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Helping children in need

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF PRIMAVERA,

I have been a member of Primavera for around 25 years, including over 20 years as a member of its executive committee. During this time, the organization has grown very close to my heart. On trips abroad, I have visited many of the projects we support and seen first-hand how important our help is – and how it directly reaches the children and young people. The education we fund gives many of them a real chance to break free from the cycle of poverty. This continues to motivate me to work for Primavera with both commitment and joy.

This year, our association celebrates its 35th anniversary – a wonderful occasion to say thank you to all our members. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers, theater and music groups, donors, and sponsors. Without your tremendous support, we would not be able to reach over 10,000 children and young people and provide the basis for them to have a positive, self-determined future.

When I look at the reports from our projects – whether in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, or Thailand – it brings home to me how great the need for help still is. For every child we support with education, food, or medical care, there are many others who are still waiting for assistance.

Since our strategy workshop at the beginning of the year, we have been working within the executive committee and in various working groups to further develop our association and get it in shape for the future – with clear goals, new ideas, and great passion. At the heart of this work lies one key task: ensuring the financial foundation to continue our work in the projects. Because donations are the base on which everything else rests. Only by securing this base can we continue to provide effective help.

In this issue of our newsletter, we want to show you what your support effectively makes possible. You'll read about a moving visit to Sri Lanka, learn how schoolchildren in South Africa can look forward to food parcels during the Christmas holi-



days, and discover how our partnership in Thailand has opened new life paths for young people for more than a decade. We'll also look back on an extraordinary anniversary concert in Stuttgart – and share a sneak peek of the upcoming Primavera Garden Party, which we are already looking forward to.

Dear members, the challenges remain great. But together, we can overcome them – with heart, energy, and confidence in our shared mission. Please continue to support us – regularly, reliably, and wholeheartedly. Together, we can ensure future generations have the opportunity to build a brighter future – a future made possible by Primavera. Yours sincerely,

Christoph Kübel
Chairman of the executive committee
of Primavera e. V.

TWO CELEBRATIONS – ONE CONCERT: AN EVENING FILLED WITH EMOTIONS, MUSIC, AND SHARED HISTORY



For Primavera, 2025 marks a special milestone: 35 years since its foundation by Bosch associates back in 1990. Meanwhile, the association supports 44 aid projects in 20 countries, improving the lives and future prospects of more than 10,000 children and young adults. Reason enough to celebrate in style: under the motto “Two celebrations – one concert,” Primavera staged a grand concert in Stuttgart’s Liederhalle to mark the occasion of both its 35th anniversary as well as the 30-year partnership between the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra and Robert Bosch GmbH. It was not only a memorable musical evening, but also a heartfelt reminder of the many years of dedicated work for disadvantaged children. Stefan

Grosch, chairman of Primavera’s executive committee, reflected on the association’s journey, highlighting the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra’s valuable support. “We are incredibly grateful for this help, which enables us to secure a better future for even more children,” he emphasized. Thanks to the generosity of the audience, the concert raised over 19,000 euros, every cent of which will go directly to Primavera’s projects.

A sincere thank you to everyone who made this special evening possible. Your commitment, your passion, and your support help provide children in need opportunities that give them hope for a better future.



Bosch’s board of management also congratulated Primavera on its 35th anniversary and presented a large donation. Thank you very much for this generous gesture!

HEALTHY FOOD FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN IN JAKARTA

Jakarta

In Indonesia, many children suffer from malnutrition because their families cannot afford healthy food. An initiative supported by Primavera aims to change that. Last year, a project was initiated together with the non-profit organization Foodbank of Indonesia, to provide some 105 children at three schools in Jakarta with a nutritious lunch twice a week funded by donations. The meals are freshly prepared at the schools by a team from the Foodbank of Indonesia with the support of Bosch associates and

the children's mothers. Apart from making the meals, the volunteers also help to educate parents and children about healthy eating and why it matters. This year, Primavera increased the funding donated to the project, enabling the planting of a vegetable garden at the project's largest school. The aim is to ensure the school has a sustainable and reliable supply of fresh vegetables and fruit for the children. Soon, the schoolchildren will be able to sow and harvest herbs, lettuce, and vegetables themselves.



The schoolchildren's daily menu includes a serving of fresh fruit, vegetables, and a cup of milk.

