



Die Erinnerung
ist das einzige Paradies
aus dem wir nicht
vertrieben werden können



Doing good with your estate



*We cannot add days to life,
but we can add life to days.*





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Add more life to the days – how your will can help the Sternenbrücke

Death is part of life and yet in our society it is often pushed to one side. Although none of us like to think about death and the related subject of leaving your estate, it is nevertheless important to make provisions early, safe in the knowledge that your estate is used the way you would want it to be.

With this brochure, we would like to briefly explain to you how inheritance is regulated by law if there is no will and what the advantages of a will are. You can use your will to make your mark, to support the next generation or perhaps even a social institution. If you are interested in the Sternenbrücke children's hospice and would like to support our work after your own death, for example by considering us in your will, we would be very pleased and help you with any questions you may have.

The Sternenbrücke children's hospice

Since 2003, the Sternenbrücke children's hospice has been supporting terminally ill children, adolescents and young adults up to the age of 27 who together with their families stay with us, are provided with professional and loving respite care during their long period of illness and at the end of life.

Even after the loss of their child, the Sternenbrücke continues to give support to the affected families as they cope with their grief.



Financing the Sternenbrücke children's hospice The children's hospice offers many different kinds of support services and helps the families be able to deal with the burden of their child's illness, helps them gain new strength and, after the loss of their beloved child, find a new way to live their lives.

Healthcare and (paediatric) nurses, experienced paediatrics, specialists in youth and palliative medicine, a pain therapist, two physiotherapists, education specialists, social education workers, grief counsellor, a palliative care nurse and the hospice management are all on site to support and lovingly care for the sick young people and their families – they are there to alleviate their feelings of loneliness and isolation and to give them emotional and physical support.

The services of the Sternenbrücke children's hospice

- Respite care (usually 28 days a year)
- Care and support at the end of life
- Pain therapy
- Different types of therapy (physiotherapy, ergotherapy, music therapy and aquatic therapy)
- Social-legal advice
- Support for siblings
- Grief counselling and grief seminars
- Bridging activities
- Training courses at the Sternenbrücke children's hospice academy



Financing the Sternenbrücke children's hospice

Currently, the daily costs for the full care and support of a family in the Sternenbrücke children's hospice amounts on average to 1,100.00 euros. About 60 percent of the costs, especially for the care of the sick child, are covered by the health and nursing care insurance funds. Since the Sternenbrücke not only cares for the sick child, but also supports the family in a variety of ways to stabilise them in this difficult stage in their life, around 40 percent of the costs are not covered by the statutory funding agencies.



This is how you can help

The success of the Sternenbrücke relies on many helping hands. In addition to our full-time staff, the Sternenbrücke has also been supported by volunteers for many years who dedicate their time and energy to our cause. They and the constant help we receive from outside in the form of money and donations in kind make it possible to finance the stay of the affected families and carry out many different projects. In 2010, the Sternenbrücke was able to open the youth hospice for terminally ill adolescents and young adults up the age of 27 and in 2011, the Sternenbrücke children's hospice academy, and we are not staying still. In addition to donations of money, donations in kind and donations of time, it is also possible to consider us in your will.

Support after your death

How would you like to support the Sternenbrücke children's hospice after you die? To ensure that your estate is used in accordance with your wishes, it is advisable for you to draw up an official will.

By drawing up a will you define who inherits what

If your estate is to be distributed only among your relatives, i.e. blood relatives including adopted and illegitimate children or spouses, this corresponds to the legal inheritance as regulated in the German Civil Code (BGB). However, if you wish to allocate your estate in a way other than provided for by law, you must do so by drawing up a will. This is necessary in particular if you wish to consider another person close to you or if you wish to show social commitment beyond your lifetime.

In a will you decide what happens to your assets. This freedom is limited only by the mandatory share laid down by the law, which benefits a person's descendants (children, grandchildren), parents as well as the spouse. The mandatory share amounts to half of the statutory inheritance.

Advantages of a will

A will overrides who inherits your estate as laid down by the law and allows you to make your own choices.

Drawing up your own will

The handwritten will, also called the will personally and manually written and signed, is the simplest way to make a will. The following formal requirements must be observed:

- Heading: “my will” (“Unser Testament”)
- First name and surname (including maiden name)
- Date of birth
- Address
- Heirs and estate
- Place, Date
- Signature (first name and surname)

Unser Testament

Wir, die Eheleute Jörg und Karin Mustermann, geb. Schulze, wohnhaft in der Musterstraße 1 in 12345 Musterstadt, setzen uns hiermit gegenseitig zu alleinigen Erben unseres gesamten Nachlasses ein. Wir beide haben keine Kinder. Erbe des Letztsterbenden soll die Stiftung Kinder-Hospiz Sternenbrücke in Hamburg sein.

