



DOLPHIN AID NEWS - 04/2005

PROLOGUE:

For the very near future it will remain difficult to receive donations from individuals as well as companies. 2005 was not an easy year. However, in comparison to previous years dolphin aid was able to keep their incoming donations stable. 83 children alone were able to participate in dolphin aid therapy in the various centers such as Dolphin Human Therapy, the Curacao Dolphin Therapy Center, Island Dolphin Care as well as in Mundomar between the beginning of October and the beginning of December.

Due to its huge success and high demand Mrs.Kuhnert's first book "Every day a small miracle" was recently published for the second time. In this book Mrs. Kuhnert describes the life of her family before and after the accident of her son Tim, which led to the foundation of dolphin aid.

DOLPHIN'S NIGHT 2005:

10 consecutive successful years of dolphin aid were reason enough to celebrate our yearly gala event "Dolphin's Night 2005" at the newly completed hotel Intercontinental Dusseldorf. More than 400 invited guests attended the event. Among them, just to name a few, were a lot of celebrities such as Paul Spiegel - head of the committee of Jews in Germany, writer Hera Lind, actor Bernd Herzsprung, Tennis legend Eric Jelen, TV moderator Andreas von Thien, entrepreneur Rita Schockemoehle, Frank Ostendorf (bakery Stauffenberg), entrepreneur Peter Wendeln, Tom Schroeder - board of directors of German Hardcopy AG.

Mrs. Kirsten Kuhnert, president and founder of dolphin aid together with the patron of dolphin aid his royal highness prince Leopold from Bavaria as well as the dolphin aid ambassadors: Birgit Lechtermann, Irena Moebus, Nomi Baumgartl, Claudine Wild, Juliane Hielscher, Goetz Otto, Bobby Brederlow, Norbert Dobeleit, Hans Joachim Stuck, Thomas Koschitz, Frank te Neutes and John Juergens were greeted by reporters and photographers. In high spirits lots of interviews were given as well as pictures taken.

The reception was followed by a show in the Grand Ballroom. Guests were able to satisfy their appetite at a plentiful buffet. The tombola as well as auctions were a huge success. Furthermore special individuals as well as companies were honored for their contributions to dolphin aid. Even at 4.00 am the dance floor was still crowded. In the course of the event three new ambassadors joined dolphin aid officially - Thomas Koschwitz,



Frank te Neutes and John Juergens. Through this event dolphin aid was able to raise 120.000,-- Euros for special needs children

SPONSORS:

The first dolphin aid night in Sylt was held at the restaurant "Gogaertchen". In the course of this event 53,000.-- Euros were raised by means of tombola and auctions. Most likely next year this event will be held at an even larger scale at one of Sylt's beautiful beaches.

On August 13 a car race was held for little Nadin Hijazi from Dissen. This event took place for the 25th time. More than 5.000 spectators visited the race. During the event a lot of items such as dolphin pins, coffee, cake, shirts, etc. were sold. The proceeds were also donated to Nadine. Thus not only the costs for Nadine's therapy could be covered, it was also possible to build the foundation for the therapy for two more children.

At a beneficiary gulf tournament for dolphin aid organized by the World Trade Center Ruhrgebiet more than 100 participants were able to raise another 7,135.-- Euros for the cause of dolphin aid.

The Norwegian Ship company (NSA) donated another 2,000.-- Euros. This sum was raised during their annual TOP-Club Gala

Frank Gerhard is a fire fighter. Foremost he trains and further educates fire fighters and specialists. In the past he already did a lot for our organization. E.g. he co-organized the fire fighter festival, part of the admission and individual donations were donated to dolphin aid. Since some time now he had been working on a security DVD. The proceeds of such less costs for material and production once again will be donated completely to the cause of dolphin aid.

