



Press Release

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## **The Onet Foundation pursues its efforts during the 6th edition of the National Housing and Solidarity Day**

The Onet Foundation has been invested in the fight against poor housing conditions and homelessness since 2010, providing its help to those in greatest need through a number of concrete, focused actions. At the heart of these efforts, the National Housing and Solidarity Day is also one of the most significant, where several dozens of Onet employees exchange one day of normal work against a day of collaborative action to accomplish solidarity projects within their areas.

For the sixth edition of this event, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, solidarity operations were organised simultaneously in 7 towns in France: Bagnols-sur-Cèze, Cherbourg, Les Ulis, Lille, Marseille, Montluçon and Tours.

During each of these actions, Onet employees renovated the premises of local associations who fight against poor living conditions, such as, for example, homes for battered women.

Since 2010, 7 projects have been successfully completed, thanks to the dedication of over 200 employees, who have offered some 1 400 working hours to local associative networks.

*« The Onet Foundation contributes through organising awareness-raising operations as well as carrying out concrete actions in the field to help associations who are engaged in the fight against poor housing »,* explains Elisabeth Coquet-Reinier, Co-President of the Onet Foundation.

The Onet Foundation Onet is very proud of its volunteer employees who have demonstrated their spirit of solidarity by donating a half day of their leave to take part in these operations. Groupe Onet completed by offering the remaining half-day to the participants.

- **In Bagnols-sur-Cèze**, in collaboration with the Bagnols-sur-Cèze hospital and the Foreign Legion, Onet employees gave of their time to rehabilitate the buildings of Riposte, an association which provides support and accommodation to the most disadvantaged populations, and particularly to people suffering from drug addiction.
- **In Cherbourg**, with the help of the residents themselves, Onet employees undertook renovation work for the housing and community re-integration association « Le CAP », who provides emergency accommodation for populations in great difficulty. This was the second year that Axxis Ressources and Techman Industrie worked with this association.
- **In Les Ulis**, Onet employees undertook gardening and felling in the grounds of the ARAPEJ association, which provides assistance to battered mothers and their children. Onet Propreté & Services have been supporting this association for the last 4 years.
- **In Lille**, Onet employees refurbished an apartment in collaboration with its proprietor for the benefit of the association « Collectif des SDF de Lille », (a community for the homeless) which sprang from the meeting of three down-and-out street dwellers and which has enabled to find a home for over 100 people since its creation in 2011.
- **In Marseille, 90 people** – Onet employees, pupils and teachers from Pastré-Grande Bastide school and from the KEDGE business school – painted some 1 000m<sup>2</sup> and assembled dozens of units of furniture for the Saint-Vincent hospice, home for underprivileged children.
- **In Montluçon**, Onet employees took part in refurbishing the buildings of Montluçon's medical and psychological consultation centre, a psychiatric and health care centre for the most deprived.
- **In Tours**, Onet employees from the region mobilized in favour of the housing and community re-integration centre, La Chambrière, run by the association « Entr'Aide Ouvrière » by renovating the centre's reception area, its main living space.

## Key facts about the ONET Foundation

### Contribute to humanitarian development in a safe, sound and locally-focused environment

Onet's corporate foundation has been working in the field of poor housing and homelessness since 2010, driven by the desire to provide its support to those in need. The Onet Foundation mobilises its workforce (60 000 people) around common projects and uses its image as a major group to capture the attention of other companies and the public.

**Foster collaborative actions:** by facilitating the organisation of concrete actions, the Foundation offers the opportunity for its workers to express and display their solidarity in favour of the most vulnerable populations, alongside associations. Major examples are the Housing and Solidarity Day (2010 to 2016) or the Rénov'Plus operations (2014).

**Capture attention:** by lobbying public institutions and organising events to raise awareness of poor housing conditions, so that these problems will no longer be ignored. Yohan Brandt's photography exhibition « Je suis... ils sont », (I am... they are) presented in 2013 in Marseille and Arles, or the diffusion of Pierre Lopez's film on the homeless in 2012 at the Euromed Management School in Marseille, are two examples.

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*Onet employees at work, renovating the Saint Vincent hospice, a home for deprived children in Marseille, during the Onet Foundation's Housing and Solidarity Day.*