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## **Koehler Group supports people with disabilities through the Leben mit Behinderung Ortenau e.V. association**

- **Donations generated through art calendar sales**
- **Proceeds go to Leben mit Behinderung Ortenau e.V. association**
- **Services offered by association help families with children suffering from physical or multiple disabilities**

**Germany, Oberkirch, 08/15/2024** – Employees at the Koehler Group recently raised 1,000 euros in donations by buying our highly popular art calendar for 2024. Koehler Group CEO Kai Furler had the opportunity to hand over the donation to the Leben mit Behinderung Ortenau e.V. association. “It really is great that the association is helping tackle the needs and interests of people with physical disabilities and their families. Needless to say, having the opportunity to help make their wishes reality is an honor,” Kai Furler said.

### **Art calendar proceeds become donations**

For many years now, the annual art calendar released by Koehler Paper has been tremendously popular, and this year’s edition was the result of a collaboration with artist Kiliias Knispel. His works revolve around human beings, with portraits that are predominantly of young people and that radiate a sense of peace and deep, inner contemplation. “Open and honest communication between us as people is important to me,” says Kiliias Knispel. To symbolize this, he portrays women and men with dangerous-looking horns and wraps human tongues around cow horns. The parallel is clear: Both are highly sensitive organs used for communicating, and both must be put to good use. By making a donation, employees at Koehler were able to get their hands on this year’s calendar and the striking artwork of Kiliias Knispel. The Koehler Group executive board then took the proceeds and rounded them up to 1,000 euros.

### **Proceeds go to Leben mit Behinderung Ortenau e.V. association**

The Leben mit Behinderung Ortenau association was founded in 1970 by parents of disabled children as a self-help organization. Since then, the association has continuously expanded the services it offers in order to better assist families with children suffering from physical or multiple disabilities. In fact, this process saw home care and support offerings being gradually added until the range of services was finally rounded out with residential and semi-residential care offerings.

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*Photo: Koehler Group CEO Kai Furler had the opportunity to hand over a total donation of over 1,000 euros to the Leben mit Behinderung Ortenau e.V. association. 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 paper, and also innovative specialty paper 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 67% 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”.

Find more information at: <https://www.koehler.com>

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