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# With its traditional donation campaign “Aid instead of candles”, DEA once again supports social projects – and the company’s employees have also committed to the good cause

DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG uses its traditional donation campaign “Aid instead of candles” to support a dozen social facilities in the vicinity of its German operations, raising a total of 38,000 euros. The beneficiaries of these donations once again are needy, socially disadvantaged people in the vicinity of DEA’s operations.

“Aid instead of candles” is the name of a campaign that is steeped in tradition: in the earlier days, all employees and pensioners of the Hamburg energy utility used to receive a parcel of candles for Christmas – a reminder of the time when the company was still producing paraffin itself for the production of candles. Following the sale of the paraffin business, the company’s employees and pensioners started a campaign to donate their candle money to needy people in the surroundings of DEA’s operations each year.

“In our role as an enterprise, our neighbours in the vicinity of our operation are important to us. There are numerous charitable organisations that perform admirable work in the social sector. Unfortunately, they often only have little by way of financial resources. This is why it is important for us to give assistance to these necessary societal institutions”, emphasises Thomas Rappuhn, CEO of DEA. Günter Prien, Chairman of the Central Works Council, underscores that “the recipients of the donations were once again selected with a great deal of compassion, deliberately taking account of the Works Council proposals and in close coordination with the company’s employees.”

## Details of donations made:

8,500 euros of this year’s candle donation go to the Hamburg-based project **Martha Stiftung**, a charitable foundation. The Martha Foundation has helped people in need for over 165 years now. The DEA donation is intended for Haus Erlenbusch, in which 42 multiple severely disabled children can live in near-family solace and protection. The amount is earmarked for the purchase of hydraulic reclining shower benches. [www.hamburgengel.de](http://www.hamburgengel.de)

Chairman of the Central Works Council Günter Prien (l.) and CEO Thomas Rappuhn (r-) handing over the donation for the Martha Stiftung to the director of the facility Susanne Okroy (m.):



**Dunkelziffer e.V., Hamburg** – The organisation Dunkelziffer takes care of and gives therapy to children and youths who became victims of sexual violence, an organisation that is funded exclusively from donations. The DEA donation amounting to 5,000 euros is used for setting up therapy room (including toys, for instance). [www.dunkelziffer.de](http://www.dunkelziffer.de)

The **Mittagskinder Foundation** has received 3,000 euros for a forthcoming football project. At the two children’s venues of the Mittagskinder Foundation, since 2004 more than 200 children from socially deprived areas in Hamburg have been given everyday healthy lunches and social educational care and assistance. [www.stiftung-mittagskinder.de](http://www.stiftung-mittagskinder.de)

**Else Voss Stiftung, Hamburg** – the home for senior citizens with small pensions plans to use the 2,000 euros donated to invest in kitchen utensils. [www.else-voss-stiftung.de](http://www.else-voss-stiftung.de)

**Kemenate, Hamburg** – The “Kemenate”, a daily meeting place for homeless women, will be receiving a further donation; this year, the 1,500 euros donated are planned to be spent on thermally insulated cups and fleece blankets. [www.kemenate-hamburg.de](http://www.kemenate-hamburg.de)

## Holstein Production District

The **Arbeiterwohlfahrt Heide**, a workers’ welfare organisation, will receive 1,500 euros in assistance. On behalf of the AWO, Karsten Wessels, Chairman and Managing Director, and Silke Steffens, Head of the Children’s Kitchen, expressed their thanks for the donation made. The money is to contribute towards funding the centre for children’s meals and to cover a number of special projects planned. Steffens: “Apart from offering the children regular meals from Mondays to Fridays, we also play with the children and do homework together with them. Occasionally there are also leisure offerings like swimming courses or a tent camp, or small gifts like football boots.” [www.awo-heide.de](http://www.awo-heide.de)

The women’s shelter **Frauenhaus Heide**, which has given women and children in need protection for over a quarter of a century now, received repeated support from DEA and was also given 1,500 euros as a donation. “This amount is intended for the purchase of Christmas presents for the women living in the shelter”, explains Kathrin Klockgether, in charge of the Frauenhaus. As many women arrive at the shelter in abject poverty, the money was also intended to give the women a little subsistence cash at the beginning”, adds Deputy Chairwoman Carola Noack. [www.frauenhaus-dithmarschen.de](http://www.frauenhaus-dithmarschen.de)

