

## PRESS INFORMATION

### **Guests at Friedrichstadt-Palast donate over €90,000 to Kinderlaecheln e.V., a clinic in the Buch district of Berlin serving children with cancer**

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For a good four weeks, after each performance of the Christmas show "berlin ILLUMINATED," Friedrichstadt-Palast asked its guests to donate to Kinderlaecheln (roughly, "children's smiles") – and the audience's response was wonderfully heartwarming. Thanks to our guests' generosity, Dr. Berndt Schmidt, the artistic director of Friedrichstadt-Palast – together with the solo singers Amber Schoop and Fabrizio Levita, who made the nightly announcement, and several members of the Ballet Ensemble – was able to give the impressive sum of exactly €91,206.48 to the non-profit organization, represented by Mr. and Mrs. Miel.

Detlef and Marion Miel have volunteered their time for many years to support Kinderlaecheln e.V., with Detlef Miel serving as executive director and Marion Miel serving as office manager.

Kinderlaecheln e.V. supports children with cancer and their families at the clinic in the Buch district of Berlin. The organization was created in 2006 when two separate entities dedicated to helping children with cancer merged: Aktion Kinderlaecheln and Fördervereins für krebskranke Kinder Berlin-Buch e.V. It receives no financing from the state and covers the costs of all projects, such as therapeutic services, exclusively through donations. The main activity of Kinderlaecheln, however, is to respond to the heartfelt wishes of its young patients. This helps the affected children and their parents to find the strength needed to withstand their daily struggles. Because the small association has no management costs, 100 percent of all donations find their way to the children and their parents. Additional information about the association can be found at [www.kinderlaecheln.com](http://www.kinderlaecheln.com).

Note to media representatives: The photo of the donation ceremony can be found in the press section at <http://www.show-palace.eu/de/presse/bildmaterial-logos/friedrichstadt-palast>. The photo may be used royalty free as long as the photographer is properly credited.

Please note the new officially registered spelling for **Friedrichstadt-Palast** (formerly Friedrichstadtpalast). Friedrichstadt-Palast was also the original spelling, which it had ever since it was renamed on November 1, 1947 and which it used until the 1980s.