

## **Guiding principle**

*The purpose of the foundation is based on our conviction that above all education can help against need, misery, poverty, violence, discrimination and will provide for peace on our earth. Only those who can help themselves will be able to make a good contribution to their own development and thus also to the development of humanity on a small or large scale. Our goal is to create the conditions for as many people as possible, primarily children and young people, to shape their own lives and thus give them the chance to positively shape their social environment. In doing so, we see education and training, upbringing and care as essential building blocks for a world in which there is more peace.*

## **"Spark of peace"**

### **The idea**

If we want to make a difference in the world by promoting the education of individual young people, the "spark" must spread to a "glow of peace", to a "fire of peace".

Those who are most likely to be able to pass on the spark we have set are those who receive it, that is, the young people we support.

We therefore want to supplement our support program with a component that serves the goal of passing on the spark. It would be a great success if those we support recognized their social responsibility already in times of their own education and supported other needy people in the same or a similar way with their means.

This does not have to be done through money, although this could also be a conceivable way of getting involved later. Learning sponsorships, tutoring, supporting others in everyday life or social engagement/ projects at school could be first ideas. Sponsorships for other children or teenagers in their own environment or at a distance could also be such a commitment. In the first approach, reporting about one's own career, experiences and ideas could be an achievement of the sponsor, which others follow.

In addition to initiating, stimulating, or encouraging this, we as a foundation want to offer a platform for such commitments.

For this purpose:

- The commitment should be exclusively voluntary. Our support is not dependent on such a commitment.
- We want to involve our partners as much as possible, i.e. we want to inspire and convince them of the idea.

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- In addition to organizational assistance, such as organizing contacts and establishing forms of communication, we will provide incentives for such social commitments. For example, we want to equip everyone who participates with the necessary communication equipment such as a smartphone including Internet access.

### **What needs to be done?**

- We will ask those we support, with the participation of our cooperation partners, whether they would like to participate in such a commitment, and if so, how.
- Together with him and our cooperation partners, we develop ideas on possible options.
- Together we determine the first steps to implement the respective ideas

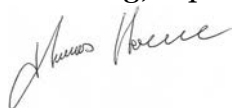
### **First ideas**

A first idea is to offer a forum on the platform of a social network (e.g. WhatsApp or a closed Facebook group) for people sponsored by the foundation.

The platform can serve to

- to tell others about his own life situation,
- to exchange information on any topic,
- to make friendships,
- to offer each other help.

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