

Press Release

Hamburg Commercial Bank donates EUR 500,000 to charities

HAMBURG/GERMANY – Hamburg Commercial Bank AG (HCOB) continues its support to charitable organisations and projects in 2025 with donations totalling EUR 500,000. EUR 100,000 of this will once again be given to the HCOB employee aid initiative #HCOBEmployeesStandWithUkraine. A further EUR 400,000 will be distributed among ten organisations and initiatives in northern Germany suggested by HCOB employees. The recipients of the donations primarily support initiatives that help children and young people, individuals on low-income, and nature and animal conservation.

“We would like to thank everyone who supports charitable projects for their tireless commitment and valuable work,” said Luc Popelier, Chief Executive Officer at Hamburg Commercial Bank. “Our gratitude also goes to our employees for their numerous suggestions for donation recipients, which shows how important social engagement is to them.”

#HCOBEmployeesStandWithUkraine is a private initiative by HCOB employees. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, dedicated colleagues have collected monetary and material donations and organised a reliable delivery of humanitarian aid to war zones in eastern Ukraine. The initiative is now focusing on rebuilding and equipping kindergarten and school rooms in front line locations, where children have no access to community or educational opportunities.

This year, HCOB asked its employees to suggest donation recipients that are particularly close to their hearts. The following projects were selected from the numerous submissions:

- ArbeiterKind.de gGmbH
- Arche Hamburg e. V.
- BOXSCHOOL – Verein zur Gewaltprävention e. V.
- Deutsche Seemannsmission Hamburg-Harburg e.V.
- Fördergemeinschaft Kinderkrebs-Zentrum Hamburg e. V.
- Jugendzentrum Mergener Hof e. V.
- Schwimmen für alle im Lehrschwimmbecken Ellerbek
- Stiftung Naturschutz Hamburg und Stiftung Loki Schmidt zum Schutze gefährdeter Pflanzen
- TierTafel Kiel e. V.
- Trauernde Kinder Schleswig-Holstein e. V.

ArbeiterKind.de gGmbH supports students from non-academic backgrounds throughout their education.

Arche Hamburg e. V. provides three reliable contact points for children and young people in need, offering support in the form of talent promotion, learning camps, holiday care and other services.

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BOXSCHOOL e. V. is a non-profit youth welfare organisation in Hamburg that uses educational boxing to strengthen children's and young people's social and emotional skills and promote non-violent behaviour.

Deutsche Seemannsmission Hamburg-Harburg e. V. (German Seamen's Mission) respects and promotes the dignity of seafarers, regardless of their origin or religion. DUCKDALBEN offers a place to relax, exchange ideas and receive pastoral care.

The **Fördergemeinschaft Kinderkrebs-Zentrum Hamburg e. V.** (Support Association for the Hamburg Children's Cancer Centre), also known as "Knack den Krebs" supports children with cancer and their families, aiming to significantly improve their lives through aid projects.

The **Jugendzentrum Mergener Hof e. V.** provides accessible and respectful support in the form of food, education and leisure activities for children and young people from low-income families.

The **'Schwimmen für alle' foundation** (Swimming for all) is committed to preserving the teaching pool in Ellerbek in the long term, in order to provide children and adults with access to swimming lessons, promoting greater safety, health and participation in the water.

The **Naturschutz Hamburg** and **Loki Schmidt foundations** are dedicated to safeguarding endangered plant species and habitats, as well as promoting environmental education. The donation will be used to establish an 'HCOB forest' in Hamburg-Wandsbek to protect biodiversity.

TierTafel Kiel e. V. helps people who are unable to feed and care for their pets in a species-appropriate and healthy manner due to financial or physical reasons.

Trauernde Kinder Schleswig-Holstein e. V. supports families after the death of a loved one. This support includes professionally facilitated bereavement support groups.

About Hamburg Commercial Bank

Hamburg Commercial Bank AG (HCOB) is a private commercial bank headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, that provides customized financing solutions for German and European companies. HCOB has a strong position in structured real estate and project finance and is a reliable financing partner for the shipping sector. Efficient and secure payment transaction services as well as innovative products for foreign trade complete the range of services. The bank is guided by established ESG criteria and operates from several locations in Germany as well as in Amsterdam, London, Luxembourg and Piraeus. For more information, please visit www.hcob-bank.com.