

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Newly established “Werner and Maren Otto Foundation“ helps indigent seniors in Berlin and Brandenburg

Berlin/Hamburg, August 11, 2009 – In celebration of Professor Dr. h.c. Werner Otto’s 100th birthday, he and his wife Maren are establishing a foundation for the support of elderly and needy people in Berlin and the federal state of Brandenburg.

Maren Otto: “In recent years we have been noticing increasingly, how many elderly people are worried about their retirement years. My husband was very fortunate to stay healthy and to be able to spend his old-age in the family circle. However, not everyone is that lucky.”

The detailed concept for the foundation is being worked out at this time. To this end, Maren Otto is also going to inspect different residential models and projects. As for the board of trustees, she has already been able to win renowned and experienced members, among them Dr. Wolfgang Huber, the Bishop of the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg, Dr. Wilma Simon, the former Finance Minister of Brandenburg, and also Christina Rau, former First Lady of Germany.

Chairman of the foundation will be Dr. Jürgen Bersuch, who already holds the position of Chairman of the Werner Otto Foundation for the advancement of medical research at Hamburg hospitals. Olaf Gieseler, Managing Director of the CURATAX Treuhand GmbH tax consulting company, is going to be the foundation’s Vice Chairman.

Werner and Maren Otto are going to provide the foundation with an initial sum of five million euro in assets.

For more information and pictorial material about Werner Otto, please go to:
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