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The Foundation is receiving ever more **cries for help**. It is at the heart of our actions to save these children from such hostile environments and give them the foundations for a future and a life worth living.

The main purpose of the Foundation is to provide all possible kinds of support for orphans and children in need from difficult social backgrounds. The Foundation has already established and successfully implemented projects in Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Transnistria, Ukraine, Belarus and Armenia. Through its work, many people have already been given a new perspective on life.

The Foundation offers to children a protected childhood, a loving upbringing, and a good education – all of which enables them to look forward to a future worth living.

Living up to its name, the Foundation offers them **THE BRIDGE TO LIFE**.

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... to a future worth living



Vision

In the countries of the EU, most children have the privilege of living in well-ordered, protected conditions. But in the countries bordering Europe to the east this is not always the case.

Many orphans and street children are left to their own fate. Some of them live in unimaginably inhumane conditions, and many end up on the street. These circumstances often lead them into a life of crime with all the inevitable dreadful consequences.

For many girls a descent into (enforced) prostitution is unavoidable, as they have no one to protect them or care about their lives. They are left, completely helpless, to their fates.

Die Brücke zum Leben – to a future worth living

Children's Homes

Many parents are prepared to accept children from orphanages or from difficult social backgrounds into their families to give them a loving upbringing. However, in most cases this fails due to insufficient living space and their inability to afford the addition of extra space.

The Foundation therefore considers its top priority to establish and support children's homes. There up to twelve foster children find a good home with loving foster parents. These children experience safety and refreshing warmth within a family.

On its website the foundation reports about current projects and introduces children whom they were able to help.

www.die-bruecke-zum-leben.de/en

„Please, Please take me with you“...

... With these words Lena clung onto my leg during a visit to a state-run orphanage.*

One look into her fearful eyes was enough to tell you that she had lived through some horrific experiences. We learned from the home manager that she had been repeatedly abused by a caretaker.

Less than nine years old, Lena would repeatedly crawl away into a corner and allow no one the slightest glimpse into her seriously damaged soul. Only with constant medication could she be kept in some kind of calm state, but of course this did not solve her problems or heal her deep wounds.

We took her into our family nest. After a year of loving care, accompanied by therapy and pastoral care, the old Lena is now nowhere to be seen.

The security she felt in our family has given her a new love for life. She participates actively at school, plays with other children and is once again able to laugh from the heart. Her unhappy existence has been transformed into a meaningful life.

Die Brücke zum Leben (bridge to life) has enabled her to see a way to a future worth living.

Lena's new parents

** Name changed*

Other Projects

The Foundation supports and promotes:

- Recreation and Leisure Centres
- Children's Holiday Camps
- Playgrounds
- Therapeutic Support and Pastoral Care for children from orphanages or from difficult social background
- Nursing homes for seniors and widows in need, to allow them to live out their lives in dignity

For further information, please visit www.die-bruecke-zum-leben.de/en



Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction

The Bible, James 1:27

