

## 2022

The hospital actions of the Priory of Brittany are ensured by "Association of Social and Hospital Works of the Regular Order of Saint John of the Holy Land in Brittany" under the auspices of the Priory of Brittany. The Priory of Brittany Association manages:

- 3 Establishments and Services for Help through Work (ESAT) which take care of nearly 250 mentally handicapped people or people who have been victims of addictions and who can no longer live independently, former alcoholics, drug addicts, abandoned people and offer jobs in our workshops.

- 3 medico-psycho-educational centers (CMPP) for early childhood care providing more than 22,000 sessions per year to 1,300 children and adolescents with social or psychological difficulties.

The years 2020 and 2021 have been particularly difficult for our establishments because of the pandemic. We had to put in place barrier gestures, support and care for our users. All our teams provided themselves with great dedication. These various actions, while the situation was unknown, made it possible to ensure the safety and care of our various users, disabled adults and children.

The Association manages a budget of 8 million euros and has real estate valued at 4.4 million euros. We have about 130 employees: Directors, psychiatrists, psychologists, educators, social workers, speech therapists, secretaries and other employees.

Everything has been done to avoid the isolation and distress of our users, with particular attention to those who no longer have a family. In our psychiatric establishments, care has been maintained with the setting up of care sessions with children and their families by videoconference. The economic situation has evolved and we have had to stop the horticultural activity of our establishment in Saint Jean and create a packaging activity for small objects in order to continue to be able to provide protected work for disabled adults.



The objective of the Priory's charity is to help the disabled, homeless and children suffering from psychological troubles.

In 1971, the Knights and Dames of the Priory of Britain wondered how to ensure collectively the "pro utilitate omnium" Rule of the Order in addition to what everyone agrees to do as individuals.

Thanks to Providence, they were in contact with a group of doctors who sought the support of an association to carry out a project the Priory felt they could whole-heartedly support over the long term. It was and is to carry assistance to children, from birth to 20 years, suffering from serious psychological problems. Our brothers were passionate about the project that met an important need and decided to support it. Many have donated money and buildings or have made long-term loans without interest.

Their first psychological medical center was created in 1972. Shortly after, our brothers created the "Association of Social Works and Hospitallers from the Regular Order of Saint John of the Holy Land in Britain" under the auspices of the Order.

Investment was so great that soon the Association applied for public aid. In France there is a law that allows private organizations to receive some help from the State provided they are creating or taking over educational or non-profit institutions whose purpose is to teach or give medical support to the needy. To receive such help, these institutions must sign an agreement and follow certain rules. The State aid supports operating costs for salaries and some investments. We own the buildings and are responsible for the management.

Our financial resources come from profits from the sale of products manufactured in the workshops for disabled, grants, concerts and bazaars.

Today, the initial support has grown to support other charitable activities. The Association of the Priory of Brittany created and manages:

- 3 centers medico-psycho-pedagogical (CMPP) for childcare and youth mental or social problems providing more than 22,000 sessions per year to 1,300 children. The centers are at Brest (1971), Redon (1977) and Vitré (1979).
- 3 Centers and Services Assistance by work (ESAT) that support nearly 150 physically or mentally handicapped individuals or former alcoholics and provides jobs within our workshops.
- Center Saint Yves in Plouray (1982) provides five workshops, woodworking, a farm, wood charcoal, and garden maintenance for a total of 63 handicapped people.
- Center La Corbinais at Saint Jean sur Cousenon (1987) provides garden maintenance and nursery activities for 34 handicapped people.
- Center Saint John at Fougeres (1988) provides care to 34 adults with serious deficiencies.
- A shelter for disabled employees and a home for disabled retirees.

In addition, we actively support the St. Joseph Village, which is an organization that provides accommodation and reintegration for homeless people

The Priory also provides help to those in need on a one off project basis comparable to other Priors. In particular, the Priory has provided shipments to hospitals and orphanages of medical equipment, drugs, food and clothing and comparable help to countries suffering from natural disasters or war. Countries that have benefited include Bosnia, Kosovo, Romania, Cambodia, the Ivory Coast, Congo, Palestine, Vietnam, Algeria, Morocco, Cameroon, Benin and Haiti. Nicaragua was helped in cooperation with the Commandery of Palm Beaches. . Most often the equipment that is sent has been reworked by the Commandery of Leon-Cournaille and shipped by sea or trucked with a member of the Sovereign Order to be sure the goods are delivered to the right people

The annual budget for management of the 6 facilities is € 9m.

Other donations include:

## **2008**

- The Association bought the buildings for the village Saint Joseph for \$150 000 US.
- Each year we finance the shipment of medical equipment to African countries for \$2000 US.

## **2014**

- The Association made a bank guarantee for an investment of \$800 000 US to restore the buildings of the “village Saint Joseph”: Fifteen new people can be safely and comfortably accommodated with individual rooms or studios, kitchen, meeting rooms, chapel and workshop.

## 2015

- **June 2015.** The Priory gave \$15 000 US to support Christians in the Middle East being persecuted for their faith.
- **September 2015.** The Priory organized a concert and we gave the benefit of US \$1 000 for a French association that deals with the welcome of Syrian refugees in Brittany.

## 2017

### **December 2017: Expansion and modernization of the building of the Medico-psychopedagogical center (CMPP) for child care of Brest.**

In Brest (Brittany) there was in the sixties a therapeutic support structure to help children and adolescents with language, dyslexia and school problems. In 1971 the Knights of the Order of Saint John made the decision to support the association that managed this center and wanted to expand its skills. We then financed the purchase of a building to create the CMPP of Brest.

Today the center employs 25 people and provides 11,000 therapeutic acts per year to 700 children.

It was necessary to modernize and enlarge the premises. It took 3 years to find the funding of 600,000€. A small portion comes from donations, another from a long-term loan and another is funded by our Association of Social and Hospitalier Works witch insure the “pro utilitate hominum” of the Order since 1971

The inauguration took place on December 21, 2017 in the presence of numerous personalities.



*The new building*

### **May 2017: The St Jean sur Couesnon ESAT of The Center store has been given a makeover!**

This establishment exists since 1962 and was created by an association of “Friends and Parents of Unsuitable Children” from the region of Fougères in Brittany. On their personal resources,

they financed a specialized teacher for a few years. Soon, other families joined this initiative for their own children. Ten years later, it was the meeting between the Chevalier Mazéas and the Abbot Jules Martinais of the parish of St Jean sur Couesnon (Brittany) that allowed the foundation of a larger establishment. The Abbot Martinais bequeathed a lot and a large house to the Corbinese, allowing the later creation of a Center and Service Assistance by Work for Disabilities in 1987.

Our Association of Social and Hospital Workers owns it in 1996.

The new standards of accessibility of the premises and a certain dilapidated led us to rebuild our store sales to the public that we also wanted more spacious and more enjoyable for customers.



The new store

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the greenhouse of our workshop for handicapped



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Gardening equipment for our center Saint Jean for disabled



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Sawmill of our Saint Yves center for handicapped

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The storage depot of medical equipment[/caption][caption id="attachment\_2064" align="alignnone" width="264"]



Waiting room of our care center for children in difficulty[/caption]



Workshop of the ESATt St Jean