

PRESS RELEASE

Donation from Bioventure to UMG and Harzer Sonnenzwerge e.V. – support for children suffering from cancer

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In this years fundraiser the investment company Bioventure from Göttingen collected 25.000 € for the support of children suffering from cancer. The big sum is equally divided between the UMG (medical university of Goettingen) for research and treatment of brain tumors in children and young adults and the association Harzer Sonnenzwerge for the comprehensive care of affected families. The cheque handover ceremony took place on Friday, 15th December 2023 in the university hospital in Goettingen.

Every year around 500 children and young adults in Germany are diagnosed with a brain tumor, it is the second most common form of cancer in children. Around 50 of those children are diagnose with a highly malignant brain tumor with a bad prognosis, the so-called Diffuse Midline Glioma (DMG). Most of those tumors grow in the brainstem, the pons. Because of their proximity to cardiovascular and breathing center int the brainstem, those tumors cannot be removed surgically and are hardly responsive to radio- and chemotherapy. The survival rates are only about eleven to 16 months after the diagnosis. After two years only ten percent, after five years only one to two percent of the little patients are still alive.

To support the research and treatment of those malignant tumors, the investment company Bioventure from Goettingen collected 12.500 € in their annual fundraiser with their investors. Another 12.500 € go to the association Harzer Sonnenzwerge, a non-profit organization that is strongly committed to helping affecten children and their families.

Dr. Erik Hoppe, CEO of Bioventure Management GmbH, handed over the symbolic cheques to Frank Abraham, 1st chairman of Harzer Sonnenzwerge, and to the team of Prof. Dr. Christof Kramm, medical director of the department for pediatric hematology and oncology of the medical university of Goettingen (UMG), on Friday, 15th December 2023. “The fates of the children suffering from this inoperable brain tumor, touched the whole Bioventure Team deeply. Something must change urgently. That is why it is an outstanding pleasure for me and our investors, to be able to support the research on this topic with this years fundraiser.”, Dr. Erik Hoppe said during the handover ceremony.

Further Information:

UMG, department for pediatric hematology and oncology

The department for pediatric hematology and oncology is part of the pediatric oncology center in the local university oncology center, which is certified by the German Cancer Assosication. The departmend treats children and young adults suffering from multiple forms of tumors and cancer, including brain tumors, neuroblastomas, kidney tumors, bone tumors, soft tissue tumors, lymphomas and leukemias. Benigne diseases of the blood and coagulation disorders are treated as well. The department works in close cooperation with other pediatric disciplines

of the medical university in Hanover, especially in bone marrow transplantations from third-party donors. It treats patients from five different provinces and is an important center for pediatric brain tumors in Germany, especially because of their participation in studies in the clinical study's association NordWest. -> <https://kinderklinik.umg.eu/patienten-besucher/behandlungsspektrum/abteilung-paediatrische-haematologie-und-onkologie>

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Harzer Sonnenzwerge e.V.

The association Harzer Sonnenzwerge is a non-profit organization, that passionately works on improving the life of children suffering from cancer as well as their families. Their broad spectrum of support reaches from psycho-social care to fulfilling lifetime dreams. Financial help for the affected families to unburden them in extremely troubling times is part of their core purposes. The Harzer Sonnenzwerge are also actively supporting the research, to help improve the possibilities for treating children suffering from cancer. The association's work is based on generous donations and the passionate support of the community. -> <https://harzer-sonnenzwerge.de>

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