



## CASE FOR SUPPORT



Le Rire Médecin was born in 1991 when **Caroline Simonds**, an American-born Francophile and clown artist herself, decided to move to France and create the **first ever hospital clowning nonprofit** in the country. We have been operating for **almost 35 years** now- and thriving! We first started with mainly government funding and only a few clowns in two hospitals- we now raise over **6M EUR** a year, mainly from private individuals, and perform in **20 hospitals** thanks to a team of more than **150 clowns**!







We believe a **happy child is easier to treat**. Making the hospital a joyful place is quite a challenge, but according to general feedback, we live up to the expectation! Thus, our work helps on several levels:

- **children** feel less distress and anxiety and better respond to treatments,
- **families** are supported,
- **medical staff** benefit from a less stressful work environment- and can also enjoy a joke now and again!

This altogether benefits hospitals and the public: experience shows children who received clown visits stay in hospital for shorter periods, and allow for a higher turnover of patients, making **treatment available to more people**.





We have a pool of **150 clowns** who take turns performing in hospital. We are there all year long, at least **2 days a week**. This allows us to develop close relationships with children who need to stay in hospital for a long time, possibly for a chronic disease. It has happened that we witnessed a child turn into a teenager and our clowns became **role models** for them! One former patient even became a stand-up artist- something we are fairly proud of!







While there is little scientific research on the benefits of hospital clowning, we know for a fact our work is **paramount**. Parents, children, doctors and nurses who have met our clowns can testify of the good they have brought with them and the joy they spread. What we do is not about numbers and graphs, it's about **compassion** and the **general good**.







While **Caroline Simonds** devised the first activities of Le Rire Médecin on her own, she soon sought help to make the nonprofit a sound and transparent entity.

Our President, **Dr Dominique Valteau-Couanet**, is a paediatric oncologist. She headed Gustave Roussy Institute's Department of Child and Adolescent Oncology from 2008 to 2021. She continues to work as a surgeon and conduct research into neuroblastoma, a speciality for which she is internationally renowned. In 2011, Dominique Valteau-Couanet founded Gustave Roussy's Ethics Committee, which she chaired for 3 years.

Ten **administrators** now sit at our Board, among whom two nurses. 6 **goodwill ambassadors**, most of them well-known French actors, help make our work known. 17 staff at HQ help the clowns navigate the activity and implement the Board's project.



We need to secure our funding **year after year**, so we don't ever need to leave the children. We are proud to have never, in over 30 years, had to close a programme. We currently need **6.5 million EUR** p/a to keep up our work.

We would also love to be able to cater for the **17 pending requests** from children's hospitals we have received, which we cannot accommodate for the moment... Each new programme costs **130K€**.



# BUDGET

EXPENDITURE	previsional 2024/2025
<b>Purchases</b>	<b>79 676 €</b>
agencies and consulting	44 486 €
equipment	2 300 €
office supplies	24 390 €
miscellaneous	8 500 €
<b>external services</b>	<b>1 192 822 €</b>
subcontracting	873 258 €
rent	209 445 €
maintenance and repairs	92 939 €
insurances	5 440 €
Documentation	140 €
Miscellaneous	11 600 €
<b>other external services</b>	<b>522 890 €</b>
consulting staff and other fees	142 349 €
communication and advertising	28 073 €
travel expenses	78 093 €
post and telecommunications	216 954 €
banking services	31 450 €
membership fees	25 971 €
<b>taxes</b>	<b>319 400 €</b>
employment taxes	257 150 €
other taxes and fiscal revenues	62 250 €
<b>salaries and fees</b>	<b>4 498 113 €</b>
staff	2 975 299 €
social costs	1 419 490 €
other	103 324 €
<b>other operating expenses</b>	<b>2 000 €</b>
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<b>endowment for the year</b>	<b>29 600 €</b>
depreciation charges	29 600 €
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>6 644 501 €</b>

INCOME	previsional 2024/2025
<b>sales</b>	<b>77 385 €</b>
training courses	37 385 €
merchandise	40 000 €
<b>Public subsidies</b>	<b>249 000 €</b>
county councils	10 000 €
CPAM	60 000 €
CAF	50 000 €
ADAMI	50 000 €
department of culture	10 000 €
hospitals (IGR, Nantes)	39 000 €
regions	20 000 €
city councils	10 000 €
<b>Other resources</b>	<b>5 878 116 €</b>
private donors	4 162 116 €
corporate donors and sponsorship	1 713 000 €
membership fees	3 000 €
<b>financial products</b>	<b>200 000 €</b>
<b>reversal of depreciation</b>	<b>70 000 €</b>
<b>balance from preivous years</b>	<b>170 000 €</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6 644 501 €</b>





Help us support **children fighting for their health**. Help us make sure hospitalized children are given a chance to **laugh**. Help us make the world a **happier place**.

You can **support our work** by donating funds or bequeathing part of your estate.

**On behalf of all the children: thank you!**

