



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Social Responsibility Richly Rewarded**

#### **AIWCC Finances Entire Year of Clown Therapy for Children's Hospice**

February 1, 2010, Cologne. The American International Women's Club of Cologne e.V. (AIWCC), with 200 members from more than 20 countries, supports charitable fundraising projects in the Cologne region.

With our Charity Gala and auction last Saturday at Excelsior Hotel Ernst, we were able to raise over 11,000 euros to benefit the Kinderhospiz Balthasar children's hospice. The proceeds from the gala auction and from additional fundraising events held in past months amount to 14,000 euros, enough to finance a year of clown therapy for the children at Kinderhospiz Balthasar. We are particularly grateful to the sponsors of the gala, without whose support this project would not have been possible. "Their generosity is a tremendous motivation for our upcoming projects in 2010," noted Marie Bénédicte Luxem, Chairwoman of the AIWCC's Charity Committee.

Our illustrious sponsors included Bastian's Café, Carl Duisberg Centrum Cologne, Conditorei Brehmers, Dombauverwaltung Köln, The English Shop Cologne, Excelsior Hotel Ernst, Galeria Kaufhof Köln, Hard Rock Café Germany, Holmes Place, Köln Tourismus, Majesty Paper, Mediterana Spa, Neideck Bistro Restaurant, Porsche Zentrum Köln, Rimowa, sonoro audio, Starbucks Coffee Deutschland and Toshiba Europe.

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