10 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP



Thailand

Coinciding with Primavera's 35th anniversary celebrations in 2025, Bosch Thailand celebrated ten years of collaboration with the charitable association. Together with the two charitable foundations Hand to Hand and Skills for Life, this partnership offers socially disadvantaged young people better career prospects, thereby empowering them to lead a self-determined life. Hand to Hand focuses on supporting children from early childhood through to university, while Skills for Life primarily helps young people prepare for vocational training. While taking different approaches, both foundations have a shared objective: to break the cycle of

poverty and enable long-term self-sufficiency. To date, Hand to Hand has supported some 230 children, while Skills for Life has helped over 100 young people complete vocational training or university studies. Many of these graduates remain involved with the foundations, mentoring and supporting the next generation, an emphatic example of the deep and lasting impact the initiative has on the young people's lives.

The partnership is strengthened by the invaluable contribution of Bosch associates, who volunteer their time, expertise, and personal commitment to support young people.



Collaboration is key to driving lasting change: representatives from Bosch and the two charitable foundations in Thailand.

SAFE JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

Kuala Lumpur



Bosch began supporting the #CareForSafety initiative, a safety campaign of the Malaysian non-profit foundation Dignity for Children, together with Primavera in 2024. Dignity for Children started its work in 1998, at the time with 20 children in need in Sentul, a suburb of Malaysia's capital city Kuala Lumpur rife with gang crime, drug use, illiteracy, and poverty. Today, the learning center initiated by Dignity for Children every year serves some 2,000 children and young people aged between 4 and 19.

The aid project founded jointly by Bosch and Primavera focuses on road safety, ensuring children can travel to school safely by bus. Road safety is a major concern, most notably in a school located on Sentul Raya Boulevard, where classes are spread over several buildings and the surrounding roads are very busy.

As part of the #CareForSafety initiative, Primavera provides Dignity for Children financial support to ensure the provision of daily meals and school bus transportation for 49 children throughout the school year.



AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT

Hi, I'm Rebecca Lampe-Paul and I've been supporting the Primavera documentation team since 2017, mainly with the project documents for Mexico and the Philippines. In August, I went on vacation to Sri Lanka with my family – and I didn't want to miss the opportunity to see for myself what our project is achieving there.

For the first time, I got to see up close how our work changes lives – it was a very moving experience!! The Sri Jinarathana Lama Surakum Madyasthanaya children's home is a safe haven for around 30 boys between the ages of 5 and 18. Nestled in the middle of the temple grounds in the village of Dambulla, it is lovingly managed by the chief priest Venerable Halmillawe Pamarathna Thero.

When we arrived, I was immediately overwhelmed by the warmhearted atmosphere! We were welcomed by bright children's eyes, open arms, and a traditional ceremony including a flower garland – that was an unforgettable moment that touched my heart.

After the official reception, the chief priest and his team gave me a tour of the new building. The project had started in January 2021 with the aim of creating a communal space for eating, learning, and spending time together – complete with kitchen and furniture. By July 2024, the first construction phase comprising the first floor was completed – and the children's joy was simply infectious! At last they have a place where they can come together and leave the harshness of the outside world behind. It's such a wonderful feeling to see our donations create a real home.

In 2025, construction work has entered the next phase: a second floor is taking shape with seven rooms for lessons and the teachers' accommodation. The first pillars are already standing – a visible sign evoking hope and a better future.

It touched me deeply to see the children's smiling faces and realize how through Primavera we are helping make a lasting improvement to their everyday lives and giving them a future to look forward to. When the time came to say goodbye, we handed out a big bag of sweets from Germany – and guess what? They were gone in no time! :)



CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON...

ALSO FOR CHILDREN IN JOHANNESBURG

Supported by Primavera, Operation Antifreeze (OAF) South Africa is once again making a meaningful difference this Christmas by ensuring that hundreds of children in need in the greater Johannesburg area have food on their plates during the festive season.

While supermarket shelves elsewhere are filling with traditional Christmas treats such as stollen, cookies, and chocolates, many children in South Africa face a starkly different reality. Without OAF's ongoing efforts, around 750 children from eleven participating schools could go hungry, undermining their ability to learn and thrive. Recognizing this, dedicated teachers identify pupils struggling with food insecurity and ensure they regularly receive food parcels provided by OAF.

For over 25 years, John and Sharon Gordon, the founders of Operation Antifreeze, have been collecting donations and assembling food parcels to support children in need. This long-standing initiative depends heavily on the continued support of companies and the wider community.

Primavera has been a steadfast partner over the years, generously contributing financially to the project. Additionally, the Bosch Rexroth Africa team regularly lends a helping hand, volunteering at several food-packing events held each year.

