

Stiftung Kindertraum



Stiftung Kindertraum was established in 1998 as a private charitable non-profit foundation by the Viennese tax accountant Dr. Gert Breinl. Its mission is to fulfil the wishes of handicapped and seriously ill children in Austria. In this way, Mr. Breinl intended to give courage and hope to the weakest members of society and to bring joy and happiness to each and every child.

With empathy and affection, organisational skills and great pleasure, the small staff and a network of volunteers of Stiftung Kindertraum continuously manage to put a heartfelt smile on the children's and adolescents' faces.

But not only the children themselves have to cope with their handicap or illness. Also the families concerned are confronted with a lot of additional problems such as poverty and a heavy psychological burden. Disability still is commonly regarded as a taboo subject – Stiftung Kindertraum helps, supports and aims to increase public awareness.

Your support goes straight to the heart of a child

Since the inception of Stiftung Kindertraum more than 1,000 wishes have been fulfilled and a large number of projects for entire children's groups have been realised. In this way Stiftung Kindertraum contributes considerably to improving the life quality of the children and their families.

Stiftung Kindertraum doesn't receive any subsidies whatsoever, but is financed solely by donations from individuals and companies, as well as by funds raised through charity events. Since 2003 Stiftung Kindertraum has been annually awarded the donation certificate "Österreichisches Spendengütesiegel" by the Austrian Chamber of Chartered Accountants. It guarantees the appropriate and responsible use of funds.



What are the most common types of wishes?

Each wish is as unique as the child who makes it and its life circumstances. It can mean meeting an idol (a movie, pop or sports star) or a character from a fairy tale, spending a day on a farm with animals, going on a trip to Disneyland Paris, or be something as simple as a game, a journey, or the collective wish of a whole group of children.

Many requests can be fulfilled rather quickly and by simple means, others need elaborate and more time-consuming preparation. Also, some wishes incur considerable costs, as in the case of therapeutic devices, wheelchairs or special computers.

Life circumstances bring families to the limits of their capacities

More and more often families with disabled and ill children encounter financial difficulties. According to a recent survey conducted by Stiftung Kindertraum, 50 per cent of the families concerned face serious economic problems. Special treatments or therapeutic devices cost a lot of money and are covered only to a small extent by public health insurance.

Disability as a taboo subject: Stiftung Kindertraum informs and raises awareness

About 168,000 children and adolescents in Austria suffer from serious diseases or physical disabilities. For the families concerned their life situation brings about a reduced life quality and imposes an enormous psychological burden on them. Nevertheless the shame of being presumed a so-called welfare case often discourages parents from approaching Stiftung Kindertraum. Minimising the fear of turning to an institution for help and making parents aware of the chances and possibilities of support has become one of Stiftung Kindertraum's main goals.

A smile can change the world



With each fulfilled wish we allow for precious memories: moments of joy and happiness.

Tim's smile on the poster stands for the THANK YOU to everyone who brings joy to disabled and seriously ill children by getting involved through their social commitment.

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