We bid farewell to
Hanne Sieber

19.02.1944 – 25.02.2020

Hanne Sieber became a founding member of Kind+Spital - then still the Swiss Kind+Krankenhaus Association - after having had stressful experiences with her newborn son in a children’s hospital in Switzerland. These experiences formed the basis of decades of untiring commitment to providing needs-based conditions of stay for children and their relatives in hospital, child-specific nursing training, adequate support for the relatives concerned and fair financing of paediatric medicine.

For many years Hanne Sieber was a member of the board of the Swiss Association as well as a member of the Regional Group Northwest Switzerland. In her national role she represented Kind+Spital in the European umbrella organisation EACH (European Association for Children in Hospital), where she was also active for many years as a coordinator.

In 1988 twelve European child and hospital organisations drew up a charter which Hanne Sieber was instrumental in drafting. In subsequent years the EACH Charter became the standard document for children’s rights in health care and remains so today. Hanne Sieber’s great personal commitment was directed towards numerous national issues, such as the introduction of a quality standard for family-oriented care in hospitals, as well as regional issues and many health policy concerns. One successful outcome of her persistent work was the adoption of a political framework for the merging of the two children's hospitals of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Landschaft at a common location. In 2016 Hanne Sieber took over as president of Kind+Spital, a position she held until her death. In 2018 Kind+Spital celebrated its 40th anniversary, which was an important high point in Hanne Sieber’s era at Kind+Spital.

Hanne Sieber was a committed, tenacious board member and companion whose knowledge, experience and uncompromising perseverance shaped our work. On Tuesday Hanne Sieber passed away after a long and serious illness. Our thoughts are with her family and we will remember Hanne with gratitude.

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The Board of Kind+Spital