



# HUMANITARIAN WORK 2012

5 MILE RUN - 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012





## **THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM**

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**Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland**

### **Charity Run "Cursus Lazarensis" , Lucerne Marathon 28th October 2012**

The 6th Lucerne Marathon storied as "First Winter Edition".



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A white snow mantle and frantically dancing snowflakes enchanted this event in a singular fairy tale.







At temperatures near the freeze point the sports event became for many to an endurance testing: Of the 10700 registered athletes 9000 dared to tackle the distance. Finally 8500 were classified.

For the runners of the Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland, who got involved with a lot of passion in our charity run for the children relief foundation "Theodora", the event became an exceedingly memorable experience.

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Thanks to the numerous and hard-working aides the event took place without major incidents.



To some extent the snow had to be carried away by shovel work and the track had to be freed from ice in order that the participants were able to blaze their trail through the blowing snow.





The Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem organised for the first time on Swiss Soil the participation of our order at the "5 Mile Run" of the Lucerne Marathon.

Through the **charity run "Cursus Lazarensis"** we supported the **"Theodora Foundation"**, who pursues the goal to alleviate the suffering of hospitalized children in several countries. This is done through specially trained clowns, who visit hospitalized children to provide moments of fun, laughter and relief.



A virtual "Professor Nutrus" for instance was created to encourage healthy eating habits in hospitalized children via simple and playful examples, drawing on the cumulative experience and expertise of the Foundation's clowns.



In total, 113 doctors have visited 235'000 children in 8 countries (Switzerland, England, Spain, France, Italy, White Russia, Turkey and China), which equals to 106 hospitals in Switzerland and abroad.



The "Fantastic Four" of the Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland, consisting of the confrères

- Chev. Don Sergio Zorrilla Debón de Ribera, Grand Bailiff
- Chev. Don Luca Anteo Ramella, Vice Grand Bailiff
- Chev. Don Christian Bernet, Chancellor
- Cdr. Don Carlo Alessandro Demè, Seneschal and "Pacemaker"

bravely coped with the 5 Mile Run (8,4 km) and happily finished with the first third of the "cohort".

In the end we donated CHF 1'000.00 in favour of the "Theodora Foundation".

We are looking forward to the next "Cursus Lazarensis", which will take place on 27th October 2013 at the "SwissCityMarathon – Lucerne"!

The Co-Hospitaliers a.i.:

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