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Record proceeds: charity concert raises almost 10,000 euros for St Elisabeth Hospice Hohenlohe

Künzelsau, 20 April 2023: "Giving days more life." This was the motto of the Albert Berner Foundation, Sparkasse Hohenlohekreis and the Rotary Club Künzelsau-Öhringen for the latest edition of their traditional charity concert. The proceeds will go towards a long-standing project: the renovation and conversion of a building on Rösleinsberg in Künzelsau into an inpatient hospice with eight places. The symbolic donation cheque has now been handed over to the BBT Group (Barmherzige Brüder Trier), the majority shareholder of Hohenloher Krankenhaus gGmbH, which is responsible for the planning and operation of the hospice.

"Offering seriously ill people and their relatives in our region a place where they can receive professional support in the last phase of their lives and say goodbye to each other with dignity - this has been a matter close to my heart for many years," says Ursula Berner, Chairwoman of the Albert Berner Foundation's Board of Trustees. "I am all the more pleased that we were able to raise a record amount at our benefit concert in aid of the St Elisabeth Hospice." The event with the music ensemble "German Brass" raised almost 10,000 euros. "We've never had that much before," reports Ursula Berner proudly. The Albert Berner Foundation topped up the amount to 15,000 euros from its own funds. The charitable organisation will also make a further large donation in the six-figure range to finance the furniture. "I want the rooms to be as bright and pleasant as possible," emphasises Ursula Berner. "For the foundation, the St Elisabeth Hospice is a flagship project that we are happy to support. We are now hoping that construction will start soon."

Building application submitted

BBT Group Regional Manager Thomas Wigant accepted the symbolic donation cheque and thanked everyone involved. "We are delighted and would especially like to thank the Albert Berner Foundation, Sparkasse Hohenlohekreis and the Rotary Club Künzelsau-Öhringen for their strong commitment and generous donation in favour of the hospice. Our thanks also go to the work of the churches and the many citizens who support the project. The hospice has already found a home and strong support in the town of Künzelsau and the Hohenlohe district."



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"It is important to the BBT Group to offer people in Hohenlohe professional and caring nursing and care, even in the last stage of their lives when curative therapies no longer help," continued Wigant. This will already be reflected in the design of the rooms. "The building application for the necessary remodelling measures at Haus am Rösleinsberg was submitted at the end of March. We are now hoping for approval from the authorities soon and would like to thank the town of Künzelsau for the excellent cooperation with those responsible."

"As the town of Künzelsau, we are delighted with the large donation from the charity concert and offer our sincere congratulations," said Mayor Stefan Neumann. "An excellent concert evening and doing something good at the same time, an evening could hardly be better. Realising and establishing a hospice in Künzelsau is an important and right thing to do. We support our honorary citizen Ursula Berner and the BBT Group with the district in realising this project, which is so important for the region. The building application is a formal authorisation procedure. After involving the neighbourhood and public agencies, we are looking forward to a building permit."

Popular series of events

The Albert Berner Foundation, Sparkasse Hohenlohekreis and the Rotary Club Künzelsau-Öhringen have been organising their joint charity concert for more than two decades. Different artists are featured. The proceeds from the charity concerts are always donated in full to worthy projects, institutions, clubs or associations in the region. With around 250 visitors, the most recent edition was once again a great success. The "German Brass" formation comprises eleven professional musicians who usually play for orchestras such as the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra or the state operas of Munich, Hamburg and Stuttgart. The repertoire of these top musicians ranges from classical baroque masterpieces to jazz and impressive sounds from well-known blockbusters such as "Pirates of the Caribbean".