

Neumünster

5,000 Euro for children's hospice "Die Muschel" (The Shell)

5,000 Euro donation from the Markert Group goes towards the training of companions

"When we heard about the donation, it really floored us," says Ute Drefke, full-time coordinator at the outpatient children's and youth hospice service "Die Muschel". The Markert Group, which has a branch in Neumünster, has now donated 5,000 euros to the non-profit project.

Corona pandemic complicates work

Among other things, the money will be used to finance seminars for future companions. In the one-year training, the volunteers learn the basics of hospice work, how to deal with grief and dying, but also first aid measures. The money will also be used to promote grief work and activities for families.

"The financing of the mourning work is based exclusively on donations," says Ute Drefke. As the coordinator explains, the pandemic has made hospice work much more difficult: "Of course, we have many people who are already ill. That then makes the accompaniment more complicated." The willingness to donate

has also noticeably decreased due to Corona. "That's why we were very happy about the donation. Aline Steiner from the Markert Group speaks of a "very special project". She had discussed with colleagues to which institution a donation could go. "Many people don't like to deal with dying. We want to promote mourning," says Steiner. It was important for the company to support a regional project. The Muschel is based in Bad Segeberg, but also cares for many families in Neumünster.

Volunteers are needed

The children's hospice is still looking for volunteers. Currently, the work is divided among 60 staff members. A new training seminar is to start in spring. For more information, please call 04551 / 8023030 or send an email to info@die-muschel-ev.de.



The 5,000 Euro donation will also be used to promote grief work. Photo: Felix Kästle