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FUCHS Sponsorship Award: EUR 50,000 for 13 social projects in Mannheim

With a sum of EUR 50,000, the globally active Mannheim-based lubricant group FUCHS PETROLUB SE is once again supporting 13 social projects at its home base this year. For the nineteenth time, the FUCHS Sponsorship Award has been granted – an important pillar of the company’s commitment to social sustainability. In 2018, Mayor Dr. Peter Kurz once again assumed patronage.

“Every year, I am excited by the creativity and high motivation with which numerous citizens in Mannheim volunteer for people,” said Stefan Fuchs, Chairman of the Executive Board of FUCHS PETROLUB SE. “We are convinced that a company is obligated to bring economic, ecological and social activity into harmony – which is one of the reasons why it is a matter of course for us to commit ourselves to our society and our social environment.”

This year, three initiatives will be awarded the maximum amount of EUR 5,000. The Mannheim-based association “InFamilia” includes horses in its “Schulkinder treffen Ponys” (“schoolchildren meet ponies”) project, where children can groom and saddle the animals. Instead of tutoring, pressure to perform and tears, the organization aims to strengthen self-confidence by working with the animals. Through the FUCHS Sponsorship Award, the circus spectacle of the children’s and youth circus “Aladin” on the grounds of the “Johann-Peter-Hebel-Heim” can continue to inspire its audience with many different groups of performers, as it has done in the last 26 years. A climbing facility in the “Freie Interkulturelle Walddorfschule” will contribute to an “active break” – promoting better motor skills and better school performance in children. The inclusion of people with mental health challenges is the focus of the music group “Adelante” in the “Arbeitstherapeutische Werkstätte Mannheim”. Making music together promotes the development of one’s personality and integration into working life. The sponsorship will contribute to the recording of their own album.

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The participants of the project “Gesund und lecker” (“healthy and tasty”) of the “Verein für Körper- und Mehrfachbehinderte” (“association for people with physical and multiple disabilities”) prefer culinary highlights over musical ones. The name says it all, and cooking together not only is fun but also guarantees the promotion of everyday skills. EUR 4,200 will be invested in this project.

EUR 4,000 each will go to support the establishment of “Zirkus-Schule Neckarstadt Kids” (“Neckarstadt kids circus school”) for primary school children in the western part of the Neckarstadt and the purchase of new beds for the “Elternhaus” (“parents’ house”) of the “Deutsche Leukämie-Forschungs-Hilfe - Aktion für krebskranke Kinder - Ortsverband Mannheim” (Mannheim chapter of German Leukemia Research Aid). In the parents’ house, fathers and mothers can gather new strength and be close to their children during their hospital stay.

“Patronus” is the name of an initiative by the “Drogenverein Mannheim” (“Mannheim drug association”), in which volunteers help children from families with addictions. EUR 3,600 should help to implement this concept. The lives of families with premature children and sick newborns are also often marked by worries. The “Känguru-Club” (“kangaroo club”) wants to give those affected special getaways – and will receive EUR 3,000 for this purpose. Under the project name “In Hülle und Fülle” (“in abundance”), the same sum will be invested in a short film that young people would like to shoot in the “Westliche Unterstadt” meeting place. The goal: Diversity in society should not be perceived as a hurdle but as an enrichment for all.

The inclusion class of the “Waldschule Mannheim” plans to build seating and recreational equipment for their schoolyard. The necessary financial means are provided by the award of EUR 2,000. Jewish contemporary witnesses who report on their personal fates during National Socialism are the focus of the project “Erzähltag von Überlebenden der Shoa” (“narrative day of survivors of the Shoa”) of the Jewish Community of Mannheim, which can now be launched with EUR 1,200.

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As in previous years, the work of the regional "Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Selbsthilfegruppen" ("working group of self-help groups") in Mannheim will be honored with a special award and grant of EUR 5,000. The committee specifically helps self-help groups that do not receive financial support from existing funding opportunities.

Willis Towers Watson, insurance broker of FUCHS, will once again be involved this year with a grant of EUR 5,000. The sum goes to the "Zwischenraum" ("space between") initiative. In a workshop and a studio of the "Lebensnahes Lernen" ("natural learning") association, children and young people who suffer from development crises such as school anxiety or school phobia are looked after.

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