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Through fundraising, our non-profit organisation provides financial and material support to families with children, small or large, affected by **orphan disease**.

www.linumcharity.eu

Children as the cornerstone of families.

Dear reader,

In the shadow of medical progress and prosperity, many children worldwide suffer from rare and often **neglected medical conditions,** also known as orphan diseases. These conditions affect a relatively small number of people, but the impact on the lives of affected children and their families is devastating.

Children are the core of a family, the embodiment of hope and future. When a child is affected by an orphan disease, not only their own life path is abruptly changed, but also that of the entire family.

Parents face emotional, physical and financial challenges. It is crucial to give them **access to the necessary specialised care** so that they can focus on the best possible quality of life for their child.

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Orphan disease, you say ?

An orphan disease, also known as rare disease, refers to a medical condition that is relatively rare and therefore infrequent in the general population.

In several countries, a disease is considered “rare” if it occurs in less than a certain number of people, for example less than 1 in 2,000 people.

The label “orphan disease” stems from the fact that these conditions often receive (too) little attention from the pharmaceutical industry and research community, because the market for treatments is (too) small.

As a result, people with orphan diseases may struggle to **access adequate and affordable medical care** and treatments.

"We are very grateful to have Odette with us, but the line between happiness and sadness is sometimes razor-thin. We carry on, for her sake."

“How much of a chance, sir?”

“One chance in several billions....” That is what Odette’s parents were told when doctors told them that their newborn daughter suffers from both **anophthalmia and microphthalmia**. The girl was born with only one eye and is completely blind.

For Odette’s head to develop nicely and symmetrically, an expensive eye prosthesis has to be inserted twice a month. The health insurance fund reimburses only 2 prostheses a year. The 22 others the parents have to pay for themselves. Any financial support is more than welcome. Linum Charity helps.

Primary immune deficiency (PID) research. Here, too, Linum Charity is doing its bit.

There are more than 300 known forms of PID that vary in severity and clinical presentation. PID is a chronic disease and it is often diagnosed late. This can cause pernicious organ damage with pernicious impact on life expectancy. Linum Charity vzw supports the **Centre for Primary Immunodeficiencies Ghent (MD, PhD Filomeen Haerynck).** www.uzgent.be/CPIG

Your support. A world of difference.

"Your financial support for orphan disease treatment and care is a most valuable investment in the well-being of children, the core of families and the building blocks of our society. Together, we can make a difference in their lives and offer hope to families facing the challenges of immune disorders and orphan diseases."

Fred Vanderbeke
founder of Linum Charity vzw in 2013

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Donate? It is possible.
In 2 ways.

Support our Charity projects
and make a direct donation to our non-profit organisation for the benefit of children with rare diseases:

Linum Charity vzw
to account n° BE11 7380 3822 0648
or via the Payconiq QR code herewith.
Without fiscal certificate.

Support the Friends of Linum Charity Fund
recognised by the King Baudouin Foundation,
and thus help advance orphan disease research:

to account n° BE10 0000 0000 0404
with structured communication:
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or via the Payconiq QR code herewith.
Fiscal certificate from €40.
donate.kbs-frb.be/actions/FFO-LINUM

Linum Charity affects you ?

Would you like to speak to us regarding a person with orphan disease?

Would you like to organise an activity as a service club or association to benefit our operation?

Other questions?

Contact us !

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