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Koehler Group Works Council Grants Christmas Wishes for the 19th Year Running

- **Traditional Christmas tree campaign run by Koehler Group employees**
- **The Koehler Group Works Council has been organizing the campaign for 19 years**
- **One hundred people in need will receive gifts this year**

Oberkirch, Germany, 12/21/2023—Once again this year, the Koehler Group local Works Council from Oberkirch and Kehl organized a Christmas tree campaign in collaboration with the charities Caritas and Diakonie. Christmas wishes were collected from those in need around the region for the campaign. The Christmas tree campaign at Koehler Group is the longest-running of its kind in the region and is now in its 19th year. The gifts were handed over by representatives of the Works Council to Claudia Ebert from Caritas and to Cordula Rettig and Claudia Schnebel from Diakonie.

Koehler Group Employees Grant 100 Christmas Wishes

In each of the previous two years, the wishes were published in digital form on Koehler Group's intranet. This was introduced out of necessity at the height of the pandemic, and has since become standard procedure. Now that all our colleagues in Kehl and Oberkirch can view the wishes, it is easier for them to participate in this fantastic initiative. Koehler employees were able to select whatever wish they wanted to fulfill. The gifts requested by the needy included warm clothing, toys, food packages, and cosmetics—all items that many of us take for granted, but which often represent a major investment for people in need.

Within a few weeks, all of the gifts were gathered in the office of the Works Council, and then proudly handed over to Caritas and Diakonie. Group Works Council Chair Martin Spraul was thrilled with the success of the initiative: "Once again this year, many Koehler Group employees were keen to do some good at Christmastime. As the Works Council, we are delighted to see that community spirit is still clearly very much in evidence today." The helpers from Caritas and Diakonie will now distribute the gifts to the families who have submitted a wish list. After all, there is no greater gift than seeing the smiles on recipients' faces, which is why the Koehler Christmas Tree Initiative brings joy to all those involved.

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Figure: The local Works Council for Oberkirch and Kehl hands over the wrapped gifts to Caritas and Diakonie. From left to right: Claudia Schnebel (Diakonie), Martin Spraul (Group Works Council Chair), Claudia Ebert (Caritas), Thomas Lampart (Works Council Chair), Gebhard Müller (Deputy Works Council Chairman), Sabine Seebacher (Group Works Council Deputy Chair), Cordula Rettig (Diakonie). Source: Koehler Group

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About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbon-less paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation papers, and also innovative specialty papers for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 75% in 2022, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.3 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, Koehler is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

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