

Press release

Hamburg Commercial Bank donates 500,000 euros to charities and employees' Ukraine aid initiative

HAMBURG/GERMANY – Hamburg Commercial Bank AG (HCOB) is donating a total of 500,000 euros to charity. With a partial amount of 100,000 euros, the bank is supporting an aid campaign for Ukraine initiated by employees more than two years ago. A further 400,000 euros will go to ten different welfare organizations in northern Germany that work to improve the living conditions and prospects of disadvantaged children and young people, people with disabilities and the elderly. Initiatives working for greater social acceptance of LGBTIQ+ people and against discrimination of people living with HIV are also among the recipients of the donations.

"We would like to thank all the volunteers and the many non-profit and charitable organizations that work for the good of others every day," said Ulrik Lackschewitz, CEO of Hamburg Commercial Bank. "We would also like to thank all the supporters of our employee's aid initiative for Ukraine and the colleagues who have been collecting donations and bringing relief supplies to the border region for more than two years - a great effort!"

#HCOBEmployeesStandWithUkraine is a private initiative of Hamburg Commercial Bank's employees. Since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, dedicated colleagues have been collecting cash and in-kind donations and transporting them to the border region, where they are reliably transported on the war zones in Ukraine. As well as delivering medicines, water purification equipment, generators and other much-needed supplies, this year the rebuilding of childcare and school rooms in a small town in the Kharkiv oblast was made possible.

Hamburg Commercial Bank supports the following further projects with its donation:

- Aladin ambulante Hilfen und Therapie gem. GmbH
- Arche Hamburg e. V.
- Barriere-Scouts – SOZIALHELDEN e. V.
- Deutsche Aidshilfe e.V. #positivarbeiten
- Hamburger Abendblatt hilft e. V.
- Hamburger Tafel e. V.
- Jung & Alt e. V.
- Kinderschutzbund (Hamburg & Schleswig Holstein)
- Mittagskinder e.V.
- Welcoming OUT gUG

Aladin ambulante Hilfen und Therapie gem. GmbH is a non-profit child and youth welfare organization in Hamburg. Since 1997, Aladin has been working with families who have problems and need support in raising their children. The services are used by up to 250 families per year and include educational counselling, socio-educational family support and more.

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Arche Hamburg e. V. offers children and young people in need a reliable place to go and the support they need to get ahead. With talent promotion, learning camps and other programs, Arche Hamburg reaches around 1,200 children and young people in four facilities.

The **Sozialheld*innen** make people, institutions and companies aware that people with disabilities are a target group for products and services. For more than 15 years, the organization has been working on solutions for more participation and accessibility. As experts in their field, they launch political campaigns, develop technologies and share their knowledge with companies and organizations.

Deutsche Aidshilfe (DAH) is the umbrella organization of around 115 organizations in Germany that represents the interests of people living with HIV/AIDS in the public, political, scientific and medical research arenas. DAH's #positivarbeiten initiative was launched in 2019 with the signing of a declaration in Hamburg, and has since sent a clear and visible signal against discrimination of people with HIV.

"We help Hamburgers in need - from person to person" is the motto of **Hamburger Abendblatt hilft e. V.** The organization provides low-threshold assistance to people in financial or health-related need. Last year, 17,800 children, adolescents, adults and seniors received support, including learning therapies, integration projects and financial assistance for urgently needed purchases.

Hamburger Tafel e. V. collects surplus food from retailers and manufacturers and distributes it to 31 food pantries in and around Hamburg. It is an idea that benefits everyone involved: Food retailers and manufacturers assume social responsibility, and those in need receive high-quality food and motivation for the future for little or no money.

"Intergenerational projects make life more colourful and easier" is the motto of **Jung & Alt e. V.** is convinced. The association promotes active interaction between the generations, thereby easing the burden of everyday life. Parents enjoy the contact between their children and the grandparents generation. For the elderly, contact with children is a valuable enrichment of everyday life. Thanks to the Young & Old Association, volunteers in Hamburg are building bridges between the generations.

The **Kinderschutzbund** sees itself as a lobby for children and young people in Germany, advocating on their behalf in federal and state legislation and in planning and decision-making in cities and communities. HCOB supports the regional associations in Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein in their efforts to create better living conditions for children.

The **Mittagskinder Foundation** provides more than 200 children in two children's clubs in socially deprived areas of Hamburg with regular healthy meals free of charge. The children also receive help with their homework and expert socio-educational support.

The non-profit organisation **WELCOMING OUT UG** was founded in Hamburg in 2021 and aims to initiate a social movement to visibly increase the acceptance of gender and sexual diversity in Hamburg society. WELCOMING OUT creates a low-threshold symbol so that people can make their openness and acceptance of LGBTIQ+ people visible to the outside world.

About Hamburg Commercial Bank:

Hamburg Commercial Bank AG (HCOB) is a private commercial bank headquartered in Hamburg, Germany. HCOB offers its clients a high level of structuring expertise in real estate financing and has a strong market position in international shipping. The bank is one of the pioneers in the pan-European project financing of renewable energies and digital infrastructure. HCOB offers individual solutions for the global aviation sector as well as for German and international corporate clients. Reliable and timely payment products as well as other trade finance solutions also support the need of the bank's customers. HCOB is aligning its activities with established ESG criteria. For further information about HCOB, please visit our [homepage](#).