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### Live To Love creates a space for encounters at the Remé-House

Joint creative work helps to relax old and young

**Volksdorf.** Its an oasis for peace and calm in the midst of nature: the Richard-Remé-House on the grounds of the Amalie-Sieveking-Hospital in Volksdorf. Since the beginning of this year, refugees in need of protection environment are taken in here. The



Live to Love Foundation Together handicrafts , talking and laughing - that connects from Hamburg, an internationally working humanitarian network, which stands for peace, understanding, tolerance and non-violence, visited the Remé-House in Volksdorf in cooperation with the provider Fördern und Wohnen, creating a meeting-point: with tables of different topics and with no need for words to understand each other, just with joint action, games and with gestures of hospitality, the Live to Love-team ensured a calm and relaxed get-together. Playing games and laughing together not only offers children space to heal.

#### Gratitude creates peace

The pictures the children where drawing, gave a deep insight to their wishes for peace and a safe home. For all residents the time in the Remé-House, enabled a space to recover from the great need and uncertainty they went through. More than 70 people live in the rooms of the former geriatric station : Single women, families with little children, including seven new born babies and disabled people with their relatives. “ Everyone has a special fate, which they already shared on their flight –

this is connecting.”, says a member of the security staff, “ the people that live here are happy and grateful – and gratitude creates peace.”



Live To Love is understanding and tolerance

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### Hope of understanding

The worries remain of the uncertain time that lies ahead, especially since the climate in Germany, concerning the refugee-situation has become markedly cooler.

As a further perspective Live to Love Germany has added the refugee aid to their program: “ We need to develop an understanding for everyone involved in this situation – meeting those who just took this dangerous journey to come here with an open heart, helping and welcoming those in need,. We also need a greater understanding for the general situation in Europe but that doesn't mean, that we have to close our hearts. An understanding without the heart can make one cold, compassion without understanding can also create problems. Both should be in balance then always good and reasonable solutions can be found.”, says Gianna Wabner, president of the Live to Love Germany foundation.

The foundation noticed the increasing disapproval and the decline in the willingness to donate for refugees. Nevertheless the team could raise many donations in kind like hygiene articles, baby and children clothes, wool, painting and handicraft utensils, games, and homemade cakes.

The hope remains that the communication between all parties during this process will remain possible and that hearts remain open for each other.