Earlier this year, Bosch Rexroth Africa's sub-Saharan Africa coordinator, Pat Dodgen, successfully organized a volunteer team to repackage 1.6 tons of essential food items, including rice, soya mince, and samp. Soya mince offers an affordable and accessible source of protein, while samp, a traditional South African dish made from dried, pounded corn kernels and often cooked with beans, is not only a local staple but holds cultural significance, especially during festive occasions like Christmas.

More than thirty colleagues, including Chris Riley, CEO of Bosch Rexroth Africa, and Sebastian Krieger, a member of Primavera's executive committee, joined the effort. Working efficiently across three production lines, the team packed hundreds of food parcels in just two hours.



Pat Dodgen (left) and Sebastian Krieger lend a hand with the packing.

In the coming weeks, OAF will supplement these parcels with additional essential items before distributing them to the children in time for the Christmas holidays. This ongoing collaboration between OAF, Primavera, and Bosch Rexroth Africa underscores the power of community commitment and corporate social responsibility in addressing food insecurity and bringing hope to vulnerable children during the festive season.

WAYS TO HELP

Putting heart and soul into organizing events and coming up with great ideas – dedicated helpers make vital contributions to Primavera's work. These include the annual charity concerts held by the Bosch Jazz Orchestra, one of Primavera's most loyal supporters. But also many motivated Bosch associa-

tes who identify with the company's values, goals, and sense of community. Their commitment to Primavera shows how seriously they take social responsibility – far beyond their professional roles. The following are just a few examples of initiatives that took place this year.



Trainees for Charity

Having fun together and supporting a good cause: In July 2025, Bosch trainees came together for an after-work charity event in aid of Primavera. With delicious finger food, a popular raffle, and inspiring conversations in a wonderful atmosphere, the evening combined fun with purpose – all to help children in need.

Thanks to everyone who joined and supported the cause. The event raised an impressive 6,000 euros in donations for Primavera!



MEMSingers on stage with the Bosch Swing & Dance Orchestra

Also in July, a very special charity event was held in Reutlingen to mark Primavera's 35th anniversary: an after-work concert performance featuring the MEMSingers and the Bosch Swing & Dance Orchestra. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal helper Sati Riedel

from the Reutlingen site for her unfailing support, MEMSinger Willi Frey for lending a hand at the Primavera stand and Mattias Fürtsch as representative of the MEMSingers for their initiative to support Primavera.



Photography for Primavera

For years, the Bosch photography group has captured the essence of the Bosch Boxberg Classic rally, providing participants with memorable photographs. As in the previous year, Primavera member and passionate photographer Rainer Horn attended the Classic Gala in Schwetzingen and photographed many of the classic vehicles. This year, he came up with a fantastic idea: he invited participants to make a donation to Prima-

vera in exchange for their photos. "I asked some of the motorcar owners whether they'd like a picture of themselves with their vehicles. Not a single one said no," he recalls. Rainer ended up photographing 50 exhibitors with their vehicles, all of whom he sent wonderful portraits together with a request for donations for Primavera.

Many thanks for this fabulous support!



YOUR DONATION: THE FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

We have set ourselves a clear target: to raise one million euros in donations each year for children in need. Why? Because your donations are the indispensable driving force that enables Primavera e.V. to actively and sustainably help children and young people in developing and emerging countries. This target is not just an aspiration – it's essential to secure the future of our various projects that already support more than 10,000 children and young people and so that we can further expand our work.

More donations – more opportunities for the future

Primavera raises funds in a variety of ways. In addition to successful charity events, **it is above all your donations as members that form the foundation of all our aid efforts – they are simply indispensable.**

Why are they so important? Because Primavera does far more than provide medical and basic care. Our mission is to offer children a sustainable path out of poverty – primarily through education and vocational training. These programs enable children and young people to lead independent, self-determined lives – a long-term investment that truly changes futures.

The best part: every euro donated goes to the children! All Primavera helpers work on a voluntary basis, which means no administrative costs and maximum impact for those who need it most.

Big impact, low cost

Two examples illustrate how far your donations go.

- At **Es Salam School** in Egypt, an eye test supported by Primavera costs around 2.70 euros per child, and a pair of glasses 15 to 18 euros. Even a small donation can dramatically improve a child's eyesight – and thus their education opportunities.
- In the **Akshaya Patra** project in India, 100 euros provides around a thousand warm meals for school-children in need. **That's just 10 cents per meal.**

“Every donation is an investment in the future – the future of a child and therefore of society. It's the foundation of our aid work,” says **Barbara Pantow**, a long-standing Primavera member. Every donation is therefore an important building block for ongoing support. An annual bank transfer, regardless of the amount, is a strong sign of solidarity with the children and Primavera's mission.

