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# Press kit 2025

"Journée mondiale des oubliés des Vacances - Fun day!"

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*You can see photos and videos of the day from 20 August on: [mediajov.secourspopulaire.fr](https://mediajov.secourspopulaire.fr)*

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# A message from the Secours populaire



*"How can we accept that in 2025, in a country like France, one in three children still doesn't get to go on holiday? How can we tolerate that every year, millions of children are deprived of an essential right: to play, to relax, to get away from it all?"*

*The Secours populaire français has always refused this injustice. That's why we're giving children, young people, families and senior citizens throughout France a chance to take a holiday.*

*Despite our best efforts, after 15 August, children who haven't been anywhere yet, won't be going on holiday. It means being excluded from conversations at the beginning of the school year and putting children in a vulnerable position. That's why we've created the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative. It's a simple way of bringing a little hope by taking children on at least a one-day excursion. Because sometimes, all it takes is a single day to brighten a child's eyes and open new horizons.*

*Today, the initiative is more important than ever. Inflation, instability and a series of crises are plunging more and more families into poverty.*

*To mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Secours populaire, a year after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, we are doubling down and thinking big: on 20 August 2025, 40,000 children and their caregivers will come to Paris for an exceptional day of celebration, discovery and joy. For many, this will be their first encounter with the Eiffel Tower and the capital, with its emblematic monuments. It will be an unforgettable – and life-changing – memory for everyone.*

*But we need your support to make it happen. We are calling on thousands of volunteers and supporters to make the event happen. If you agree that all children should get a chance to go on holiday, then join us! Offer some of your time, your energy, and your generosity.*

*Holidays should never be a luxury, but a right for every child. A country that deprives its children of memories, joy and breathing space forgets what really matters. Let's work together to make sure nobody gets left behind."*

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# Press release summary



In the anniversary year marking 80 years of solidarity, and one year after the Paris 2024 Games, the Secours populaire français is organising a worldwide *Journée des oubliés des vacances* holiday initiative on Wednesday 20 August in Paris and we're calling it the *Journée des oubliés des vacances Fun Day!* On the day, 40,000 children aged 6 to 12 from France, but also nearly 50 countries and 5 overseas territories, and who haven't been able to go on holiday will come to Paris with their caregivers to experience an unforgettable day dedicated to harmony, peace, solidarity and commitment.

Designed to be inclusive and open to all French and international children in unstable situations, the day will also be open to many children with disabilities, who are too often excluded from holidays. The day has obtained the French official certification *Grande cause nationale 2025 - Parlons santé mentale !* (Major national cause for 2025 - Let's talk about mental health!), as well as the "*Celebration of the First Anniversary of the Paris 2024 Olympics*" and will be placed under the high patronage of the French National Commission for UNESCO.

The morning will be devoted to exceptional visits to more than 60 emblematic places – historical, cultural, sporting or institutional – with Secours populaire sponsors and personalities involved with the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

At lunchtime, a giant picnic will bring together all the participants at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, and the Champ-de-Mars will be transformed into a holiday playground. Children will be able to explore various themed worlds: the sea, the mountains, camping, and even a dreamscape. Throughout the afternoon, children will enjoy more than 160 different activities – from sports demonstrations and career discovery workshops to dream letterboxes and more. And the icing on the cake? Two unforgettable highlights: a giant karaoke and a one-of-a-kind concert, promising each child a day full of fun and truly amazing memories.

In 1945, the Secours Populaire organised its first holidays. Eighty years later, access to this precious leisure time remains a key issue, and volunteers are helping to put in place many initiatives to combat this lack by involving as many children, young people, families, people with disabilities, students, and isolated seniors as possible. Holidays are an important time for relaxation, learning and personal development.

Despite efforts by Secours populaire volunteer organisers and fundraisers to get as many children as possible on a "real" holiday, after 15 August, children who haven't yet left will never get to go. That is why the association has organised dozens of *Journées des oubliés des vacances* holiday initiatives every year since 1979, in the last two weeks of August, so that people can enjoy a day at the seaside, in the mountains or at an amusement park. The aim is to come together to offer them some happy memories while they wait to go away like their peers – and to call out the injustice of being left behind.

In 2025, a unique and international edition of the *Journées des oubliés des vacances* will be held in Paris, involving 10,000 organisers. The extraordinary *Journée des oubliés des vacances Fun Day!* is made possible thanks to the tireless commitment of these thousands of volunteers who work hard throughout the year to raise essential funds, as well as the support of more than 130 partners and 200 volunteer stage managers.

