

Association Romande des Familles d'Enfants atteints d'un Cancer
(Association of families of children with cancer)

Our association...

Based on mutual aid, l'ARFEC – **Association of families of children with cancer** – aims to support and accompany families of children with cancer.



More than thirty years ago, a handful of parents decided to get together to fight their child's illness, share their experiences and support each other in the face of hardship.

Thus, in 1987, our association was born.

ARFEC is there for you, for your child, for his brothers and sisters.

**... mutual assistance between
families**

for...



- To share an experience and provide support to families, so that they maintain as a balanced and harmonious quality of life as possible.
- To support families throughout the illness.
- To promote contacts between families.
- To defend the interests of families of children with cancer with the authorities, educational institutions, social services, health insurance funds, in complementarity with existing institutions.
- To ensure that the needs of families are being taken into account.
- To foster relationships and collaboration among professionals to ensure optimal care for our children.
- To encourage research on the various forms of cancer.



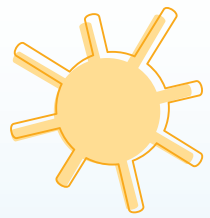
Some numbers:

L'ARFEC has nearly **800** members.

In total, the association brings together more than **1200** people concerned.



on a daily basis...



The onset of the disease severely destabilises family balance: the organisation of daily life is disrupted, professional activities are endangered, children's schooling is also affected,....

Each additional burden, whether financial or relational, increases the tension in the family and, as a result, reduces the strength needed to support the sick child in his or her treatment.



For these reasons, we have implemented several types of support:

- **Accompaniment** – our accompanists are responsible for welcoming and supporting families according to their needs.
- **Accommodation** – Family accommodation is not free. This is why we offer several solutions to the families who are members of our association, including a flat, so that each child can benefit from the presence of his relatives at his side during hospital stays.
- **Camps/Family outings** – various meetings are organised to share moments of pleasure and joy, necessary breathing times.
- **“Café-croissants” reception at the hospital** – a time of sharing and conviviality offered to parents of sick children to allow them to feel welcomed and surrounded.
- **Parents meals** – eight times a year, a relaxing time for parents of sick children to interact with other parents.
- **Financial assistance** – contribution to the cost of meals during hospital stays, parking fees near hospitals.

We need you!

Our annual budget amounts to more than Fr. 600 000.–, covered by donations and contributions. In order to pursue our mission with families, we need you and your generosity!

In concrete terms, we need:

- donations (also in kind!),
- sponsors for special actions,
- assistance in organising events,
- volunteers at certain events.

You can also support our association by becoming a «Friend of ARFEC» member with a contribution of Fr. 30.– per year.



Some examples of our loads:

- Accomodation: Fr. 30.– per night
- Parking: Fr. 20.– per day
- Meals: Fr. 36.– per person/day
- Family spaces: Fr. 20.– per day
- Camp: Fr. 500.– per child/week

Duration of a pediatric oncological treatment:

From a few months to several years.

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