



Press release

Managing Director of Funke Medical supports charity flights as a pilot

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Andreas Funke, Managing Director of Funke Medical GmbH and volunteer pilot in the non-profit network "Flying Hope e. V. ", ensured a child's quick and safe journey home after an operation with his flight from Rostock to Essen-Mülheim on 14th December 2022.

Families of serious ill or disabled children not only face great emotional challenges, but often also logistical and financial ones. It is precisely these problems that the pilot network "Flying Hope e. V.", founded in 2010, addresses. In the meantime, 30 pilots have volunteered their time and aircraft to help children in need. Every week, free of charge, they fly children to and from hospices and hospitals for important medical appointments or operations. The children and their families are relieved by the significant minimisation of long and exhausting journeys and the special moment of flying is a beautiful and bonding shared memory. This was also the case for the eight-year-old passenger Lasse: the deaf boy from Essen-Mülheim, who suffers from an intestinal disease, was operated on 14th December in Rostock and flown safely back home 24 hours after the operation by Andreas Funke, an experienced pilot and flight instructor. This spared the boy a car journey of several hours.

"The sparkling children's eyes in the air and the great gratitude of the parents, to whom we give much more than just a free and efficient transport option, are the most important reasons for me to get involved as an active pilot in the charitable association "Flying Hope e. V. ". The flights for the children are an ideal way to share my enthusiasm for flying and at the same time combine it with a charitable and direct support service," says Andreas Funke, Managing Director of Funke Medical.

As a part of its senses of social responsibility, Funke Medical GmbH attaches great importance to comprehensive and diverse corporate social commitment. Flanked by voluntary activities at both management and employee level, the globally active medium-sized company has shown itself to be a reliable partner of humanitarian projects and associations for many years and is also the initiator of numerous charitable campaigns.

Funke Medical GmbH is one of the leading German manufacturers of decubitus therapy systems and seat elements for dentistry. In November 2021, Harald Quandt Industriebeteiligungen GmbH acquired a majority stake in Funke Medical GmbH. Founded in 1988 in Raesfeld, the medium-sized company manufactures and supplies its customers in Germany and abroad from there. Free digital services complete the product range, e.g. an online academy for further education in healthcare sector and a web-based tool to receive the latest user manuals in all languages.

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