The child volunteers from the Secours populaire's *Copain du Monde* movement are particularly active, because they have designed this day in their own image: the activities, the poster – in partnership with the illustrator Gwendal Le Bec – awareness stands, and fundraising events. They have also planned a big fundraiser for water access projects around the world.

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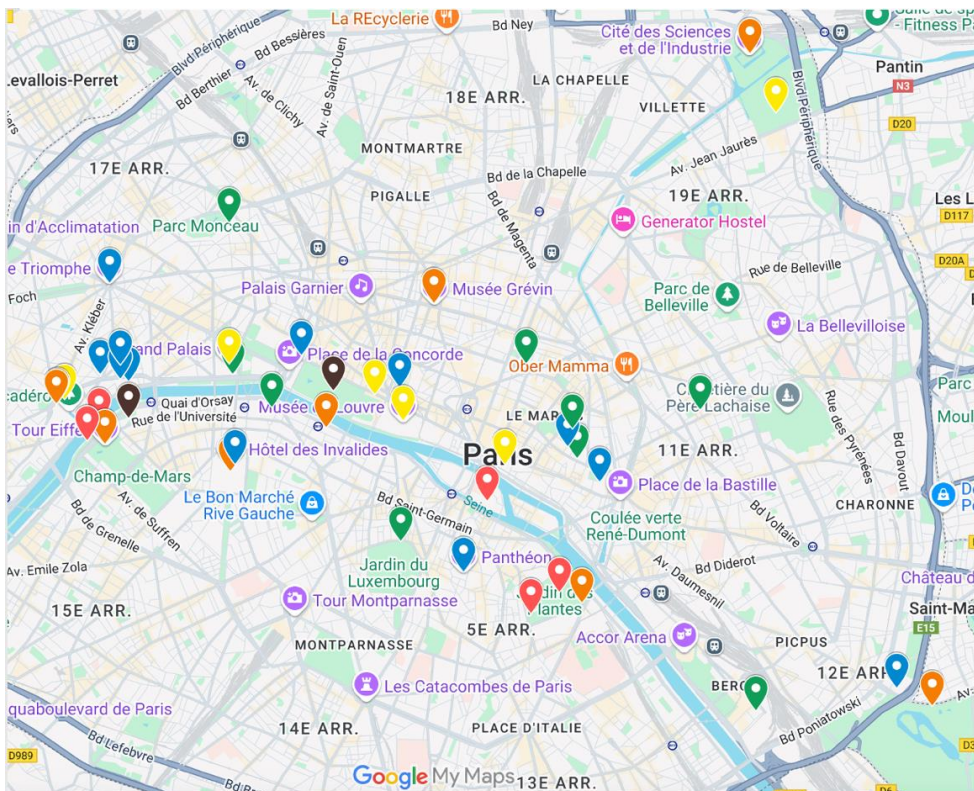


# What's on in the morning?



On Wednesday 20 August, 40,000 children and their caregivers from across France, the overseas territories, and all five continents will gather in Paris to enjoy experiences created just for them. Between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m., around 600 buses and numerous trains will take day trippers to more than 60 sites in the capital for interactive visits to the Paris of culture, sport and the Republic.

Many prestigious places in the Paris region will open their doors. Culture nourishes the mind, so it is essential to raise awareness and recognition of cultural and artistic practices. The children will visit the Grand Palais, the Quai Branly Museum, the Louvre Museum, and the Palace of Versailles. They will also have behind-the-scenes access to the Hôtel de Ville and the French Senate.



As part of the legacy of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, of which the Secours populaire français was a partner, children will be able to relive the highlights by discovering, for example, the Olympic swimming pool via its partner Récréa, and the Olympic cauldron in the Tuileries Gardens. A year after the Games, Secours Populaire is set to return to the Seine where 4,000 children from around the world, accompanied by the association's partners and their host Secours populaire federation, will parade together.

A host of personalities and Secours populaire sponsors will surprise them by showing up when they arrive in Paris and spending the day with them.

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# Culture changes lives



At Secours populaire français, culture is considered an essential need, just like vacations, access to sports, food, education, and healthcare. It is not a privilege reserved for a select few, but a fundamental right, a lever for empowerment and self-confidence. A film, a show, an exhibition, a book, cultural and artistic activities can transform everyday life, open up new horizons, awaken sensitivity, and spark dialogue. These moments, which are often rare for those facing precarious situations, allow everyone to feel like they are once again in control of their own lives.

