

Dear Friends

For me, sport is far more than a hobby – it's a way of life. Football has been a part of my life since I was four years old, but about a year ago I expanded my passion to include endurance sports. Whether marathons or triathlons: I'm fascinated by those moments when darkness falls, my legs burn, and yet I still manage to smile. It's precisely in these extreme situations that I push myself beyond my limits.

However, there's still some unfinished business in my life. I had to abandon my first 100-kilometer run at officer training school after 85 kilometers due to a knee injury. That distance still holds a score for me, and I don't intend to leave it unfinished.

On **August 22nd/23rd, 2026**, the moment of truth will arrive: at **HIKE4KIDS 2026 – ROCKAND HIKE**, I'll be tackling the 100 kilometers around Lake Zurich. In 24 hours, I'll be pushing my limits alongside an amazing community of CharityHikers for Summits4Hope. But this time, I'm not just running for myself, but as a sign of solidarity for children in Kenya.

Through my two years working with the charity "Buy Food with Plastic," I've seen firsthand how much can be achieved with the right approach. There's hardly anything worse than a lack of opportunity. My goal is to give children a place to grow, learn, and thrive by building a school.

Education as a Game Changer in Kenya. I want to use my outstanding donation of €100 to give children in Kenya a future. Education is the most important foundation for a self-determined life and the sustainable way out of poverty. **With my commitment, I support Summits4Hope's goals for 2026:**

- **Securing the Future:** We enable 178 children at SCANN and Footsteps to have a structured school day.
- **Velmas Community Junior School:** We support the massive expansion of the school for 122 children. A new classroom and a much-needed computer room are being built.
- **Water as a Lifeline:** A particular highlight is the drilling for groundwater. A new well will secure the drinking water supply for the school and the entire community in the long term.

Your support counts twice! Founder Gilbert Fisch's most important promise is **that every donation goes directly to the children without any deductions.** With your contribution, you give children a dignified future through education. At the same time, you give me the mental strength to tackle the 100-kilometer hike with all my heart. Every contribution is tax-deductible in Switzerland.

Let's show together that we are a strong community. We never hike alone—neither in nature nor through life.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. **I'm counting on you!**

Warmly, Nico

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