



Special School Safaga for Mentally Handicapped Children



We need your help!

About us

The Safaga School for Mentally Handicapped Children was established in October 2010 by the Egyptian government. The school aims to promote acceptance of people with a mental disability since until this day a mental handicap causes people and their family to be shunned by society in Egypt. There are children with Down syndrome, autism and developmental disability in an age range of 5 to 17 years.

How we started

In 2011, Sofie Deconinck and Danielle Theunissen, heard about this new school and the need for extra help. The first visit to the school was shocking for them since the approach to education for handicapped in Western countries is quite different. Sofie and Danielle decided to take action and reach a helping hand.

How we developed

Over the years we expanded the activities for the children with outdoor trips, animation in Nemo Dive Club & Hotel and weekly recreational sessions in the school by our volunteers encouraging the children to improve creativity and skills.



In 2014 Sofie took initiative to organize water therapy for some children of Safaga with a physical condition since also they are left unsupported. Nemo Hotel offered the use of it's pool for this purpose and today several children attend these weekly sessions, guided by professional therapists in physiotherapy and speech therapy. These professionals also treat them 3 times by week in their private practices.

What is our goal

The foundation aims to raise funds to buy necessary school equipment to provide the teachers and our team of volunteers with multiple opportunities to stimulate and activate the children, aswell as financing the therapies.

What we do...



Creative en stimulating activities



Water Therapy



Outdoor Activities



Parties

...just an impression.

How can you help?

Buy the children's handmade artworks and products in our webshop. For example, now we sell 5 original post cards at €5,- but also other products and artworks will be available soon. Check our website or contact one of the team members.

You come to Safaga? The school can use all kinds of school material, material for handicrafts, toys, pencils, colouring books, puzzles, dolls, dinky toys, other cars, music instruments and so much more. Anything you and your suitcase can carry!

All cash gifts are welcome! Please contact Sofie Deconinck at Nemo Dive Club & Hotel in Safaga on your stay in Egypt or contact us.

We can use extra personal help at the weekly sessions and water therapie. Just let us know.

About the founders



SOFIE DECONINCK

Born in Waregem, Belgium and living in and co-owner of Nemo Dive Club and Hotel in Safaga. In charge of public relations, fund raising, general management and opening her big hart for "her kids".



DANIELLE THEUNISSEN

Danielle actually lives in Germany. Her continious support and expertise of the project are very much appreciated by the foundation. The assembling of video's and sale of post cards are until today some of her contributions.



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