

## Co Prespondences project

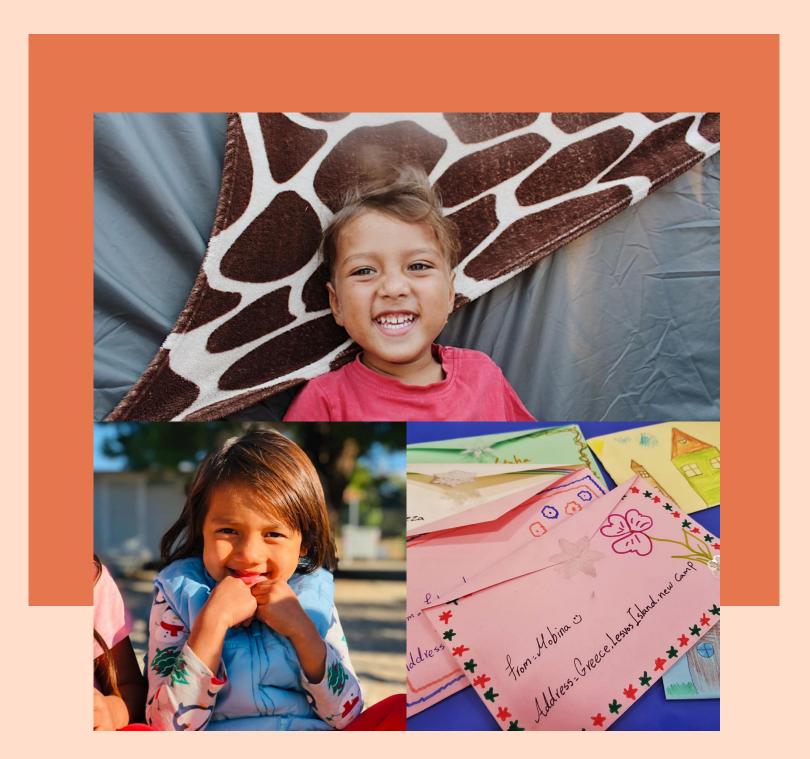
"BORDERS EXIST BETWEEN COUNTRIES, NOT BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS."

- KIDS IN EUROPE WRITE A LETTER,

  1. DRAWING, OR NOTE OF LOVE AND
  HOPE FOR A KID IN THE CAMP
- 2. KIDS IN THE CAMP ANSWER TO THEIR PENPALS
- IT BRINGS JOY, HOPE AND

  3. CONNECTION TO CHILDREN LIVING IN REFUGEE CAMPS





We are delighted to take part in the initiative "Correspondences" by sChOol withOuT frOntiers to bring joy to refugee children through letters and drawings exchange.

This exchange project puts refugees children in contact with their peers across Europe through physical letters and postcards. Children send and receive messages, parcels, drawings, pictures, flowers, stickers - ad libitum - that allow them to express their personality, their generosity, their culture and aspirations, creating fertile interactions for all sides.

It aims to bring joy, hope and a sense connection to children and families trapped in closed refugee camps and gives them a perspective to life outside.

Conversely, it gives to European children and their families a sense of awareness of human issues and an opening on the world of displacement, with stimulating, enriching new friendships.

This initiative started last year in September after the dramatic fire at Moria refugee camp in Greece and the consecutive enclosure of refugees into a closed structure in even greater isolation, dependency and segregation.

Yet already now around 80 students have pen-friends in schools in Germany, Belgium, the UK, France, Netherlands while some have also private correspondents and support families in Italy, Portugal and numbers keep growing.

Teachers also correspond, as some adults and several adolescents and youth. This project is not limited to children, albeit giving them priority. Being in connection with other humans is part of mental well-being, and is especially crucial in the situation of exile and displacement.

Eventually, we wish that each and every chid, youth and family in the camp has a penfriend: someone they can share their pains and joys with, express their uniqueness and generosity and beauty to, and who can follow-up on them, through a human chain of civil co-respondence.

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## **HOPES AND DREAMS**

We hope in the future to build strong exchange by letters and drawings between refugee children and European children.

We strongly believe that putting refugee children and European ones in direct contact will build relations which will remain in European children memory.

We strongly believe that in future these European children who will grow up and rule Europe will not allow any more bad living condition for refugees as it is happening now under the indifference of the current governors.

We wish to expand and provide education and other beautiful projects for our refugee community.

Our dream is, by working hard and with good relationships with the people of the world, that together we can bring many changes with our life.

If you are a school, you can send your letters or drawings, to the following address:

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