

## **The association 5 Schools is recognized by PFA for its charitable work**

The association 5 Schools, which is based in Copenhagen, has been selected from 31 initiatives to be one of the PFA Brug Livet Foundation's annual heart causes. Regarding the award, founder Maren Skjerlie Gilling says the following: *"We are really honored to be nominated as one of the PFA Brug Livet Foundation's Heart Causes. The aim of our work is to give children fleeing the war in Syria a voice and a hope, so that they dare to dream of a future that extends beyond the framework of the refugee camps. Being named Heart Cause feels like a huge recognition of this goal, and we look forward to working with the foundation."*

The Association 5 Schools gives children who have fled the war in Syria what they miss most: schooling. The association has so far built ten schools with local teachers, and more are on the way. The children learn to read, write, count, and enter into social relationships, but first and foremost to be children. They play and sing, and now dare to dream of a future outside the camp. We also work with everything around a school that makes it work - clothes, food, kindergarten, hygiene, and the strengthening of girls and women in the camps.

Peder Hasslev, chairman of the board of PFA Use Life Foundation and chairman of the board of PFA Pension, says about the selection of this year's heart causes. *"We appreciate the high quality of the applications. We have prioritized the cases where we thought we could make the biggest difference for the fiery souls out there. There has been a wide diversity in the cases referred, and this year we have given priority to supporting vulnerable children at home and abroad, involuntarily childless, highly gifted children and families affected by acute life-threatening illness or trauma. We look forward to the upcoming collaboration with the 5 heart causes"*.

### **About PFA Use Life Foundation**

The foundation was established in 2009 and aims to support enthusiasts who help others to use life. This year, it distributes DKK 175,000 to five heart cases, of which DKK 50,000 has been awarded to the Association 5 Schools. During the nomination period, the Fund received 37 cases, of which 31 met the Fund's criteria. In the selection of this year's heart cases, the foundation's board has taken as its starting point both the result of a vote on the foundation's side and a qualitative assessment of the individual cases. The Board consists of Chairman of the Board Peder Hasslev, PFA (Chairman), Professor and sculptor Bjørn Nørgaard, Group CEO Allan Polack, PFA, Torben Dalby Larsen (former Chairman of the Board, PFA), and Lone Engberg Thomsen, formerly chairman of the National Technical Association.