

Support in times of corona:

PHP Fibers and employees donate a total of 35.000 Euros for regional aid organizations!

PHP Fibers GmbH, the largest company in the Industrie Center Obernburg, surprised various charitable institutes with the impressive sum totaling 35.000 Euros. The employees of PHP Fibers have sent a fantastic signal of fellowship and solidarity with the most vulnerable in our society: By making personal donations, they doubled the amount of 17.500 Euros provided by the company – in spite of corona and reduced working hours!

PHP Fibers is part of the Thai Indorama Group IVL. When the corona pandemic broke out, Indorama set up a fund of 2,5 million dollars for global aid measures. Each of the company sites, of which there are over 100, nominated institutions and aid organizations active in their regions to which the money is to be donated. This ensured that the individual amounts could benefit those affected directly.

The first donation was received on June 29, 2020 by the association “Grenzenlos für Obdachlose und Arme e.V.” in Aschaffenburg. The humanitarian community, run by citizens of Aschaffenburg, provides aid and relief to people affected by poverty in the region. The board of the association is comprised of volunteers and ensures that 100% of every donation reaches people in need. The association runs four large projects for this: Café Grenzenlos, the Kaufhaus Grenzenlos store, the Kindernest nursery and a social counselling service.



PHP Manager Thomas Rasch passed the donation to the Vice Chairperson of Grenzenlos e.V., Dr. Hermann Ammerschläger (on the right), who was delighted to accept the cheque. They then had a tour of Kaufhaus Grenzenlos, where Dr. Ammerschläger explained the way that Grenzenlos works, primarily based on donations, where the various goods, mostly foodstuffs, come from, and who is allowed to shop there as a person in need and benefit from the very low prices of the wares.

Another donation went to the “Hilfe in Not” foundation in Obernburg on July 2, 2020. Foundation Chairperson Dr. Eberhard Kroth (on the left) received the cheque from Martin Moro, Division Manager at PHP Fibers, to help people who are in need through no fault of their own in the district of Miltenberg. The foundation offers assistance to those who suffer a drastic, unexpected change in their lives, such as fire damage, family dramas, accidents and similar. Since it was founded, the foundation has passed incoming donations to the people who really need support and cannot get it elsewhere, after each individual case is checked carefully by the volunteer foundation council.



On July 2, 2020, the board of “Herzmensch e.V.” from Waldaschaff run by Stefanie Fröhlich (third from the right) were also thrilled as PHP Managing Director Jochen Boos (third from the left) handed over the donation cheque along with Manager Thomas Rasch (center). Founded in 2016, the Herzmensch e.V. association provides aid to people and families when their normal life suddenly goes off the rails, e.g. through a parent suffering from cancer, a child becoming severely ill, sudden deaths in the family and the associated financial hardship, when relatives suddenly have to be cared for at home or when other strokes of fate occur. There are over 70 members of the Herzmensch association, and they all work as volunteers alongside their normal jobs.



The “Ambulante Kinder- und Jugendhospizdienst Miltenberg” were also given a donation on July 3, 2020. Along with its volunteers, the organization assists and supports numerous families with children suffering from life-shortening illnesses in their home environment. These children in particular suffer the most from the corona crisis because of the contact restrictions and can barely be cared for. Many of the children have a congenital and untreatable genetic



defect which only appears after a few years and leads to an early death. The Ambulante Kinder- und Jugendhospizdienst supports the whole family from the initial diagnosis to beyond the death of the sick child, at no cost. Martin Moro passed the donation cheque to Katja Neuberger-Ebert, who accepted the amount intended to support her important work, which is often barely acknowledged by the outside world.

Another donation was given to the Lebenshilfe im Landkreis Miltenberg e.V. on July 6, 2020. Lebenshilfe is the sponsor of numerous institutions in the district such as the Richard-Galmbacher School and the curative education day center for children with handicaps in Elsenfeld, the early intervention centers in Elsenfeld and Miltenberg, and the family relief services, as well as



various social housing schemes with assisted living services. These institutions in particular are restricted by the social distancing measures introduced due to the corona epidemic, especially in their social work. First Chairperson Dr. Reinfried Galmbacher (on the right) was therefore all the more grateful for the cheque passed to him by Martin Moro, to support their work for and with people with disabilities.

The donation, handed over on July 10, 2020 by Manager Thomas Rasch (fourth from the left), was made with support from the company Westarp KG from Aschaffenburg, which was represented by Gerhard Lebert. The recipient was "Lebenshilfe Schmerlenbach e.V." in Aschaffenburg. Jutta Oster (second from the right) accepted the cheque on their behalf. Lebenshilfe



Werkstätten e.V. Schmerlenbach provides support to people with mental and multiple disabilities. Around 680 people in the districts of Aschaffenburg and Miltenberg receive support which allows them to live as independently as possible. This happens in social housing, workshops and day centers, depending on their needs and the severity of the mental and/or physical disability. For a while, PHP Fibers has been promoting the employment of people with disabilities in suitable workplaces in the production center. Representing these employees, Daniel Odenwald (on the far left), who has already been employed at PHP for almost 10 years, also took part in the donation transfer.