Access to culture is a strong and ongoing commitment of Secours populaire. Throughout France, Europe, and the world, actions are being taken to make imagination, beauty, and creativity accessible to all, regardless of origin or social status. Cultural awareness should never depend on context or budget. Discovering a museum, hearing a poem, dancing, reading or painting also means elevating oneself, learning, being moved, sharing and belonging to the same world.

It is in this spirit that an exceptional event is being prepared: on the morning of August 20, 40,000 children accompanied by Secours populaire and its partners across the world will be welcomed to more than 60 cultural, tourist, sports, and institutional venues. Museums, cultural centers, and heritage sites responded spontaneously to this call, generously opening their doors to offer these children an unforgettable experience. A morning dedicated to discovery, wonder and exchange – emotions that are all too often inaccessible to those isolated by precariousness.

This vast show of solidarity would not have been possible without the mobilization of cultural professionals, volunteer lecturers, artists, all key players in the cultural sector and committed partners. Together, they make possible what should never be the exception: real and vibrant access to culture for all.

In a context where culture is facing increasing constraints and resources are dwindling, the commitment of these institutions takes on even greater value. Their choice to open their doors, maintain connections, and keep the torch burning despite the difficulties is an act of courage and conviction. The extraordinary support for this event reflects a shared vision: that of a living, inclusive, accessible culture that can bring people together and lift them up.

In a world where the essentials are sometimes harshly redefined, making room for thought, imagination, and beauty remains an act of profound solidarity. Access to culture should never be conditioned by circumstances. On the contrary, it remains a promise kept: that of a fairer, more sensitive, and more vibrant future.

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# A fun day on the Champ-de-Mars



After their morning spent discovering more than 60 historical, cultural, institutional or sporting sites, the groups of children will get together on the Champ-de-Mars for a giant picnic at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. A chance to take a well-deserved break and enjoy some quality time together in a relaxed, friendly setting.

In the afternoon, it's time to party: the Champ-de-Mars will be transformed into a giant holiday playground, with themed zones evoking the sea, the mountains, camping life, and even a dreamscape designed to fire young imaginations. Each space will be packed with a vast range of fun and interactive things to do.

Initiations of 26 sports and para-sports will be available, as well as the chance to meet and get the autographs of well-known athletes and champions. Children will be able to try their hand at climbing, basketball, athletics and obstacle courses – or simply enjoy the multi-sports pitches, all under the watchful eye of professional instructors. Beyond the fun, these activities are designed to encourage regular exercise, highlighting its positive impact on mental health, self-confidence, stress management and overall life balance.

But the day isn't just about sports. A wide range of themed workshops will be on offer: inflatable games, face-painting stalls, activities created by *Copain du Monde* children, awareness-raising spaces focused on rights, the environment and solidarity, as well as educational workshops. Children will also be able to share their dreams using symbolic mailboxes and leave with a small souvenir from pop-up shops created especially for the occasion. And because a day like this calls for a memorable finale, two big crowd-pleasers will round off the celebrations: a giant karaoke session followed by a spectacular concert featuring a host of artists.



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# Copain du Monde: solidarity all day long



On Wednesday 20 August, thousands of *Copain du Monde* volunteer children will join the *Journée mondiale des oubliés des vacances* holiday initiative fun day. For many months, children have played an active role in organising this special event, which is part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Secours populaire français. On site, they will host *Copain du Monde* stands to explain the movement's approach to other children and encourage them to become volunteers. Stands on the theme of access to water are also planned on the Champ-de-Mars.

At the beginning of the year, the *Copain du Monde* children chose one of the children's rights to focus their campaign on this year: the right to food, shelter and decent living conditions. Building on this, a major fundraising drive was launched to support solidarity projects on access to water. A collapsible cup was specially developed for the occasion to help raise the funds needed to support these water-related projects.



For over 30 years, *Copain du Monde* child volunteers have been working towards a more united world, organising fundraising and support activities for people in need, both in France and abroad. They collect donations, school supplies or food, and organise events. Inspired by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, the movement encourages children to become responsible citizens, to defend and promote their rights. The Secours populaire is stepping up its efforts to raise awareness of solidarity among more children and to inspire the next generation of committed adults.

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# 4,000 children from the five continents



After having unforgettable holiday experiences in around 20 *Copain du Monde* children's villages in France, the 4,000 children from foreign delegations and overseas territories who come to Paris for the occasion will take part in the *Journée des oubliés des vacances Fun Day* on Wednesday 20 August.