OUR HEROES:

Annette is the single mother of Hannes, Julia and Marie. Julia was born premature and has a double sided hemiparesis and shows signs of autism. In 2001 her brother Hannes was diagnosed with a malignant tumor in his stomach. After being in remission the tumor reappeared in 2004 causing severe damage to Hannes's liver. For the second time the little boy had to suffer through chemotherapy, surgery and radiation. Fortunately Annette's third child Marie is healthy but has to cope with two ill siblings on a daily basis.



Therapists and her loving mother help her through this process. Annette says she needs all her strength for her three beloved children and therefore never allowed herself to lose her spirit.

INFORMATION:

The concept of Dr. Rodolfo Castillo Morales has its origin in Cordoba Argentina. The first Castillo Morales Center in Germany and Europe is under the management of Joerg and Barbara Pruess. The center opened in December 2001 in Muehlheim. This form of therapy can be combined successfully with dolphin therapy. Ergo therapists, speech therapists and physiotherapists work together as a team to provide all essential neurological concepts such as Castillo Morales, Bobath, Vojta and many more. The goal is the neurological therapeutic rehabilitation of persons of all ages with hereditary or later on acquired impairments. Most of all premature babies, newborns and infants having problems swallowing or children with reduced motorial development, with cerebral pareses, or children with genetic syndromes such as Down Syndrome are being treated. Furthermore children with gaps in their lips, jaws or roofs of their mouth as well as patients with full or partial development impairments. Adults are being treated for cerebral pareses after strokes, tumor-resections in certain areas and patients after a skull/brain trauma and coma. According to their patients wishes there is also a variety of ambulatory therapies such as for the purpose of weaning from tube feeding, support with eating, swallowing and drinking. The goal is an improved quality of life as well as an improvement in the vital needs such as breathing, sucking, swallowing, drinking, chewing, eating and speech.

QUO VADIS DOLPHIN HUMAN THERAPY:

Starting 2007 Dr. Nathanson better known as Dr. Dave and father of dolphin therapy is planning a holistic rehabilitation in America. However, without the assistance of dolphins. 2006 will still be a regular year of therapy in Key Largo. To be able to keep the destination Florida has turned into a new challenge and important task for dolphin aid

MODERN HEROES:

Kirsten Kuhnert, president and founder of dolphin aid as well as Nomi Baumgartl dolphin aid ambassador are honored in the book "modern heroes". This book reports about people who outstandingly and in the most personal way devote themselves to help other people.



a few words from the president
WHAT TRULY MATTERS TO ME....

Believe it or not, this is already the end of the year. I can hardly believe it. Was it already Easter? And summer break as well? Time is flying and I find it does so faster and faster with each passing day. Yes, I know I say this all the time. But eventually this is always true.

Somehow a lot happened again in the almost-past year, and yet, once again, there was not enough time to do everything that I wanted to. But it was a good year. Eventful and informative. Exciting, never dull and - as always - with enough work for everybody at dolphin aid

Dolphin aid turned 10 this year, and in this context journalists very often posed the question of whether I am proud - proud of what I achieved so far. I was astonished because pride is one of the very few feelings that does not jump to mind when I think about dolphin aid and the years past. However, hard to believe, I took the time to think about this and so, for once, I spelled dolphin aid differently:

d for devotion
o for optimism
l for love
p for passion
h for humanity
i for intensity
n for normality

a for another
i for impulse
d for dedication

All of this is what dolphin aid stands for.
Honest and true
Because even 10 years after the foundation, we have not lost sight of the reason why...

Because all we do, we do with heart and soul.
In retrospect, 10 years of dolphin aid means to me, above all, gratefulness.

Gratefulness for the fact that we succeeded in creating an organization which makes a lasting strong effort that disabled people, disabled kids, are not being betrayed of their chances.



An organization for which "help" is not only a part of the daily routine. Working for dolphin aid has taught me a lot. About strength and tolerance, humor and courage, and commitment. since it was never easy bearing the fact to be considered a walking pain.

10 years of dolphin aid means most of all 10 years in which we were successful in re-awakening the most important thing. The one thing that school medicine likes to suppress

HOPE!

