



In Germany, more than 130.000 children a year witness the divorce or separation of their parents. The right of every child to have direct contact with both parents is an essential part of a child's wellbeing, according to German family law and the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child art. 9. For children of separated or divorced parents the legal claim often turns into a mere theoretic scheme once the parents live in different places. Many children in Germany grow up as half-orphans because the non-resident parent lacks the financial means to cover the regular monthly expenses for travel and accommodation. Our initiative alleviates the financial burden and makes sure that children stay connected with both parents, regardless of the geographic distance or the financial situation.

Our initiative aims to help non-resident fathers and mothers by providing the following support services:

- ✓ **free accommodation provided by volunteering private hosts** at the child's place of residence and across Germany. Regular and reliable contact of the non-resident parent with the child, despite the geographical distance and the financial constraints.
- ✓ **free temporary playrooms** in private homes, nursery schools and family centres, where children can spend quality time with their visiting moms or dads in a consumption-free environment - almost like at home!
- ✓ our **parent counselling** for non-resident parents offers a range of pedagogic impulses and hands-on-advice and professional coaching.

Key Performance Indicators (as of 2022)

Since 2012 we have enabled 22.094 parent-child-encounters for a total of 2.590 children. Our network counts:

2.111
volunteering hosts

1.881
registered fathers and mothers

328
users pro Monat

Awards

- 2021** *Zugabe-Preis* awarded by the Körber Foundation to our founder Annette Habert
- 2018** Franziska Giffey, former Federal Minister for Family Affairs becomes official patron
- 2014** Fellowship for Annette Habert in Ashoka's worldwide Network of Social Entrepreneurs

- 2020** winner of the SPIEGEL Social Design Award (audience award)
- 2017** laureate „Ausgezeichnete Orte im Land der Ideen“
- 2011** laureate at startsocial e.V.

About us

Flechtwerk 2+1, a non-profit organization founded in 2012 in Munich, owns the initiative *Die Familienhandwerker*, formerly known as *Mein Papa kommt* and *Meine Mama kommt*. Annette Habert is founder and CEO on an honorary basis.