



Information about the project

Rosys Kids Corner

My name is Karen Kutschbach and I would like to introduce myself and our project **Rosys Kids Corner.**

I started my career working as a nurse in the field of pediatric oncology at the ward 31-4 at the Klinikum Mannheim many years ago. After my two sons were born – I couldn't continue with the shift work and decided to leave the nursing profession and started working for the Health Department of the City of Mannheim where I welcome newborns and their families to Mannheim and visit schools to conduct health exams.

I am an active member of the German Leukemia Research Aid (**DLFH: Deutsche Leukaemie-Forschungs-Hilfe –Aktion fuer krebskranke Kinder– OV Mannheim e.V.**). We jointly manage the **Rosys Kids Corner** project.

The idea of **Rosys Kids Corner** was born in 2000 when Mike Rosati, an Italian-Canadian goalie who proudly wore #37 for the **ADLER MANNHEIM**, heard about a similar project that was supported by Curtis Joseph, a high profile NHL goalie that played for the Toronto Maple Leafs while supporting Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto in the very same way. Mike was very touched by this experience and wanted to create the same project when he came to Mannheim, and that's how it all started 14 years ago.

"Each minute that you spent laughing extends your life!"

During the games the children and their families enjoy to get away from their day to day routine, they welcome the opportunity to experience a change from their lives & procedures in the hospital. The children are given the chance for a few hours to experience the games, the atmosphere, the fun, the passion of the fans at the SAP arena as well as spending time and exchanging thoughts with children that share the same fate.

Mike Rosati concluded his career with the **ADLER MANNHEIM** and has since moved back to his native country Canada. We continue to stay in touch and he is very proud of this project that carries his name and that has been so successful for more than 14 years.

Many of the nurses and doctors have supported me over the years and have made it possible for the children to join us during the games if at all possible. Of course all their visits are sanctioned by their respective medical doctors.

You will find more information on **Rosys Kids Corner in our flyer as well as online at >>> www.rosyskidscorner.de <<<**

**Yours truly,
Karen Kutschbach**