

## Frau im Spiegel, 02/03/2005

### **THE JOY OF LIFE GIVES ME STRENGTH**

She is a single mother, is currently starring in a movie directed by Dieter Wedel, designs jewelry and writes a book about pilates - and she cares for special needs children by Vanessa Blumhagen

The former wife of Boris Becker - Barbara Becker is visiting the Curacao Dolphin Therapy Center for the first time. As ambassadress of the support organization dolphin aid, with their headquarters in Dusseldorf, she knows the work of the therapists as well as their success. "Swimming with dolphins can do miracles for children and awaken new joy of life," says the mother of two healthy boys. Barbara Becker loves children. She rises every morning at 5.30 am, prepares breakfast for her children and gets them to school. For two years, Barbara practically has had four children. The sons of her boyfriend Stan, who is separated, are the same age as Elias (5) and Noah (11). Every two weeks they fly down from New York to Miami to visit their father. The patchwork family works great. The household also consists of a dog, two birds, two snakes and a turtle. That her children are well is the most important thing for Barbara. They shall learn to love and respect themselves as well as others. She left Fisher Island and moved into a southern-style single home on the mainland, because she wanted a garden for herself and the children. Now the actress is starring in a movie directed by Dieter Wedel. In February, a new book about pilates, as well as a DVD, will come out. She is also designing jewelery and is currently working on an album. She claims to gain her strength from a healthy diet, exercise and joy of life.

#### What is dolphin aid?

Due to an accident Kirsten Kuhnert's son is severely impaired. After 18 months in a coma, the dolphin Spunky got him to react to his surroundings. Shortly afterward, Kirsten Kuhnert founded the support organization "dolphin aid". [www.dolphin-aid.de](http://www.dolphin-aid.de). Her goal is to enable the trip to Florida (and since 2004 to Curacao) for as many respective families as possible. Account number for donations: Stadtparkasse Dusseldorf, routing: 300501, account number: 2000 2200.