

## Help for the homeless

Warm clothes, soups, and hot beverages against the cold

**City** The icy cold of the last weeks here in the North has above all got to the homeless. Many houseless people had to spent the night on the street at sub-zero temperatures, often only scantily dressed. So that also the very poor of this city get a little support, besides the measures of the authorities and institutions, the humanitarian foundation "Live To Love" has set out to provide the needy around the central station with warm clothes, soups and hot beverages on Sunday afternoon. "We help from person to person", explains the president Gianna Wabner the concept of their collective work, for which even a volunteer had arrived from Berlin. "Live to give love", reads the motto, which these voluntary supporters have

set themselves to do. The first homeless expected the twelve helpers already at the entrance to the lobby. It has gotten around that the volunteers of the foundation come on every third Sunday of the month, tells Ed, who also likes himself to accept one of the donated items sometimes. The situation almost appears familiar, small children also came along, who closely pay

attention that the cups with warm tea and coffee get properly filled. Dogs bark, in between new shoes are tried on and trousers are quickly held at the cuff. "Fits", and already the new piece of clothing ends up in the backpack. Only much later the homeless persons can put on their given clothing donation somewhere in a dark niche between the walls of the

station or in one of the shelters for houseless persons in the city.

"Origin, religion or life situation are absolutely irrelevant for us", thinks Gianna Wabner, who when helping always only sees the person in front of her, who got into hardship and needs support. The background for the personal situation does not get questioned in doing so. And however a few conversations arise quickly, the men tell about their misery, about the problems in the shelters and the life on the street. "We are glad about this help", the men indicate and immediately also take gratefully a hot coffee.

It starts to pour now at the central station. Who can takes cover somewhere and the helpers move along with their handcart full of clothing donations and sandwiches, which are all still to be distributed today. "We go there, where we are needed and helping makes us simply happy".



On every third Sunday in the cold season warm clothes, tea and soup get distributed around central station from the helpers of the foundation. Photo: kg

