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### **Review: Donation to Lebenshilfe Kempten**

Resident gains a piece of "normal" everyday life

• The non-profit Family Rauch Foundation covers the purchase costs of 5,685.64 euros for a special shower chair. This enables a resident with tetraplegia to shower or bathe under easier conditions. Something that is part of "normal" everyday life for many others.

**Haldenwang, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.** The private non-profit foundation regularly supports people who have fallen on hard times through no fault of their own. It was established in 2011 by Winfried Rauch the late founder of MAHA.

The latest donation was made once again to Lebenshilfe Kempten, a major provider of assistance for the disabled in the Allgaeu region (situated in Bavaria). The association offers a comprehensive range of services for people with mental and/or psychological disabilities with the aim of jointly creating a self-determined, dignified and respected life in the midst of society.

For a resident of a shared accommodation of Lebenshilfe Kempten, the new electronically heightadjustable shower support enables her to take part in an everyday life that is "normal" for many others. "She enjoys the fact that she can now take a full bath," says Sebastian Cramer, a member of staff in the residential group. "We in the team are very pleased that we have this opportunity." For the employees, the shower support also means physical relief. Thanks to the electric height adjustment, they no longer necessarily have to work bent over, but can also do so standing up, for example. In tetraspasticity, all four extremities (arms and legs) are paralyzed. Depending on the severity, the neck and trunk muscles can also be affected.

During a tour of the residential group, Anton Klotz, former District Administrator and Chairman of the Foundation Board of the non-profit Family Rauch Foundation, was able to see for himself how important the new shower chair is for the whole group. "We are delighted to be able to support people with disabilities and make their everyday lives easier. Many thanks to the team in the residential group and to Lebenshilfe Kempten for the important and beneficial work they do," said Anton Klotz during his visit.

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Anton Klotz, former District Administrator and Chairman of the Foundation Board of MAHA's non-profit Family Rauch Foundation (2nd from right) during his visit to the Lebenshilfe Kempten residential group. Jürgen Schulz, Division Manager of Living at Lebenshilfe Kempten (left), Waltraud Bickel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Lebenshilfe Kempten (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Sebastian Cramer, employee in the shared accommodation (right), expressed their thanks for the generous financial support.

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