For 1 to 3 weeks, children from the countries in which the Secours populaire operates get together, have fun and share ideas in these large solidarity villages. On the agenda: sports and cultural outings, creative workshops and discussions on solidarity. The *Copain du Monde* movement has been active for over 30 years now.

The village is an opportunity to discuss children's rights and to strengthen and globalise the movement. Most of these children experience daily poverty, sometimes war or even displacement... In this village, they find a safe, calm and welcoming space where they can escape from a difficult life.



*For example, Copain du Monde children's villages will be held from 16 to 31 July for 50 children from Belgium, Greece, Spain, Poland and Moselle in Vigy (57). • From 10 to 24 August, 70 children from Burkina Faso, Greece, Italy, Senegal and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes in Meyras in Ardèche • From 11 to 16 August, 40 children from Belgium, Italy, Morocco, Romania, Senegal, the Philippines and the Alpes-Maritimes in La Roque-Esclapon in the Var • From 11 to 20 August, 60 children from Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, China, Lebanon, Morocco, Romania and Nouvelle-Aquitaine at UCPA Bombannes in Carcans (33) • From 14 to 27 August, 80 young people from Guyana, Mayotte, Portugal and Normandy in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer in Calvados • From 15 to 20 August, 30 children from Moldova and Aube, Marne, Haute-Marne, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Bas-Rhin, Haut-Rhin and Vosges at the Domaine de la Rayée in Gérardmer • From 17 to 29 August, 65 children from China, Guyana, Madagascar, Mayotte, Portugal, Serbia, Ain, Cantal, Charente-Maritime, Puy-de-Dôme in La Chaise-Dieu (43).*

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# An initiative with official accreditation



This exceptional edition, organised by the Secours populaire français, received the official French certification *Grande cause nationale – Parloons santé mentale !* (Major national cause for 2025 – Let's talk about mental health!) as part of the association's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The event gives children from all over France and the world a chance to enjoy a unique, fun and unforgettable day. Objectives: promote well-being, create supportive bonds between people, and promote mental health.

Taking a holiday also means looking after your mental health: relaxation, improved mood, strengthening social ties, and a sense of belonging. The day allows children to experience something extraordinary, to explore new places, and make positive memories with caring people.



The French National Commission for UNESCO has given its high patronage to the *Journée des oubliés des vacances* holiday initiative, which will take place in Paris on 20 August. This prestigious support recognises the social, educational and human significance of the day, which each year strives to offer children who are unable to go on holiday an unforgettable experience of sharing, discovery and joy. Through this sponsorship, the long-standing mission of the Secours populaire is brought into focus: to give each child the right to dream, to escape and to fully enjoy their summer; just like everyone else. It highlights the educational, civic and social significance of this event, which defends an often-forgotten fundamental right: every child should benefit from leisure time, breathing space and a little escapism.

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# Key figures



- 1 in 3 children do not go on holiday
- 40,000 children and their caregivers come to the event from all over France
- More than 4,000 children from the five continents will parade on the Seine, a year after the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- 10,000 people involved in the organisation of the event, including 3,000
- 600 buses from all over France
- 60 places in the morning for an immersion in the Paris of sports, culture and the French Republic
- 160 afternoon activities: games, sports and creativity on 20 hectares of the Champ-de-Mars
- 1 exceptional concert, live sports demonstrations and collective highlights
- Several dozen sponsors mobilised for the occasion
- 130 partners involved in the organisation
- 200 volunteer stage managers
- 40,000 breakfast

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# What is the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative?



If a child hasn't gone on holiday by 15 August, they won't get the chance to go on holiday at all. To offer those deprived of a summer break, the Secours populaire français has organised nearly 50 *Journées des oubliés des vacances* holiday initiatives every year since 1979 during the last two weeks of August: a day at the seaside, in the mountains, at an amusement park or in Paris. A breath of fresh air for children whose daily lives are extremely difficult.

This initiative illustrates the Secours populaire's commitment to making leisure and learning accessible to all, breaking through social and economic barriers. By offering a day of respite, the association allows children to have an enriching, often unique experience, which contributes to their development.

But the fun and enjoyable day also highlights an alarming reality: every year, 3 million children in France do not go on holiday. For many families, this basic right remains out of reach, hampered by poverty, inflation or successive crises. But holidays are not a luxury, they are a right: they play an essential role in children's development and balance. Recognised by French law in 1998 as a national objective and enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the right to rest, play and escape should be guaranteed to all. The Secours populaire works to ensure that this right becomes a reality, not an exception.