The foundation **Stiftung Mensch** based in Meldorf has received a donation of 1,000 euros for equipment of common rooms. [www.stiftung-mensch.com](http://www.stiftung-mensch.com)

## Storage facilities in Bavaria

The women’s and girls’ emergency shelter **Frauenhaus und Frauen- und Mädchennotruf Rosenheim** received donations amounting to 3,000 euros each from DEA’s storage facilities in Bavaria, which handed out the cheques to the two charitable organisations “SkF Frauenhaus Rosenheim” and “Frauen- und Mädchennotruf Rosenheim”.

At a meeting in the natural gas storage facility Inzenham-West, Brigitte Steiner and Christiane Bierner accepted the donations on behalf of the organisations SkF Frauenhaus and Frauen- und Mädchennotruf, respectively. Paul Schillmaier, Works Council Chairman of the storage facilities, emphasises that “since 2002, DEA’s storage operations have donated almost 100,000 euros for needy people in the region of Rosenheim at Christmas time.” Holger Schmidt, Head of the storage facilities: “We want to support the fantastic work performed by the two social institutions and are pleased to be able to help.” [www.skf-prien.de](http://www.skf-prien.de)

## Lower Saxony Production District

The “**Children’s Hospice Löwenherz**” (Lionheart) were delighted with the candle donation amounting to 2,500 euros. Terminally ill children and adolescents are taken into the hospice – along with their parents and siblings. The families are accompanied there on their way to bidding farewell to their loved ones. [www.kinderhospiz-loewenherz.de](http://www.kinderhospiz-loewenherz.de)

DEA handing over the donation for the Children’s Hospice Löwenherz:



## Drilling Operations and Wietze Laboratory

**Diakonie Himmelsthür, Wietze** – As part of the traditional pre-Christmas neighbourhood visit to the Diakonie Himmelsthür, the drilling operations and Wietze laboratory handed over a symbolic cheque for 4,000 euros. “We want to use this money to install a background sound and light system in the common room and passage of the residence”, says divisional head Dorle Toppel, delighted with the donation. The sound of birds chirping and waves splashing onto a shoreline, accompanied by appropriate lighting, photo wallpaper as well as a wall to facilitate tactile and feeling sensations are intended to make living and working in the home more appealing to inhabitants and workers engaged there. [www.diakoniehimmelsthuer.de](http://www.diakoniehimmelsthuer.de)

## This is where DEA employees help:

**Deutsche Hilfsgemeinschaft, Hamburg** – Since as early as 2010, DEA employees have been assisting the German aid association Deutsche Hilfsgemeinschaft in the lead-up to Christmas each year with the task of packing some 2,000 food parcels for needy senior citizens and families. The employees concerned were delighted to see that their commitment as part of DEA’s Volunteering programme was rewarded with a donation of 2,500 euros to the Deutsche Hilfsgemeinschaft. [www.deutsche-hilfsgemeinschaft.de](http://www.deutsche-hilfsgemeinschaft.de)

