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Koehler Group supports the Malteser heart's desire ambulance

- **Employees acquire art calendar by donating**
- **Proceeds benefit the heart's desire ambulance**
- **Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V. fulfills last wishes with the heart's desire ambulance**

Oberkirch, 01/04/2024 – Employees at the Koehler Group have raised EUR 1,000 in donations by acquiring the popular art calendar for the year 2023. Kai Furler, CEO of the Koehler-Group, presented the donations to Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., which will use the money for the heart's desire ambulance. "It is great that the Heart's Desire ambulance makes unforgettable last hours possible. For the people and their relatives, these experiences are invaluable" says Kai Furler.

Donating for the art calendar

The yearly calendars from Koehler Paper have been extremely popular for many years now. The 2023 art calendar was produced in collaboration with Oberkirch-based artist Bastian Fiala and mainly focuses on the wildlife of Africa and portraits in his own unique style. He paints realistic faces combined with elements of pop art and abstract palette knife techniques. By making a donation, Koehler employees could obtain a copy of the calendar filled with Bastian Fiala's art. Management rounded up the donations to EUR 1,000.

Proceeds benefit the heart's desire ambulance

The heart's desire ambulance is run by the Malteser organization to fulfill the last wishes of terminally ill patients by bringing them to a location of their choice. Fifteen specially trained Malteser volunteers transport terminally ill patients in specially equipped vehicles to provide them with a respectful and meaningful moment in which to say goodbye and to support loved ones by fulfilling a last wish. All this is provided at no cost to the patients or their families. The heart's desire ambulance is financed exclusively through donations and kept running by the hard work and commitment of the Malteser volunteers.



Figure: Kai Furler, CEO of the Koehler-Group, presented the donation of over EUR 1,000 to Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., which will use the money for the heart's desire ambulance. 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, drinks coasters, fine paper, carbonless 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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