Fiege employees make children’s wishes come true

Gifts for deprived children living in Greven and Münster

Greven, 21st December 2016. Employees from Fiege Logistik donated over 100 Christmas gifts for deprived children to various facilities in Greven and Münster. For four weeks, the children’s wish lists had been attached to the Christmas tree set up at the family enterprise’s System Headquarters. On Wednesday, representatives from the youth welfare unit, Kids & Co. Greven; the child and youth welfare service, Outlaw from Greven; the Association of Social Therapeutic Facilities, VSE; from Evangelische Jugendhilfe Münsterland and the Emsdetten-Greven Caritas association, came to Fiege to collect around 60 gifts for the children.

“The response could not have been better from our employees”, said Executive Board member, Jens Fiege during the presentation of the gifts. Only six lists were still hanging on the tree last Friday. “We auctioned them off during our Christmas party - and several hands were immediately raised when a few requests still had to be fulfilled.” The very modest wishes covered everything from LED fairy lights to a Barbie doll and bathing towels to individual items of clothing. “Quite often children receive really small gifts only from their families, if at all”, said Christiane Höcker from Evangelische Jugendhilfe. And Hedwig Laufer from Outlaw added: “Initially, the children could barely believe that they were allowed to choose something or even draw a wish list. This had quite a positive impact on many of them.”

Fiege employees from Greven, but also from other locations and countries who had seen the wish lists hanging on the tree at the Fiege tower at Greven airport, had set out on their own to organise the gifts. Foundation chairman Holger Werthschulte: “Many colleagues whose children are already a little older had a lot of fun picking out presents for small children.” In a joint effort, ten Fiege employees wrapped up the gifts on Tuesday morning. “We put some Christmas music on, and there were cookies and coffee. Add to this that you just know that, when you fulfil a very specific request, gift wrapping takes on a whole new dimension of joy”, said Sonja Frühauf from Personnel Management at Fiege.

The Christmas campaign to gift children from different social facilities around Greven came from Sonja Frühauf and Anne Bittorf, who is also involved with the Josef Fiege Foundation. Next to the wishes of children from Greven, there were more than 50 other wish lists hanging on the tree from the children currently in the care of Vinzenzwerk Handorf. The social and remedial home houses 187 children who, for many different reasons, can no longer live with their parents. On Tuesday, two employees came to collect the gifts in Greven. “The work you have been doing deserves our utmost respect”, said board member Jens Fiege in his address to Vinzenzwerk staff members. He added: “Much too often we forget that there are children who are very poorly and for whom life is not easy. Thank you for caring.” Fiege’s international management also gifted a football table to Vinzenzwerk, plus a 500-euro cash donation. The Christmas campaign is set for a repeat run in Greven next year. “And even at other larger locations, we will be running this great campaign next year”, announced Holger Werthschulte.

**Picture:** Jens (l) and Felix Fiege (r) handed the gifts which Fiege employees had organised for deprived children, to the representatives from many different social facilities in Greven.

Left to right: Jens Fiege, Jana Melchers (VSE), Hivroun Mohamad (Outlaw), Rike Bünder (Flüchtlingshilfe Greven), Maike Krumm (Caritas), Hedwig Lanfer (Outlaw), Susanne Wissen, Christiane Höcker (both Evangelische Jugendhilfe), Holger Werthschulte, Sonja Frühauf, Anne Bittorf, Felix Fiege (all from Fiege)

**Zu Fiege:** Die Fiege Gruppe mit Stammsitz in Greven, Westfalen, zählt zu den führenden Logistikanbietern in Europa. Ihre Kompetenz besteht insbesondere in der Entwicklung und Realisierung integrierter, ganzheitlicher Logistiksysteme. Sie gilt als Pionier der Kontraktlogistik. Die Gruppe erwirtschaftete 2015 mit 10.500 Mitarbeitern weltweit einen Umsatz von 1,4 Milliarden Euro. 160 Standorte und Kooperationen in 15 Ländern bilden ein engmaschiges logistisches Netzwerk. 2,7 Millionen Quadratmeter Lager- und Logistikflächen sprechen für die Leistungsfähigkeit des Unternehmens.

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