

Agape Haus Lübeck

Agape Haus Lübeck is a house offering help to mothers and children in need since 1995.

In 2000, an article appeared in a journal reporting the discovery of a dead baby in a garbage bag in Hamburg. According to the autopsy, the baby had its hands and feet tied together. Then followed the first report of a baby hatch in Hamburg. Soon after, a dead baby was found in Lübeck. This must not be! This cannot be allowed to happen!

Ms. Friederike Garbe soon after opened Germany's second baby hatch in Lübeck. In August 2003, the first baby arrived in the new baby hatch. Since 2003, 20 newborns and a pair of siblings have been placed in the Lübeck baby hatch.

We believe that **"Findelkinder sind Glückskinder!" (Foundlings are lucky children!)** Families who have long been waiting for a baby become happy adoptive families. Furthermore, Ms. Garbe is a staunch opponent of abortion. She believes that every child has the right to life. For that reason, Ms. Garbe supports the use of the baby hatch, anonymous births and confidential births in unison, in order to save human lives.

Meanwhile, our society is becoming increasingly anonymous, resulting in mothers receiving little or no childrearing help from family or friends. In Muslim countries such as Turkey, there are still many large families in which everyone helps out with childcare; in Germany, however, there is a lot of isolation and loneliness. This is the plight of mothers who give birth in modern-day Germany.

We also carry out healing through language. We listen to the words of the babies, because they are telling us their story. This is particularly effective therapy for traumatized babies and infants.