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Helping HIV inmates to stand on their own feet and restart their new life with care and love, Sister Loewe Marianeldis is honored with Golden Helm Awarded for being a volunteer longer than 10 years in Taipei prison.

Born in a Catholic family, The German sister Loewe Marianeldis had decided to dedicate her whole life to the religion since she was 13 years old. She came alone to Taiwan in 1961 and threw herself fully into helping poor families and households with severe illness and HIV patients. Although she was born in German, Taiwan has become her second hometown already after 55 years of hard working far away from home. She will continue to care for people around her and to help those wounded physically and mentally in the future.

The knowledge about HIV was limited in early age. The public considered that HIV was an incurable epidemic and was reluctant to talk to or contact a HIV patient. People despise HIV patients and even worry about



getting the disease by only having eye contact with them. With nursing profession and religious support, Sister Loewe decided to educate and help HIV inmates after retiring from church. She has been the volunteer teacher in Taipei prison longer than 10 years, caring the HIV inmates, and contributing herself without stopping.





Sister Loewe takes care of the inmates like her family. She talks to them, shakes their hands and listens to them in every visit. The inmates feel security and belonging with her big hugs and forget their pains behind the bars with her friendship. She says that to develop friendships with HIV inmates is very difficult at the beginning, especially when they are abandoned by their families and friends. They are encouraged to carry on their hopes by her. Sister Loewe never complains and judgmental about her abandoned HIV friends. She is very nice and the most trustworthy friend to them.

Due to her generous contribution with great passion, she has been honored with “the Great Contribution to Prisoner Education and Protection Award”. Sister Loewe earns her “Golden Helm Award” honored by the Association of Parole Officers ROC again. She says that she will continue to care and help people around her. Great thanks to all the friends accompany and support her doing the great jobs, thanks Lord!

