

# Everything that has voice survives.

Audiobiographies as a family audio book for seriously ill mothers and fathers with minor children



## What is a *Familienhörbuch*?

Familienhörbuch gGmbH is a non-profit organization based in Cologne, Germany, that enables terminally ill mothers and fathers with minor children to create a professional audio biography.

A *Familienhörbuch* preserves the life story of the palliatively ill mother or father for posterity. In the voice so familiar to the child, told in their own words. Authentic. Personal. Affectionate. Dramaturgically professionally designed with the most modern techniques of audio journalism, each *Familienhörbuch* becomes a personal treasure of memories.

The *Familienhörbuch* was initiated in 2017 by Judith Grümmner, experienced radio journalist and audio biographer. Around sixty trained audiobiographers, sound technicians, sound designers and volunteers from all over Germany are involved in the project.

## Who does a *Familienhörbuch* help?

The professional work on the audio biography directs the view of the terminally ill from illness, pain and loss to the fullness of their lived life and gives it appreciation. The sympathy and solidarity of our team also helps the affected families to feel supported and accompanied by society during the most difficult time of their lives.

After the death of a parent, the audio books accompany children and families on their long journey of grief and support healthy, active and self-determined grief management.

Leaving the familiar voice of a parent to growing children is a unique gift of remembrance. The feeling of security and basic trust, which is firmly connected with the voice of the loved one, can be quickly lost after death. With the *Familienhörbuch*, children can hear the voice of mother or father at any time and feel close to them.

The long-term goal is to establish the *Familienhörbuch* as a therapy-accompanying offer. And in the process, the social taboo topics of farewell, death and mourning are brought into the midst of society. Today we know how important the *Familienhörbuch* is for those affected on their difficult path of saying goodbye. And how precious it is for those who are left behind.

## How is a *Familienhörbuch* financed?

The family audio books are financed exclusively on a donation basis. All palliative patients included in the project currently receive their audio book free of charge. In order to realize the family audio books as soon as possible, we are urgently dependent on donations from foundations, individuals and crowdfunding campaigns. We would be very pleased if you would also support us in this!

For the organization of your own fundraising campaign, we are happy to offer you our assistance.

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On behalf of the affected families, we say a ♥-felt thank you in advance!

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You can find more information on  
[www.familienhoerbuch.de](http://www.familienhoerbuch.de).

## Donation opportunities:

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