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Koehler Group Apprentices Run Bake Sale for Noble Cause

- **Apprentices devote their own time and efforts to a good cause**
- **Bake sale at company cafeteria brings in donations**
- **Funds used to sponsor hospital clown known for bringing joy and laughter to young patients at the Klinikum Offenburg medical center**

Oberkirch, Germany, 01/30/2025 – This year marks yet another instance of the apprentices at the Koehler Group deciding to plan and carry out an activity for a noble cause. Unfortunately, last year’s autumn did not lend itself to making apple juice, interrupting a longstanding tradition as a result. Undaunted, however, the apprentices came up with a creative alternative: They decided to bake a variety of delicious goodies and sell them for a small donation to employees at the Koehler cafeteria at the company’s Oberkirch site. And there was something for everyone, with treats going from home-made Christmas cookies and Linzer tortes, to Zupfkuchen chocolate cheesecake and plum sheet cake, to gluten-free cheesecake. To top it all off, the cafeteria brought its own bit of joy by chipping in with punch.

The bake sale was resoundingly successful, with generous donations coming in at a total of 670 euros. Chairwoman Dr. Martina Bregler of the Förderverein Kinderklinik Ortenau e.V., a nonprofit established to support children and their parents at the Kinderklinik Ortenau children’s hospital, was overjoyed to accept the donations from Koehler’s employees on behalf of her organization. These donations will once again be used to sponsor the work of the hospital clown at the children’s hospital in Offenburg so as to help young patients get better. “We’re tremendously happy to be able to provide children with a brighter and more colorful experience during their stay at the hospital and hopefully boost their spirits a bit as a result,” Koehler Group Head of Training Simone Wölfle underscores.

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Figure: Donating the proceeds from the bake sale (from left to right): Koehler Group Training Coordinator Verena Klein, industrial administration apprentice Tim Ganther; industrial administration apprentice Lara Zimmermann, Chairwoman of the Förderverein Kinderklinik Ortenau e.V. Dr. Martina Bregler, industrial administration apprentice Lenia Fies, Koehler Group Head of Training Simone Wölfle. 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. 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 70% in 2023, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.1 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, the Koehler Group is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

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