Dolphin aid stands for hope.

Hope for a better tomorrow, after an accident, after a birth defect, with genetic defects or syndrome illness.

Hope for people, who are damned to watch things to happen, because their mind is captured in a not fully functioning body.

Hope for people, whose mind can be brilliant, as one can easily see in the example of Stephen Hawking, but who do not have a chance to make their environment understand that they are not crazy.

People like my son Tim.

For them dolphin aid was founded. For them and their families. For them we work hard, so that the sun shines again. For rehabilitation, for a future. For a life worth living.

In this regard, dolphin aid does not care what color, nationality or religion these children belong to. Because sorrow and pain do not care either.

With dolphin aid, laughter returns. To the faces of children and to the faces of their grown ups. As a beginning of a new life.

As of today, Tim's destiny has changed the lives of thousands of disabled people.

And I thank him for showing me the way to found dolphin aid.

Every day we see people who proceed with will-power, who struggle through, who have ideas and the courage to make them work.

This is our motivation as well.

10 years of dolphin aid mean 10 years of visions and dreams.

This means a whole lot of work and a whole lot of luck.

This also means more than proverbial blood, sweat and tears.



10 years of dolphin aid means years of apprenticeship and masterpieces, means 10 years of engagement and commitment for disabled people. For research and new therapy vacancies. 10 years of dolphin aid also means to rattle at the doors of fossilized structures in the health system.....

But most of all first steps, first words, first laughter, first eye contact, first touch, first feel.

Therefore 10 years of joy.

10 years of dolphin aid means to take the initiative even when the situation seems hopeless.

For he who wants to change the world eventually has to begin with himself.

For 10 years of dolphin aid stand Lukas and Lisa and Niklas and Tom and Nina and Alexandra.

And many more of their friends.

For them we have enabled steps into a future worth living.

And therefore, I think, every engagement is worth it.

Neither I nor dolphin aid have come so far by ourselves.

And so, 10 years of dolphin aid also means the blessing to come across special people on an almost daily basis. Means conversations and inspiration.

Many of these people have turned into friends.

With their ideas and their engagement, they not only enriched my life but most of all helped dolphin aid to grow, voluntarily.

Therefore it is more than just a phrase before the holidays, but an honest desire, that I want to say "Thank you" to donors and sponsors, employees, advisers and helpers for 10 years of loyalty, engagement and trust.

I do not want to forget to thank my colleagues in the board of directors in every country as well as the chairman who, not unlike a marriage promise, "in stressful and in funny times" formed dolphin aid and turned it into what it is today.

I am thankful to the patron and ambassadors of dolphin aid of which a German journal "Bunte" just wrote: " There is hardly a more prominent group which works more dedicated for a charity organization than the ambassadors of dolphin aid."

It almost seems like many of my wishes are fulfilled already from the day of the foundation until today.

But still there is a lot to be done.

We have a lot of plans.



Lets look at the numbers. Then, yes then we may be a little bit proud. In the year 2005 dolphin aid with all its entities was able help to support 500 children to participate in dolphin therapy. Behind this huge number there is also the engagement for the organization to create new therapy facilities and concepts.

With our work we have been able to help set up a unique place in Curacao. Not only did we find new friends, but most of all people who filled the concept of dolphin aid therapy with life.

We now know that Dr. Nathanson and his wonderful DHT Team in Key Largo got real support.

The unbearable waiting periods of years could therefore be improved. However, they can only be eliminated completely through the creation of even more new centers.

We will also take care of that.

Dolphin aid has to keep growing so we can help even more over the next 10 years.

Maybe, no, for sure, I have repeated myself over the past years. It does not matter. Because our goal always remains the same. **We are here to make a difference.** We make the difference. For the future of disabled kids.

From all my heart I wish you and your families a peaceful and equally joyous Holiday season and if you are still thinking about your Holiday wish, just do something for others.

Based on my experience, I know that this makes one truly happy.

Truly yours,

Kirsten Kuhnert