Journée des oubliés des vacances à Deauville ©Da Silva/SPF

Thanks to the dedication of volunteer organisers and collectors, unforgettable days are created, full of discovery, connection and wonder. Every year, nearly 50,000 children take part in these exceptional days throughout France. In 2025, to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Secours populaire, 40,000 children and their caregivers will come together in Paris to celebrate this day of solidarity.

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# The Journée des oubliés des vacances timeline



In 1944, the Secours populaire français enabled the children of people who had been shot or deported, victims of the Nazi occupation, to spend 10 days at Mont-Dore and La Bourboule to breathe the fresh, dry and invigorating mountain air.

In 1945, the association took 500 children to the Black Forest. The first *Vacances* (holidays) campaign was launched in 1946, at the time entitled *Du grand air pour les enfants de France* (a breath of fresh air for the children of France), aimed to alleviate the poor health of children damaged by the war.

In 1979, the International Year of the Child, 1 in 2 children didn't go on holiday. The Secours populaire reacted to this injustice and launched its *Journées des oubliés des vacances* holiday initiatives (JOV) throughout France.

In 1982, the *Journée des oubliés des vacances* organised by the Secours populaire Île-de-France brought together 10,000 children in the Vallée des Peaux-Rouges.

In 1984, The JOV took place by the sea for the first time, in Calais and Boulogne.

In 1990, 5,000 children from 12 European Union countries gathered under the Arch of Fraternity in La Défense.

In 2000, 60,000 children from all over France discovered Paris, the cultural sites of the Île-de-France region and met champions such as Zidane and Ronaldo, on the pitch of the Stade de France. At the same time, in a spirit of participation and solidarity, the children of the *Copain du Monde* movement created bracelets to support children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. That was known as the *JOV Soleil 2000*.

To mark its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005, the Secours populaire organised a day in Paris entirely devoted to children known as *Soleil du Monde* (sun of the world) under the high patronage of UNESCO. 60,000 children, including 3,000 from 48 countries, were able to visit national museums and major Parisian monuments, before meeting at the Stade de France for an extraordinary show.

In 2010, as part of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, the Secours populaire français organised the *Soleils d'Europe* (sun of Europe) day: nearly 40,000 children from all regions of France and 25 countries gathered on the Champ-de-Mars to attend numerous shows, enjoy street entertainment and take part in a balloon release.

In 2012, the children's movement *Copain du Monde* celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A big party was organised on the beach in Trouville-sur-Mer, attended by 5,000 children from the Paris region and 200 from more than 20 different countries where the association works for international solidarity.

19 August 2015 brought the *Journée mondiale des oubliés des vacances : Le Pari(s) des solidarités* holiday initiative in Paris. For the first time, to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Secours populaire, 70,000 children and families who weren't able to go on holiday met at the foot of the Eiffel Tower for a huge solidarity celebration. In the morning, 200 treasure hunts specially organised for the event took place, followed by a giant picnic on the Champ-de-Mars, hundreds of activities, and a surprise concert featuring well-known artists such as M. Pokora. The *Pari(s) des solidarités* received the Grand Prix Special from the judging panel at the event.

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# 80 years of the Secours populaire français



Founded in 1945, the Secours populaire français celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025 with an ambitious goal: *Let's grow solidarity to change the world.* Festivities and initiatives are planned throughout France all year long.

As a child of the resistance, the Secours populaire has been working for 80 years alongside the most vulnerable and poorest people, those who are suffering, no matter where they are. In today's climate, where hatred and division are fuelling a toxic atmosphere, the association is more committed than ever to making solidarity its core mission. Day after day, the association, recognised by the French government as being of public utility, works for a fairer and more united world.

Through its decentralised organisation, it allows everyone to take action and re-enchant the daily lives of people in France, Europe and around the world. Its aim is to empower everyone to find their place as a citizen by guiding them towards their rights and greater independence.

The Secours populaire is a general solidarity organisation, providing both emergency relief and long-term support. Its comprehensive assistance covers material aid, food, healthcare, emotional and legal support, training, social and professional integration, and access to rights, culture, leisure and digital technology. In the face of everyday hardship, the Secours populaire helps people dream again, believe in a brighter future, and regain confidence in what tomorrow may bring.

To mark this milestone anniversary, Secours populaire is bringing together 200 sponsors and public figures – along with its partners, donors, adult and child volunteers, those it supports, and anyone who wants to get involved and stand in solidarity.

