

Advice and assistance for social needs

The employees of the Johannesstift are not only competent and have years of experience in working with senior citizens, adolescents, handicapped persons and in schooling programs, they also commit themselves to their work on a personal level. We would like to assist you with any requests you may have. Simply call us and we will redirect you to our associates.

We answer your questions

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The Evangelisches Johannesstift

Our history and
our commitment



*Do you want to know more?
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How to find us

Take bus M45 or 671 to station Johannesstift

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We care for people ...

The Evangelisches Johannesstift has been part of the city of Berlin for over 150 years. Since its beginning it has been important asset to the social and cultural life of the people of Berlin and the vicinity.

Our focus is on those needing help and assistance. We care and we actively engage. This is not simply a slogan. The foundation understands this as its supreme goal, according to 1 John 3:18 **“Let us not love with word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”** These very words were chosen as the foundation’s motto by founder Johann Hinrich Wichern in 1858. We follow this guideline with dedication and conviction.

The love to God and to all people, as it was taught and lived by Jesus Christ, is at the heart of all our services. That is why the foundation assumes responsibility for the people in Berlin and elsewhere in Germany. The Evangelisches Johannesstift wants to participate in the improvement of our society to further a culture of humanity and Christian charity.

The foundation offers help and home, companionship and care, aid and advice; it does so in several areas: in our old people’s welfare program and the hospital Wichernkrankenhaus, in the youth-welfare program, in occupational furtherance and in the welfare for handicapped persons. The foundation employs about 1900 persons; also there are apprenticeships for many social occupations provided by the vocational schools and the Wichern Kolleg.

The foundation’s headquarters reside at the foundation’s central campus in Berlin-Spandau. On 75 hectare (187 acres) about 60 buildings provide a home for people and their special needs within a lush, park-like arrangement. It is a special place, a social habitat where all kind of people

live together as neighbors: the well and the ill, the older and the young, people with and without handicaps, people who need help and people who provide help.



The Johannesstift in Berlin-Plötzensee, about 1899

Working through words and actions with the poor, the ill, prisoners and children

The Johannesstift was founded 1858 by Johann Hinrich Wichern. The first intention was the social work with prisoners. The education of children and adolescents became part of the program shortly after, and soon the foundation’s focus remained with them.

The location of our headquarters changed several times until the foundation was able to buy an area of 30 hectares (75 acres) within the Tegel Forest in Plötzensee. There the foundation’s efforts resulted in 30 buildings being constructed over the years, until the entire area had to be sold due to the city’s request - the district became the place of today’s West Harbor. The Johannesstift moved to its current location in the Spandau Forest in 1910.



We care for children, youths and their families

Children, youths and their families can receive help and guidance for any situation.

Especially in times of crises the youth-welfare program offers various forms of support: supported housing, apprenticeships, occupational furtherance and schooling, therapeutic support and substance abuse rehabilitation, out-

patient projects and counseling. In our day care center (combining day nursery, kindergarten and after-school care program) children receive guidance and

To build up children and provide youths chances

promotion in applying their skills and competences.

The aim is to provide children, adolescents and their families with perspectives and chances for a better future and to advise and accompany them on their way.

We answer your questions

Info phone

030 · 336 09 - 336

We care for handicapped

We enable children, youths and adults with physical or mental handicaps to live in the Johannesstift's institutions as independent as possible; all individual supportive measures work with regard to this directive. The aim is the full integration into the society, into employment and everyday life.

Our offers include a special school for children with multiple severe handicaps, supported housing for physically and mentally handicapped persons of every age, workshops and occupational day programs.

We answer your questions

Info phone

030 · 336 09 - 438



We care for senior citizens

Our old people's welfare program provides an encompassing system of aid and care for seniors. Outpatient care and therapy, supported and individual housing and of course the hospital Wichernkrankenhaus with the special geriatric center are included in our offers, which are structured to work jointly to provide an encompassing aid network.

Living the old age in dignity

We care for apprentices and students in social occupations

The social vocational schools pass on knowledge and experience to instruct future elderly care nurses, curative educators and kindergarten teachers. The vocational school for welfare services is for graduates of secondary school and provides perspectives for possible occupations in the social sector.



