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“Koehler Cycles” —Employees Get on Their Bikes for a Good Cause

- **Koehler Staff Collect Donations By Cycling to Work**
- **Positive Side-Effect: Reduction in Fuel Use and CO₂ Emissions**
- **Förderverein für krebskranke Kinder e.V. Receives EUR 10,000 in Donations**

Oberkirch, 2/1/2023 – Employees at the Koehler Group have raised an impressive EUR 10,000 in donations through the “Koehler Cycles” campaign. Dr. Stefan Karrer, Chief Operating Officer, had the honor of handing the donations over to Bernd Rendler, Member of the Board of the Förderverein für krebskranke Kinder e.V, a Freiburg-based foundation that works with children suffering from cancer.

“Koehler Cycles” —Good for the Environment, Health, and the Wallet

For many years now, employees have been encouraged to regularly cycle to work as part of the “Koehler Cycles” initiative. The number of kilometers cycled is entered via the company’s intranet, where fuel and CO₂ savings can also be viewed.

Last year, Koehler employees cycled a combined distance equivalent to three times the circumference of the Earth. This represented an increase on the previous year, from 101,000 kilometers to 137,510 kilometers. As a result, employees saved EUR 20,600 in fuel costs and emitted 22 metric tons less CO₂, not to mention the positive impact of cycling on their health. The Koehler Group donates 5 cents per kilometer cycled, which this year added up to EUR 6875.50. This total was rounded up to EUR 10,000 by the Board of the company.

Long-Term Partnership Close to Koehler’s Heart

The Förderverein für krebskranke Kinder e.V. and the Koehler Group can look back over a solid decades-long partnership. The pandemic in particular was a difficult time for children suffering from cancer and their families. This makes the Koehler Group all the more pleased to have been able to make a small contribution once again this year, thereby supporting those families the foundation helps.

“The initiative is beneficial to us all in many ways,” says Stefan Grözinger, Head of HR Development, Training, and Occupational Health Management at Koehler. “Our employees get to do something good for their health and the environment whilst also contributing to helping those who are not so fortunate. I’d also like to thank Bernd Rendler for receiving the donations from the Koehler Group for the past 37 years.”

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Figure: Dr. Stefan Karrer, Chief Operating Officer of the Koehler Group, had the honor of handing over a donation totaling EUR 10,000 to the Förderverein für krebskranke Kinder e.V. / Source: Koehler Group

Featured (from left to right): Olaf Strick (Head of Department HR and Legal, Koehler Group), Dr. Stefan Karrer (Chief Operating Officer, Koehler Group), Bernd Rendler (Public Outreach Officer at the Förderverein für krebskranke Kinder e.V.), Stefan Grözinger (Head of HR Development, Training, and Occupational Health Management, Koehler Group), Martin Spraul (Chair of the Group Works Council, 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 has international operations, with exports of over 70% in 2020 and annual revenue of around 800 million 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.

In addition, with its Koehler Innovative Solutions business unit, Koehler is dedicated to developing new business areas outside of special paper production and energy production.

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

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