

A 39 year-experience

devoted to philanthropy

The Fondation de France was established in 1969 to encourage the growth of all forms of private philanthropy.

Our role as an intermediary partner is to help individuals and companies who wish to make an act of generosity, to do so in the way that best responds to the needs of society.

- The Fondation de France contributes to the development of philanthropy by enabling individuals or companies to create their own foundation under its aegis, and to benefit from its advice on management.
- The Fondation de France sets up action programs in many fields: solidarity, the elderly or disabled, and for the benefit of children. Its areas of action also cover health, medical and scientific research, culture and the environment.
- The Fondation de France helps put in place or structure network systems, and promotes professionalism in the management of the voluntary sector in France and Europe.

Key figures for 2007

- 567,500 donors
- 610 private foundations under aegis
- 7 regional delegations
- equivalent of 135 full-time staff and more than 460 voluntary workers
- almost 6,600 grants, awards and scholarships amounting to 67 million euros

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Programs

about thirty programs on all fields of the general interest

The Fondation de France is active in all the fields of public interest - in national and international solidarity, health and medical research, culture and environment. Programs are constantly adapted to respond to the most urgent needs of society.

Closely involved in the local sphere, we aim at being attentive to the problems of each and everyone.

We favor autonomy over assistance, with the conviction that all people have the resources within themselves to be actors in the solving of their problems.

There are three core values guiding our actions:

- the fight against isolation, which is the main factor of exclusion
- local action, to help rebuild the social link within the community
- respect for the dignity of individuals

There are three stages in a program: support, assessment and valorization.

We rely on Committees of Experts to select the projects to be supported in our programs.

We promote exchanges of expertise in sectors where innovative experiments are emerging. After the implementation, the results are evaluated and the teachings disseminated, so that other financiers may take over.

For more than 80% of the supported organizations, the assistance of the Fondation de France gives a boost to getting their projects going.

To apply for support, please refer to our call for projects: www.fondationdefrance.org

SOCIAL COHESION

Society itself generates its own evils - and these range from poverty, violence, unemployment, ill-treatment and exclusion to contempt and neglect of those who are different. What action do we take faced with the scale and diversity of society's needs today?

The choice of the Fondation de France is to support association or community projects, usually operating in small structures. These will be groups giving attention to the human as well as the material environment of people who are fragile or in situations of breakdown in their lives.

Identifying flexible and appropriate solutions, giving assistance over a number of years, providing funding, making results known - this is the role of the Fondation de France in such fields as: social cohesion (housing, employment and activity), children (prevention of violence), people with disabilities, the elderly, international solidarity.



HEALTH

Respect for the dignity of human beings, refusing discrimination between people, enabling access to information and training - these are principles that the Fondation de France focuses on in its programs in the area of health.

For several years, assistance to the sick and their families together with medical research have been the subject of a number of studies and projects.

Today, the Fondation de France keeps working to promote equal access to care for all, to prevent disease or cure it, and to improve the daily lives of sick people or accompany them in dignity to their death.

On these difficult questions, which concern every citizen, the initiatives supported by the Fondation de France have to take into account the diversity of viewpoints - the needs of patients and their families and also the requirements of professionals and voluntary groups.



CULTURE

The pace of technological change in our societies is having a profound effect on the relationship between mankind and his environment. Culture - and in particular art - is becoming a major factor in the personal development of each of us. Many people, however, have difficulties in finding their way about in contemporary works, because relations between society and artists are not appropriate to modern democracies.



Foundations

under the aegis of the Fondation de France

Some believe that producing works of art is far removed from themselves and only concerns an initiated few.

We have to restore to society, in all its diversity, the means to express its cultural aspirations and make new relations with its artists.

In this framework, the Fondation de France has set up pilot programs in which it carries out its mission as mediator between artists and society.

It also helps development of tools for training and encouraging critical analysis.

ENVIRONMENT

Concerning the environment, the Fondation de France has four main lines of action:

- education on the environment,
- social cooperation to protect the environment and local development,
- sustainable rural development in an enlarged Europe,
- the acoustic environment: education, the prevention of conflict arising from noise issues and concerted efforts to generate better acoustic spaces in neighbourhoods and communities.



MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Fondation de France has supported high-level research and the training of researchers for several years. The ever more specialized nature of research in the medical field makes it necessary to bring together large numbers of experts to work on increasingly in-depth programs.

Under the term of article 2 of its by laws, the principal mission of the Fondation de France is to “constitute funds or foundations on behalf of donors”.

Those foundations are managed individually under its aegis, they benefit from an autonomy in terms of decision-making but are legally attached to the Fondation de France.

The donor or the testator selects the purpose of his foundation himself amongst a wide range of causes : health, culture, the environment, the disabled, the elderly, children, research...

