

## Friends of CATJA

CATJA is a registered Charity Organisation (Non-profit organisation)

The families who adopted children coming from CATJA (Center of transfer for abandoned twins) at Mananjary (Madagascar), founded this Charity in 1994.



The main objective of this non-profit organisation is to help the children being taken care of at the orphanage of CATJA.

We help the children with their everyday life, access to schooling, socialising on an everyday basis and helping them with their personal development and well-being.

Our NGO includes active members and foster parents, a majority of which are French.

Active members are mostly parents having adopted one or several children from CATJA. These children are now mostly young adults.

Foster parents are those who keep funding the association : either being a foster parent for a child or for a given project taking place in Madagascar.

The annual fees help cover the expenses of the NGO's activity. Funds received for the foster children in Madagascar will be 100 % spent by the CATJA Center in Mananjary. These represent an important part of the costs of living in the center, a unique place giving these children a home.

All our members meet up face to face during one annual weekend.

This important event is organized by the members.

Every year the organizing committee changes.



During this weekend, parents, children and guests can meet up. It takes place in different locations: Alsace, Paris, Maine-et-Loire, Drome, Rhone, Isère, Switzerland, Jura, Haute-Loire. It is a very important date in everyone's diary as everybody is always very pleased to see each other again for the CATJA.

Special activities and games are organised for the youngsters. In the evenings, movies and pictures from the Center in Madagascar are shown so everyone can see the progress and what is going on.

The Charity is of Christian faith. On Sunday morning a spiritual « get together » takes place. Everyone is invited to participate and is welcome.

The Charity wishes to maintain and promote a regular contact between its members and CATJA in order to keep children in contact with their Malagasy roots. This is really important. This is the reason why a lot of families, foster parents, charity members visit in the Center of Mananjary (Madagascar)



If you would like to make a donation and be certain that it will be reach and help the children of the Center, or if you want to be a foster parent or a regular donor, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Our website: [www.lesamisducatja.org](http://www.lesamisducatja.org)