



Help for children with a heart disease since 1989!



Bruno, aged 5, lives with the so-called 'hypoplastic left heart syndrom', in other words with only half a heart. Yet he plays football and enjoys swimming like any child with a healthy heart would do.

*'I am so happy that my boy is feeling well now. Without today's state of the art heart treatment for children, Bruno wouldn't have stood a chance.'
(Martina Weber, Bruno's mother.)*

....so that small hearts grow big!

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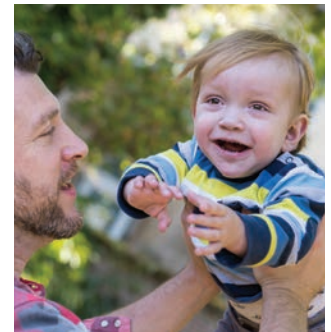
Every hour, 158 children worldwide start into their life with a heart condition.

In Germany alone, 19 children are born with a heart disease every day.

Innate heart and vascular malformations are the most common organ failures to be found in newborn babies and small children.



Ariana from El Salvador, 10 months old, Awaiting her preliminary check-up



Moritz from Cologne/Germany, 2 years old, with his daddy Markus

kinderherzen-involvement : Commitment to Life

Since 1989, we have stood by children with a heart disease. We improve their chances for treatment worldwide and campaign for a healthy future of adolescent and adult heart patients. As a registered association, we are 100 % financed by donations.

This is the cause, for which we are acting – nationally and internationally, transparent and independently.

Nationwide Research



At about 20 sites throughout Germany we practice life-saving research to establish the most modern medicinal and scientific standards.

Leading cardiologists for children as well as scientists research by order of our association for the welfare of children with a heart disease. Be it in Munich, Kiel, Berlin or Aix-la-Chapelle: The *kinderherzen* research in specialized German childrens' hearts centres contributes considerably to the prospect of small hearts growing big.



Scientific Expertise

As to the selection and performance of our research and sponsoring projects we are counselled by our top-class medical committee, the Scientific Advisory Board, consisting of:

Professor Dr. Philipp Beerbaum • Professor Dr. Felix Berger • Professor Dr. Oliver Dewald • Professor em. Dr. John Hess • Professor em. Dr. Hellmut Oelert (spokesman) • Professor Dr. Thomas Paul • Professor Dr. Dr. Christian Schlensak (deputy spokesman) • Professor Dr. Brigitte Stiller

Insight into an unborn life



kinderherzen expert, assistant professor Dr. Michael Steinmetz of the Medical University in Göttingen/Germany, is currently researching a new and high-resolution imaging of the hearts of unborn children with the task of stating pre-natal heart conditions clearer, so as to ensure ideal post-natal care for the baby as early as that already.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Ergometer diagnosis to examine the athletic capacity of children with a heart condition: **125 € (per child)**
- MRT research examination to analyse the heart function: **580 € (per child)**
- Research for pre-natal identification of heart disease: **7.000 € (per month)**

Felix, 8 months old, is a long-term patient on the cardiology ward for children. He flourishes whenever he hears the little bells accompanied by Julia's singing.



Our *kinderherzen*-expert and music therapist, Julia Hüging, works tirelessly for little heart patients at the Deutsches Kinderherzzentrum (German Centre for Children with a Heart Condition) in Sankt Augustin. The musical approach calms and stabilizes the vegetative and emotional condition of the children.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Healing chimes – relaxation for heart children by music therapy: **45 € (per hour)**
- Milk bottles and calming soother for ten children: **100 €**
- Mounted heat radiators: **2.600 €**

Therapy offers, hospital facilities and further education



By means of an intensive promotion of advanced methods for operations and therapy we ensure sustainable aid for children with a heart disease.

By supplying heart centres for children with the necessary equipment or by supporting opportunities for further education of cardiologists for children and the respective nursing team, we build the fundament for intensive, expert and personal care for little heart patients.

Thanks to the support of our donors.



life-changing help



The cardiologists look after their little patients with a great deal of personal involvement.





International Emergency Aid

In areas of conflict, the main sufferers are children.

Since 2001 we have been in action there for children with a heart condition. Our teams of volunteers save lives by heart operations on site. We act to provide underprivileged children with outstanding medical care.



Children like Hiob from Eritrea and José from El Salvador have great confidence in our medical team.

'I don't only want to provide these children with the kind of operation that would save them on a short-term basis, but with one that gives them a normal quality of life – for life.'



Since 1997, Dr. Andreas E. Urban, founder of the *kinderherzen* association and long-standing Head of the German Heart Centre for Children in Sankt Augustin, has been flying to Eritrea bi-annually to save the lives of children with a heart disease.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Lodging and catering for an honorary doctor:
43 € (per day)
- Medicine, infusions and anesthetics:
166 € (per child)
- Operation of a child with a heart disease abroad: **3.000 €**

We need you – please become active for *kinderherzen*

Show your heart: There are many ideas as to how to support children with a heart disease.

- ♥ Provide us with a one-off or regular donations – any amount will help!
- ♥ Organize benefit actions of your own choice, e. g.: a charity run, flea market or sporting event – just be creative for little hearts!
- ♥ Distribute our *kinderherzen* brochures in your environment or local shops and place our explanatory posters in your residential town
- ♥ Ask the guests of your next birthday, anniversary or Christmas party for a donation to us instead of a personal gift



Ben, aged 2, has a heart defect

Any ideas of your own?

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This is why we help children with a heart condition



'Kinderherzen offers children with a heart defect that live in a conflict area an operation in Germany or directly in their home country. Without this support they wouldn't stand a chance of survival. This initiative also promotes necessary medical development in these childrens' home countries.'

Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Christian Schlensak

We are so happy that our Moritz can live despite his heart defect and would love other families to be as fortunate - therefore we enjoy supporting kinderherzen.

Nikola und Markus mit Moritz



,Having children of my own I am aware of how essentially important their health is for any further development. It is for that reason, that I campaign for children with a heart disease, for they, in particular, need any aid we can give them.'

Anne-Sophie Mutter

Your donation makes the difference!

Every child with a heart disease should live – please give children like Bruno, Zoé and Ben the opportunity of a healthy life with an unobstructed heart.



**ZOÉ, AGED 2,
LIVES WITH TWO HOLES
IN HER HEART**

Any questions?

We are there for you.



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