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FUCHS confers Sponsorship Award of EUR 50,000 on 13 social projects in Mannheim

FUCHS PETROLUB SE, which operates globally in the lubricants industry, conferred the FUCHS Sponsorship Award for the 21st time on November 5, 2020. A total of 13 projects in the company's home city were awarded a sum of EUR 50,000. Mannheim's Lord Mayor Dr. Peter Kurz once again took over the patronage this year.

"The current pandemic in particular shows us how important this involvement is," says Stefan Fuchs, CEO of FUCHS PETROLUB SE. "After all, the effects of the coronavirus aren't just a challenge for our healthcare system and our economy; they also affect families, old people, and children who have to go without social contact and the familiar environment. In this context, several of the projects submitted this year aim to use creative ideas to help counter educational and psychological harm arising from the coronavirus restrictions – or to compensate for the lack of personal contact using digital media. Supporting these and many other initiatives is part of our social responsibility, which is a high priority for us."

Sustainable business and innovative developments are important to FUCHS when it comes to social commitment, too. The additional awards introduced in the anniversary year 2019 for a particularly sustainable project and a particularly innovative project were conferred again this year. The "Project of the Year – Sustainability" award was won by the Evangelical Markus-Lukasgemeinde with its vegetable garden where people with dementia, children from the nearby daycare center, and many other people work together. The "Project of the Year – Innovation" award went to the addiction advice service of the Caritasverband and the Diakonisches Werk Mannheim, which developed a joint online advice center.

Out of more than 40 applications, 13 award winners have been selected by FUCHS. Willis Towers Watson, FUCHS' insurance broker, is participating with a sponsorship of EUR 5,000 again in 2020 and is supporting one other project.

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Projects and award winners in 2020:

- Lukas Garden, Markus-Lukasgemeinde (Project of the Year – Sustainability)
- Addiction goes online, Caritasverband Mannheim e. V. and Diakonisches Werk Mannheim (Project of the Year – Innovation)
- Digital media, Kinderladen Rappelkiste e. V.
- Healthcare proxy or living will: What do I need to do? How do I do it right?, Mannheimer Seniorenrat e. V.
- Box seats in the Waldhof House, DRK-Kreisverband Mannheim e. V.
- Portraits of an 11th-grade class – a remarkable film project, Freie interkulturelle Waldorfschule e. V.
- Promoting animal-supported educational projects, Seelenheilen e. V.
- School bag, Kiwanis-Club Mannheim-Kurpfalz
- Outpatient assisted living rocks the block, SkF Mannheim e. V.
- Emerging strong from the crisis, Die Traum-Schmiede gUG
- Music therapy for neuro kids – strong against COVID-19, Neurologisch erkrankte Kinder Mannheim e. V.
- EmK soup bowl, Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche, Gemeinde Mannheim
- Supporting self-help groups – strengthen volunteer work, Regionale Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Selbsthilfegruppen in Mannheim
- BeeDifferent, Evangelisches Schifferkinderheim Mannheim e. V. (Prize from Willis Towers Watson)

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the award ceremony was held virtually. A recording of the digital event and further information on the award winners can be found at:

www.fuchs.com/fuchs-sponsorship-award/.

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