses, clients and employees of the Bank supported our walk and sponsored various altitude differences. As a result, we have raised an incredible **sum of more than CHF 17,000!** This amount corresponds to almost **three times as many altitude differences that were climbed.**



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What Stiftung Cerebral can achieve with our 17,000 CHF donation...

Facilitated mobility (6,000 CHF)

It is not often possible to use public transport with a child who is cerebrally disabled. For the numerous trips to the regular doctor's appointments, the various therapies and any



leisure trips, parents rely upon a car with which they could transport their child in a wheelchair. These specially adapted vehicles are expensive and many parents on a tight budget depend on financial help when it comes to the purchase of them. Thanks to your support with 6,000 CHF we can take the burden of the purchase of these cars away from two families (each car costing 3,000 CHF).

'Fun' Therapies (6,000 CHF)

Many children with cerebral palsy live in a world of technological aids. In water, however, they are completely free from these and they feel detached and unconstrained. With water therapies, the hyper tonicity of the muscles is taken away and disabled children can really enjoy the element of playing in water, which has a lasting positive effect on the children's state of mind. With your donation, we can offer three children the chance of a year-long course of 'Swim-Therapy' accompanied by a specialised minder.

More vitality and feelings of zest for life during holidays and leisure time (5,000 CHF)



Disabled children want to get out into the fresh air and into nature along with their brothers/sisters and parents. The wheelchair adapted bike, Draisin Plus makes this possible, meaning that a day-out cycling with the whole family can be a reality for disabled children. A stop-off for lunch in a restaurant garden is also no problem thanks to the Draisin Plus, as the wheelchair is very easily

detachable from the bike. These particular innovations are extremely expensive (circa 9,000 CHF) and many parents need financial support if they have any chance of owning one of these. Your donation means that we can provide 2 families with a Draisin Plus.



Should you still wish to take part in our project, there is still time to do so. It is never too late to make a donation and every single donation is very gratefully received. Please donate online at:

<http://www.cerebral.ch/onlinespenden/spenden.html>

(please mark that this is in conjunction with "BerenbergKids")

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