



Dr. h.c. Erika Sailer

Dr. h.c. Erika Sailer is an outstanding personality whose name is inseparably linked with humanity, social commitment, and tireless dedication to medical care. Her life's work is marked by a deep passion for social justice and the conviction that every person – regardless of origin, status, or life circumstances – deserves access to medical assistance and dignity.

For many years, Dr. h.c. Erika Sailer has devoted her heart and energy to helping people in need. Her special commitment to children with cleft lip and palate in developing countries has left a lasting impact. Through her involvement, not only were life-saving surgeries made possible, but sustainable structures were also established: from training and educating local doctors to strengthening health-care systems in underserved regions. Thanks to her foresight and dedication, long-term improvements have been achieved that extend far beyond the immediate moment of help.

A significant milestone of her commitment was the founding of the Cleft Children Aid Foundation Switzerland, which she initiated to realize her vision of a better future for children with cleft lip and palate in a sustainable way. The foundation's goal is to provide these children not only with medical assistance but also, above all, with access to education – something often denied to them because of their condition. By combining medical care with education, the foundation opens real opportunities for affected children to lead self-determined lives and participate fully in society. With this, Erika Sailer created an institution that brings hope, broadens horizons, and carries her life's work far beyond borders.

In recognition of her extraordinary contributions in the social and humanitarian field, Erika Sailer was awarded an honorary doctorate. This honor reflects the immense significance of her efforts to improve the quality of life for people who would otherwise have no hope of medical assistance. It stands as a symbol of her tireless dedication to equal opportunities and a fairer world.

Erika Sailer is far more than a supporter of humanitarian projects – she is a visionary and a source of inspiration. With empathy, firm conviction, and the ability to inspire others to join a common cause, she has initiated and supported countless projects that have sustainably improved the lives of millions of people.

Her work reminds us that true change is possible through compassion, passion, and determination. She is a shining example of how individuals can make a great difference – and how vision can become reality.