

Deutsche Wohnen supports the SONNENHOF children's hospice in Berlin

Berlin, 16 December 2015. In 2015 Deutsche Wohnen is supporting the SONNENHOF children's hospice with donations, management expertise and procurement advantages in a total amount of approximately EUR 13,000. The hospice in Berlin-Niederschönhausen is a place for families with terminally ill children, teenagers and young adults.

As Lars Dormeyer, Managing Director of Procurement and Corporate Investment Management at Deutsche Wohnen AG, explains, "What the staff at SONNENHOF do for the children and their families here is very impressive. It is particularly important to us, as a leading residential property company, to give long-term support to the committed work of this children's hospice not only in financial terms but also with our expertise and our advantages in procurement. This will help to create the necessary scope for investment in this important institution."

The hospice provides accommodation for up to 14 terminally ill children, teenagers and young adults. Its aim is to be a place with an atmosphere that is as homely as possible. The self-determination of the families and a minimum of routine are key elements of this overall concept. The Björn Schulz foundation, which founded the hospice, can look back over more than 20 years of experience.

"We are there for the whole family when a child is seriously and terminally ill. We support the family at home or here in the hospice. Our aim is that the families and their children can spend and enjoy valuable time that is full of life," explains Wolfgang Kern, Managing Director of the Björn Schulz foundation.

Deutsche Wohnen has been supporting SONNENHOF since 2012. As well as making annual donations in the amount of EUR 5,000, Deutsche Wohnen contributes its expertise in matters relating to the management of the hospice. Deutsche Wohnen staff regularly monitor the operating expenses of the hospice's facilities. They then commission proven and reliable business partners of the company from the area of facility management to carry out snow clearing and to clean windows, and they also coordinate the provision of these services. The annual costs for this in the amount of around EUR 1,900 are borne by Deutsche Wohnen.

In addition, SONNENHOF is being given the opportunity to share in the advantages enjoyed by Deutsche Wohnen in the area of energy procurement (gas and electricity) through its cooperation with the energy services provider GETEC. From 2016, the gas supply of the hospice will be transferred to G+D (*a limited liability energy management company*), which is a joint enterprise between Deutsche Wohnen and GETEC. This transfer will generate a reduction in energy costs for the hospice of approximately EUR 6,100 a year. In a second step, G+D will check the existing energy supply facilities

at the hospice next year free of charge in order to identify additional options for technical optimisation and, in so doing, to create for SONNENHOF as much additional scope for investment as possible.

The hospice is also supported by the personal engagement of employees of Deutsche Wohnen. Since 2011, colleagues in the Deutsche Wohnen Group have collected donations for SONNENHOF at Christmas. These donations have already helped to ensure that many of the children's wishes could be fulfilled and that urgently needed therapeutic equipment could be bought.

For further information about SONNENHOF and the Björn Schulz foundation, please visit <http://bjoern-schulz-stiftung.de>.

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