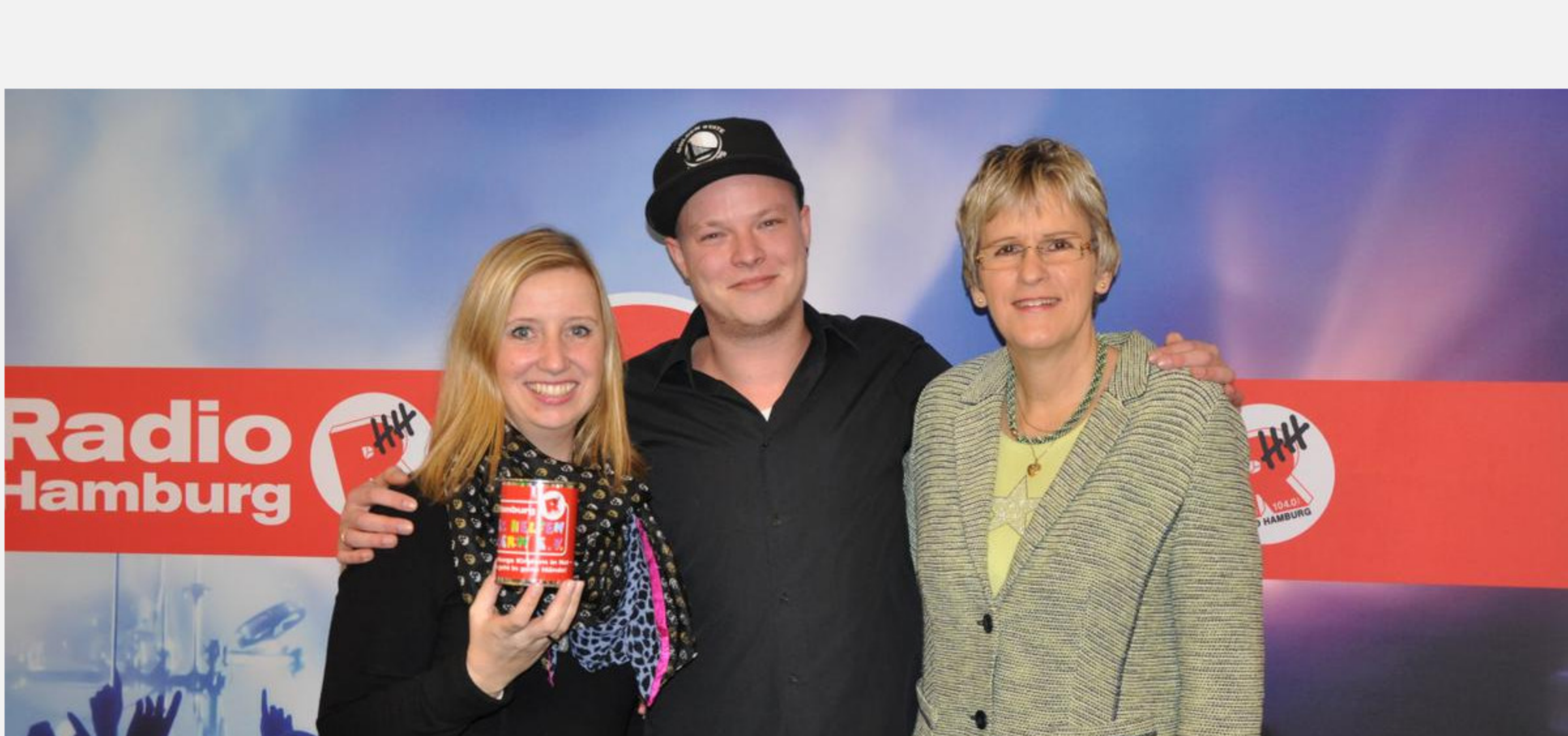
DEA employees assist in packing food parcels for needy senior citizens and families:



**A wishing tree in the City Nord district:** DEA’s Works Council has set up a Wunschbaum (wishing tree) in the Hamburg company restaurant already for the fourth time now. On 190 cards, needy children were able to write down their wishes with a value of 15-20 euros. DEA Hamburg’s staff members soon collected all these little cards off the wishing tree and the children’s wishes were promptly fulfilled at Christmas.

**Collecting donations during the Christmas celebration:** At the shared Christmas party of a number of divisions, the 230 colleagues did not only have a pleasant evening; they also took part in the raffle. The proceeds, amounting to a respectable 4,009.00 euros, were donated immediately before Christmas to Radio Hamburg in favour of the “Listeners helping children in need” campaign.

Donation hand-over to Radio Hamburg in favour of the “Listeners helping children in need” campaign:



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## Background information

**DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG** is an international operator in the field of exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas based in Hamburg. Its focus is on safe, sustainable and environmental conscious exploitation of oil and gas. DEA has 118 years of experience working along the whole upstream value chain as operator or project partner. With a staff force of 1,350 employees, DEA has shares in production facilities and concessions in, among others, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Egypt and Algeria.



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