

Merck Life Science GmbH Supports Freezone, NGO for Children and Teenagers



From left to right: Markus Unterländer (Freezone), Ute Steffens, Marc-Mathias Karl (Merck Life Science GmbH), Andrea Schulz (Freezone)

Merck Life Science GmbH in Eppelheim, Germany, formerly known as heipha, is supporting children and adolescents in need. In January, Marc-Mathias Karl, Managing Director and Site Manager of Merck Life Science GmbH, and Ute Steffens, external plant security officer and Yoga teacher at Merck Life Science, handed a 1,000 Euro paycheck to Andrea Schulz from Freezone, a non-profit organization in downtown Mannheim, Germany.

The supported organization, Freezone, sees itself as a low-threshold facility for youth welfare. It aims to help children, teenagers and young adults in need, mainly because they are at risk of becoming homeless or who already are homeless and who are in difficult life situations.

“I handed the paycheck on behalf of the entire team at Merck Life Science GmbH, as we all collected the money”, said Ute Steffens. “About two years ago, we started small in-house yoga classes. When I informed Marc-Mathias that I would donate the amounts that employees had to pay for those classes, he thought it would be a great idea to round this up.”



The “Traumhaus” (Dream House) of Freezone in the heart of Mannheim

“We counsel, guide and help young people. We help them writing applications for a job, we can organize drug therapies, we offer them legal advice, and they will find a clean bed if they have nowhere else to go,” said Andrea Schulz. “Any support is greatly appreciated, and I truly thank the employees of Merck Life Science GmbH.”

If you want to support Freezone, you can find more information on their website at <http://www.freezone-mannheim.de/> (German language).