Karin Mustermann

Karin Mustermann, geb. Schulze, Musterstadt, 01. Januar 2014

Jörg Mustermann

Jörg Mustermann, Musterstadt, 01. Januar 2014



If you want to be sure that your will stands up to any objection or challenge, then you should have your will drawn up by a notary and notarised. Married couples and people living in a registered partnership can draw up a joint will, or a “Berliner Testament” as it is called in German law. In a joint will, people can appoint each other as their sole heirs. Only after the death of both partners does the final heir receive the estate.

Your will can, in principle, be kept anywhere. There exist no rules. However, if you want to be sure that your will can be found and opened after your death, it is advisable to file it with a probate court. A notarial will is automatically stored with the certifying notary at the probate court.

Other useful information



With an endowment contribution you secure the long-term existence of the Sternenbrücke children's hospice foundation. With a donation you support the work of the children's hospice in the short term.



Charitable organisations like the Sternenbrücke children's hospice are exempt from inheritance tax. All of the inheritance goes to the good cause.



Due to the individual nature of each case, we recommend that you seek legal advice from a notary when drawing up your will or bequest. You can find a notary near you via the National Association of Notaries (Bundesnotarkammer).



If a beneficiary is registered in the life insurance policy, this does not count as part of the estate. The Sternenbrücke children's hospice can also be made a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

If you would like to know more, please do get in touch

If you wish to support the Sternenbrücke children's hospice, you are making a valuable contribution to ensuring that families with children with life-long illnesses do not have to make their difficult journey on their own. In addition to gentle care and support, the families are also given help after the loss of their child to allow them to find a new way to live their lives.

If you are thinking about how you can support the Sternenbrücke after your death, then please do not hesitate to give us a call. Since each case of inheritance is unique and individual, we will be happy to talk to you in person to answer any questions you may have.



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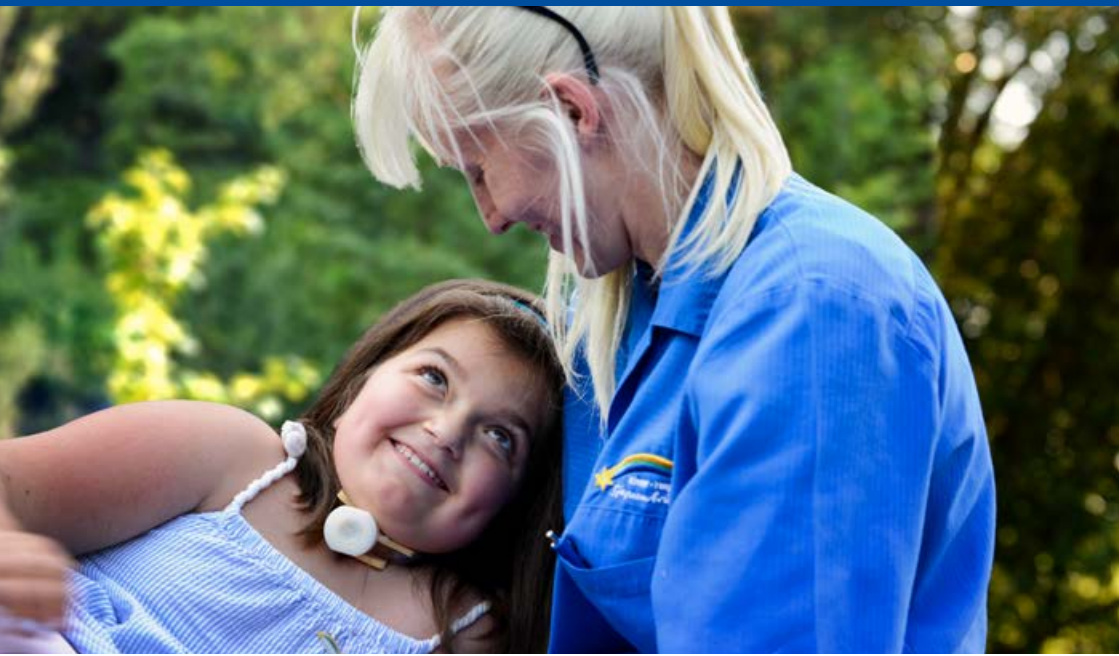
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