

Press release

Hamburg Commercial Bank donates a further 500,000 euros to charity

- Total donation to reach one million euros in 2024

HAMBURG/GERMANY – Following an initial donation campaign in April this year, Hamburg Commercial Bank (HCOB) is again donating 500,000 euros to charitable organizations and associations in December. This brings the bank's total donations for the year 2024 to one million euros.

A total of EUR 450,000 will be given to ten organizations and associations in northern Germany that support the education for children and young people, needy people and hospice work. Initiatives that promote equal opportunities for girls and women, as well as nature conservation, will also receive funding. In addition, the bank is supporting an aid campaign for Ukraine initiated by its employees with a further 50,000 euros.

"With these donations, we want to support the many volunteers, charities and non-profit organizations that make a valuable contribution to our society through their daily work and commitment," said Luc Popelier, CEO of Hamburg Commercial Bank. "We would also like to thank our employee aid initiative for Ukraine, which has been tirelessly collecting donations and delivering aid to the border region with great personal commitment for the past two years."

Hamburg Commercial Bank is supporting the following projects with its donation:

- ArbeiterKind.de
- Beistand am Lebensende e. V.
- Der Norden hilft e. V.
- Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Rettung Schiffbrüchiger
- Deutsches Rotes Kreuz Hospiz Hamburg-Harburg gGmbH
- Familienbildungsstätte Kiel e. V.
- Frauen helfen Frauen Hamburg e. V.
- #HCOBEmployeesStandWithUkraine
- Loki Schmidt Stiftung
- Tiertafel Hamburg e. V.
- Zonta Club Hafen Hamburg e. V.

The bank's private aid initiative **#HCOBEmployeesStandWithUkraine** travelled to Ukraine again in 2024 - for the eighth time - to deliver much-needed relief supplies and aid on the ground. Since the start of Russia's war of aggression, dedicated colleagues have been collecting and transporting donations in kind and cash to Ukraine. These include medical equipment for hospitals, power generators, water purification systems, food, toys and much more. In 2024, the initiative focused on the needs of families in regions severely affected by the war, enabling children and young people living there to participate in education and the community. Between Donetsk and Kharkiv, for example, classrooms and playrooms were rebuilt and equipped with all the necessary

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materials. Around 1,000 Christmas presents for children in Ukraine will be delivered on the last trip of the year in December.

The organization **ArbeiterKind.de** helps young people without an academic background to study. This is important because those who want to be the first in their family to go to university are often put off by a lack of knowledge and fear of financial debt. The association has offices in Hamburg and Berlin and offers individual advice.

Beistand am Lebensende e. V. is an outpatient hospice service that has been supporting terminally ill people and their families at home, in care facilities or in hospital since 2005. The association has around 160 members, about a quarter of whom are volunteers.

Der Norden hilft e. V. supports people of all ages with disabilities in Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein. The association's members volunteer their time to help others, run two clothing banks and organize the "Wunschbaum" (Wish Tree) campaign, which provides more than 500 gifts funded by donations.

The **German Maritime Search and Rescue Service (DGzRS)** is an independent, donor-funded organization that rescues people in distress in the North Sea and Baltic Sea. The work of the predominantly volunteer lifeboat crew is made possible solely by voluntary donations.

The **German Red Cross Hospice Hamburg Harburg gGmbH** provides support, comfort and companionship to the terminally ill. Professional carers, doctors, therapists and dedicated volunteers provide individual care for up to twelve guests and their families.

The **Familienbildungsstätte Kiel e. V.** is a non-profit organization that offers a range of educational, care and support programs for parents and children in the Kiel region. The organization runs two crèches, a forest day-care r and a family center.

The non-profit organization **Frauen helfen Frauen Hamburg e. V.** supports women and children affected by domestic violence. The association runs two independent women's shelters in Hamburg, offering protection, counselling and accommodation.

The **Loki Schmidt Foundation** promotes nature and species conservation in Hamburg and throughout Germany by protecting natural habitats and providing environmental education. With more than 1,000 events a year and active public relations work, the foundation aims to bring people closer to nature and inspire them to protect it.

Tiertafel Hamburg e. V. supports pet owners in need in Hamburg. The association's volunteers help provide food, gifts and basic medical care for the pets of people in financial need.

The **Zonta Club Hamburg Hafen e. V.** and its non-profit circle of friends are committed to equal rights, education, equal career opportunities and the strengthening of the rights of women and girls, and is explicitly committed to combating violence. In addition to educational programs, the network of women for women also offers aid initiatives such as the "Madame Courage" project, which supports female students who do not receive state financial support (BAföG) or similar benefits in the final phase of their studies.