The **Wichern Kolleg** combines a theological education with a social or nursing qualification. The graduates thus become 'deacons' (Christian social-welfare worker) and can assume special positions in charitable institutions of the church or Christian social-welfare institutions. The college's mission to educate deacons reaches back to Johann Hinrich Wichern, founder of the Johannesstift.

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Info phone	030 · 336 09 - 300
Reception Wichernkrankenhaus	030 · 336 09 - 370

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Info phone of the	
Social vocational school	030 · 336 09 - 402
Wichern Kolleg	030 · 336 09 - 332



Hotel Christophorus

Hotel Christophorus and its convention center are located in the middle of the park-like campus – the perfect place to live and work for individual guests or groups. The restaurant Kastaniengarten, which is open every day, and the youth lodgings building with accommodations for more than 60 persons are also part of the hotel complex.

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Information and reservations

Hotel and youth lodging 030 · 336 06 - 0

Restaurant Kastaniengarten 030 · 336 09 - 157

Garden center

The garden center of the Johannesstift provides you with flowers and plants for any occasion. We also offer flower arrangements for festivities and specialize in cemetery maintenance and gravesite decorations.

We answer your questions

Informationen: 030 · 336 09 - 231

Bookstore

One of the few theological bookstores in Berlin can be found right at the campus entrance. We specialize in theological literature and life coaching. Of course, we also sell belletristic literature and items from applied arts.

We answer your questions

Informationen: 030 · 335 24 31

Order online: www.johannesstift-buchhandlung.de

The great festivities

The Harvest Festival and the Christmas market are among the major festivities in the Evangelisches Johannesstift. The Harvest Festival attracts about 40.000 visitors every year.

- **Harvest Festival** is always on the last Sunday in September.
- **Christmas market** is always on the first Sunday in Advent.

Associates and Partners

The Johannesstift cooperates with partners in the branches:

- Offers in occupational furthering (**Die Wille gGmbH**),
- Geriatric medicine (**Evangelisches Geriatriezentrum Berlin gGmbH**),
- Working with refugees (**the Retreat in the Paul Gerhardt Stift in Berlin**)
- Occupational offers for handicapped persons (**Diakoniewerkstätten gGmbH**).

The Evangelisches Johannesstift needs friends

A large number of friends assisted Johann Hinrich Wichern in the foundation of the Johannesstift. Until today the foundation is supported by its friends.

You can do good

You can also be a friend of the foundation; you can accompany us, support us and encourage us by your thoughts and in prayers of intercession, by visiting us and shopping in our stores, by financial and material donations and by bequests.

You can do good by financial donations

You do know all too well: service requires financial means. People need materials for their work and daily life. Serving the needy requires persons who care, persons who aid and accompany them, persons who heal and care for others. Buildings need to be acquired or built, renovated and equipped.

You can do good by material donations

Material donations also mean jobs. In our sorting center we employ youths and handicapped that would not be able to find other jobs.

If requested, we pick up your donation within Berlin's city limits. Your donation may include textiles of any sort, toys, appliances, books and knick-knack – anything.

You may also leave any donations at the entrance at Schönwalder Allee 26 at any time.

*„Every donation is valuable.
Many small drops together
form a warm rain“*

You can do good by thoughts and words

Think about us. Perhaps you know someone interested in the Evangelisches Johannesstift and our work. We are happy if you tell them about us and our services to those in need. Include us in your prayers of intercession. Thus, we are connected to each other in service and faith.

You can do good by bequests

To set the house in order is an old saying and a biblical word. Many people adhere to that old wisdom and think early about what will become of their legacy. Often they think of the people close to them. It also happens that they think about our foundation if there is nobody else. We are grateful for the deep and affectionate connection this act represents.

Bequests grant us more freedom for our work in the Christian social-welfare organization. Our department for bequests will provide competent help and consultation for anyone addressing us with such a request.

Information

<i>Information about donations</i>	030 · 336 09 - 325
<i>Info phone for material donations</i>	030 · 336 09 - 324 Mo through Thu 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
<i>Donating personally</i>	at the entrance Schönwalder Allee 26 at any time
<i>Donating online</i>	www.evangelisches-johannesstift.de
<i>Donating money</i>	Berliner Bank AG
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