Today, 571 funds or foundations are attached to the Fondation de France, among which 55 are created by companies.

The Fondation de France has a central role in the French landscape of foundations. It has thus become a referential partner towards foundations, government administration and local authorities.

The Fondation de France wants to increase the knowledge and recognition of foundations in France.

It also wants to support their development. For that purpose, it has initiated and still supports the Centre Français des Fondations.

A FEW EXAMPLES

Fondation Ronald Mc Donald, set up in 1994, takes action towards children, and particularly the development of Ronald Mc Donald houses for families of hospitalized children.

Fondation Monsieur et Madame Guy Degrenne, set up in 1999, helps families and young people in distress, in particular in the region of Normandie.

Fondation des Prêts d'honneur Salavin-Fournier was created in 1975 thanks to the donation of the Salavin Fournier couple. Every year, it helps young people, from 18 to 30 year old, carry through their vocation in the most varied fields, such as art, craftsmanship, social action, research, sciences, culture, etc.

Fondation Olivier Messiaen, was founded in 1994 on the initiative of the composer's wife, Yvonne Loriot-Messiaen. Since then, it has acted towards the influence and the defense of Olivier Messiaen's work, and supported young creators.

Fondation Réunica Prévoyance created in 2002, intervenes in the field of health. It supports actions of prevention and care, accompaniment of sick people and their family, and medical research.

Projects supported by the Fondation de France concern research on cancers, cardiovascular disease, Parkinson's disease, ophthalmology, neuro-ophthalmology and autism.

At the request of the research world, funding is more and more frequently provided over periods of several years - to ensure continuity and efficiency. Grants are allocated to laboratories or teams working in France.



OBSERVATOIRE DE LA FONDATION DE FRANCE

*Research on foundations, donations,
and corporate philanthropy*

In a willingness to encourage generosity and accompany ground actors, the Observatoire de la Fondation de France was created in 1997. It contributes towards realistic observation of philanthropy in France, its expression and evolution. The Observatoire is aimed at actors, patrons, corporations, researchers, students, the media, and more generally at any person sensitive to the non-profit-making sector.

Observing, understanding, conveying to act more efficiently

Running studies about the profile of donors and volunteers, about patronage, corporate philanthropy and the responsible behaviour of private companies, or about the history and personal motivation of founders, take part in the concern to grasp more thoroughly the different forms of commitment in favour of the general interest. Such knowledge will also enable to provide better responses to the expectations of the numerous people wishing to drive private generosity and make it thrive in everyday life.

The Observatoire takes part in and funds several kinds of works : surveys, studies and research.

To gather and circulate information on those topics, the Observatoire has an active heading on the website of the Fondation de France.

The Observatoire is destined to gain progressively an international dimension, with the widening of its fields of investigation as well as the setting-up of partnerships with international organizations.

FRIENDS OF FONDATION DE FRANCE

A legal entity in the United-States

At a time when international contacts are becoming more frequent, private donors, whether individuals or companies, are increasingly interested in supporting projects for the public benefit outside the countries where they live.

For that reason, the Fondation de France has been working to establish a legal entity in the United States. The purpose is to guarantee that American donors wishing to support philanthropic projects in France can benefit from their own considerable local tax advantages.

This project has been approved by the American tax authorities.

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REGIONAL OFFICES

In order to expand its action over the French territory, the Fondation de France has created seven regional offices since 1989. The delegations take over from the Fondation de France in the regions.

In the framework of their intervention programs, they track down and support projects (mainly small-scale neighborhood projects) to which they bring financial help, and sometimes technical assistance. They represent the Fondation de France and develop its fame in the scope of a mission informing and communicating to the associative sector as well as to the decision-makers, the advisers, the media and the largest public.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Governance

The Fondation de France is composed of:

- a Board of Governors which decides on general policy;
- some Committee of Experts made up of professionals acting in a voluntary capacity, responsible, together with the salaried staff, for advising the Board in the various fields of the foundation's activity - programs, financial management, etc.
- a team of professional staff, responsible for putting forward proposals and executing the decisions of the Board.

Controls

The Fondation de France is, or is liable to be, subject to controls by:

- public authorities;
- various ministries with statutory seats on the Board;
- the public service department for acceptance of donations;
- the Cour des Comptes (Audit Office) regarding appeals for voluntary public contributions;
- the Comité de la Charte (charter of good practice): a study and rule-making body set up by fundraising organizations.

Grant awards

For each of its programs, the Fondation de France is assisted by a Committee of Experts. Composed of professionals from outside the Fondation and acting in a voluntary capacity, they advise on the awarding of grants for the particular programs to which they are attached.