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## **A Commitment to the Community: Koehler Group Apprentices Give Donation to Kinderschutzbund Ortenau e.V. and “Mavo der Nikolaus”**

- **Koehler apprentices show dedication to the community**
- **Proceeds from bake sale and apple juice sales donated**
- **Assistance for regional projects and families**

**Oberkirch, Germany, 01/26/2026** – Once again, the apprentices at the Koehler Group showed their continued dedication to the community in 2025: This time, they donated all proceeds from their traditional bake sale in April and from their apple juice sales in September to two regional initiatives. Altogether, the amount donated came up to roughly 2,200 euros, making Koehler apprentices a solid source of support for the two regional recipients.

### **Donations presented in January**

1,600 euros went to support the Oberkirch chapter of Kinderschutzbund Ortenau e.V., represented by Chairwoman Beate Kuhn-Nepita. This organization does incredibly important work related to protecting and nurturing children and teenagers and their families, as well as to safeguarding their rights. Meanwhile, Koehler Group employee Matthias Vogt was able to thank the apprentices for a donation of 655 euros, which will go to support the efforts of his eleven-person “Mavo der Nikolaus” team, which in turn focuses on helping families with children with disabilities or access or functional needs. This year, the entire donation will go to a pair of siblings from Durbach, Germany who suffer from a neuromuscular disease and the son of a Koehler employee who suffers from a neurogenetic disease.

The apprentices’ dedication to the community not only represents a valuable contribution to regional programs, but also helps in making sure that we will all be there for each other. “We find it very important to let our young talent know two things early on: that a commitment to our communities is a key element of our company culture and that we proactively encourage working together and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone in our region,” Head of HR Development and Training Simone Wölfle says.



*Figure: From left to right: Simone Wölfle (Head of Human Resources Development and Training), Rolf Schneider (Operations Technology Trainer), Verena Klein (Training Coordinator), Moritz Spraul (Mechatronics Trainee), Beate Kuhn-Nepita (Chairwoman of Kinderschutzbund Ortenau e. V., Oberkirch District Association), Manuel König (mechatronics apprentice), Matthias Vogt (St. Nicholas' Mavo), Luca Reinbold (electronics apprentice), Lara Zimmermann (industrial clerk apprentice), Eric Dutenhöfer (chairman of the youth and trainee representative committee). Source: Koehler Group*



### **2030 Sustainability Strategy**

*With the donations made by its apprentices, the Koehler Group is helping achieve sustainability objectives in the area of “being a good neighbor.”*

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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 2024, 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”.

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

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