That's why we ask all Primavera members for support: only through your **regular donations** can we keep our promise to support children in need and continue providing urgently needed help in the future!

Primavera says THANK YOU!

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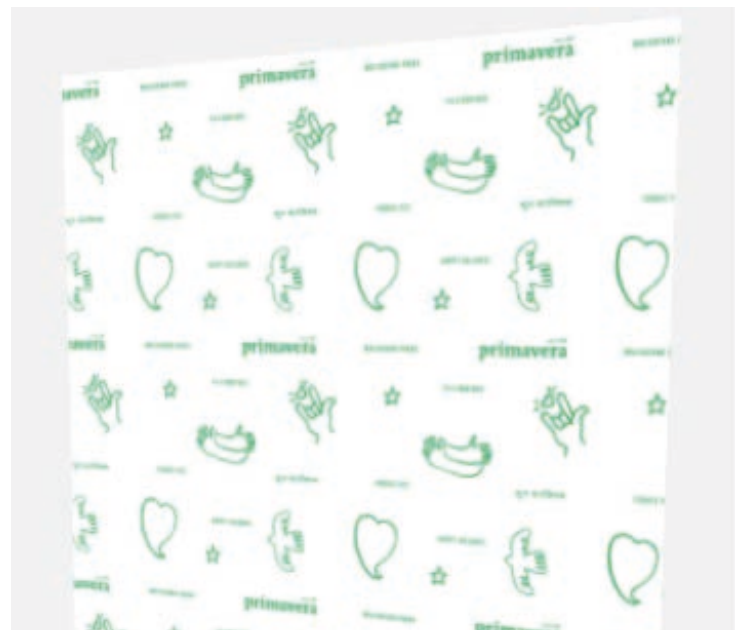
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SALES START FOR THE 2026 PRIMAVERA CALENDAR



As the year comes to an end, we're already looking forward to 2026! Once again, Bosch trainees have designed a special Primavera calendar for the coming year. New this year: in addition to the popular spiral-bound desk calendar, you can now also purchase Christmas wrapping paper! Designed in white and green, it features playful illustrations inspired by the Primavera philosophy. The paper is also printed with Christmas greetings in the languages of our project regions. The **desk calendar** (limited edition) costs **15 euros** and the **wrapping paper 5 euros**. Your purchase supports education and health

projects for more than 10,000 children and young people in over 20 countries. Every cent of the proceeds goes directly to Primavera's social projects – helping create new opportunities for young people facing difficult circumstances. You can order both items from the **Primavera web shop** at www.primavera-ev-shop.de. Orders are shipped directly to your home, and payment can be made by bank transfer or PayPal. Alternatively, visit one of our sales stands at Bosch locations. **Thank you for your support – and we wish you and your loved ones a peaceful Christmas season and a joyful start to 2026!**



PRIMAVERA GARDEN PARTY 2026



Dear supporters of Primavera, it will soon be that time of year again! Our traditional garden party will once more take place in the beautiful park of the Robert Bosch Villa in Stuttgart. Please make sure to save the date: **Saturday, July 18, 2026** – and bring your families

along! If you would like to help out with the organization, please get in touch with Sebastian Krieger (sebastian.krieger@de.bosch.com). More details will follow in due course. Your Primavera e.V. event team

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2025

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December
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First Bosch Jazz Orchestra Christmas Concert



Bosch Haus Heidehof
Stuttgart

December
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Second Bosch Jazz Orchestra Christmas Concert



Bosch Haus Heidehof
Stuttgart

December
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Traditional Quempas singing with the
Bosch Symphony Orchestra and Bosch Choir



Stiftskirche
Stuttgart

2026

March
19

First Spring Concert with the Bosch Jazz Orchestra



Bosch Haus Heidehof
Stuttgart

March
20

Second Spring Concert with the Bosch Jazz Orchestra



Bosch Haus Heidehof
Stuttgart

April
23

Benefit Concert with the Bosch Symphonic Orchestra



Stuff Canteen 401 Feuerbach
Stuttgart-Feuerbach

July
18

Primavera Garden Party



Bosch Haus Heidehof
Stuttgart

October
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Anniversary Concert with the Bosch Jazz Orchestra



Theaterhaus
Stuttgart

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2026

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November
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Benefit Concert with the Bosch Big Band



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Schwieberdingen

December
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First Christmas Concert with the Bosch Jazz Orchestra



Bosch Haus Heidehof
Stuttgart

December
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Second Christmas Concert with the Bosch Jazz Orchestra



Bosch Haus Heidehof
Stuttgart

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Traditional Quempas singing of the Bosch music groups



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