Young people need care, not despair. The Secours populaire gives them the opportunity to show solidarity. The *Copain du Monde* children's movement, created in 1992, along with other young people involved in the Secours populaire, are actively engaged in reflecting on today's solidarity challenges. They share innovative ideas, design solutions for the solidarity of tomorrow, and take action as agents of change – in France and around the world. Whether close to home or across the globe, the Secours populaire rejects poverty. It globalises solidarity alongside nearly 200 local partners in 80 countries who act to make sure nobody is left behind.

Every day, in France and with its partners in Europe and around the world, the association's 90,000 volunteer fundraisers fight against poverty by collecting more financial resources and organising solidarity initiatives to provide concrete help to families and individuals facing difficulties. In 2023, more than 4.1 million people were supported in France and around the world. In this anniversary year, the Secours populaire aims to unite everyone who has yet to take the step towards reinventing solidarity, drawing on each person's skills to boost their ability to make a difference.

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# ***Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative sponsors***



*"Huge congratulations to the Secours populaire for organising this day in association with Paris 2024! Thanks to their dedication, alongside hundreds of volunteers and supervisors, tens of thousands of children will enjoy an unforgettable experience, discovering and trying out sports, and above all, experiencing the magic and excitement of the Games, in the places that inspired us all last summer. Thank you to all the volunteers and organisers of this wonderful solidarity event. Have a great day!"*

**Tony Estanguet, President of Paris 2024 and IOC Member**



*"Paris is proud to host this exceptional edition of the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative. On 20 August, thousands of children from all over France and sometimes even further afield will gather in Paris for a day of discovery, laughter, and sharing. A day filled with games, laughter, and awe. A day that fully embodies our values of solidarity, equality and living together in harmony, the same values that permeate all of our public policies.*

*The City of Paris will always stand alongside the Secours populaire, a loyal and unwavering partner, to bring these values and this spirit of solidarity to life and to build a fairer and more fraternal world."*

**Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris**

*"As a major partner of Secours populaire, the Île-de-France Region is proud to be associated with the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative: a day of celebration, discovery and sharing promises to be exceptional! Thanks to the dedication, energy, and generosity of teams and volunteers, thousands of children will enjoy an unforgettable experience this summer. I would like to salute the Secours populaire's 80 years of commitment to bringing solidarity to life in the heart of our region, supporting the most vulnerable residents of Île-de-France, and ensuring everyone has access to leisure activities and holidays."*

**Valérie Pécresse, President of the Île-de-France Region**



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# What is the Secours populaire français?



Secours populaire français  
in figures (2024)

**3.7 million** people supported  
in France and around the world

**98** departmental and professional  
federations

**651** local committees

**1,300** welcome, solidarity and  
healthcare support centres

**98,000** volunteer organisers  
and fundraisers

More than **250** supportive  
patrons

**258** actions and solidarity  
programmes around the world, in  
partnership with **170** local  
partner organisations in **60**  
countries.

## Secours populaire: human issues are our issues

Day after day, here and across the world, the Secours populaire – a solidarity-based organisation recognised as being of public benefit since its founding in 1945 – strives to build a fairer world by empowering individuals and helping each person find their place as a citizen.

Created by people and led by and for people, the Secours populaire supports the idea of a truly unique relationship of equals and extends an unconditional welcome to everyone. It operates locally and internationally through its network of partners and runs its operations as local initiatives. This enables it to act immediately to relieve those who are suffering, through emergency responses to address urgent needs, and long-term actions that recognise the full complexity of each individual and their circumstances.

All year round, across France, the Secours populaire's volunteer organisers and fundraisers rally to collect donations and run solidarity initiatives to support victims of injustice, social inequality, natural disasters, poverty, hunger, underdevelopment and armed conflict – keeping popular solidarity alive in every sense.

Its 90,000 volunteer fundraisers and everyone it brings together – adults and children, its partners, businesses and donors – learn to empower themselves, break free from social determinism, and live in solidarity, day after day. Rooted in its vision of a fairer, more united world, the Secours populaire fosters connection around shared values, with the aim of driving social change. Bold, committed and activist in spirit, it acts as a driving force, challenging those in power without seeking to take their place.

The Secours populaire français – declared a *Grande Cause nationale* (major national cause) in 1991, recognised as a popular education organisation, holding consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and a member of the Charter Committee – is authorised to receive donations and legacies.

Secours populaire needs funds: [www.vacances.secourspopulaire.fr](http://www.vacances.secourspopulaire.fr)  
**#JOV2025 #VacancesdeOuf #Secourspopulaire**

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