

PRESS RELEASE

Fundraising campaign by the Arntz Optibelt Group

The corporate group presents a donation of €5,000 to Höxter-Tisch e.V.

Höxter, 17 November 2022. A special campaign on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Arntz Optibelt corporate group raised donations totalling €5,000, which were handed over to the foodbank Höxter-Tisch e.V. on Thursday.

The fundraising campaign on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Arntz Optibelt Group was planned and organised as a trainee project by Insa Becker and Elena Groppe. In cooperation with the company Maprom GmbH - also from Höxter - a clothes collection designed by Optibelt Marketing was printed with special Optibelt motifs. These were advertised for sale among the globally active workforce of the corporate group. A portion of the purchase price was set aside as a donation.

A result to be proud of

With well over 500 articles of clothing sold worldwide, the Arntz Optibelt Group employees collected a tidy sum for this good cause, and the figure was rounded up by the corporate group.

"The Arntz Optibelt Group is delighted to be able to support the Höxter-Tisch e.V. with this donation, particularly in view of the difficult situation at the present time," says Managing Director Reinhold Mühlbeyer. The donation will go some way towards the costs of purchasing a new van, which is urgently needed by the association to enable it to continue collecting food from supermarkets and grocery shops – and to maintain supplies to more than 560 people each week. "We would like to extend our sincere thanks on behalf of all the members of the association," says Gabriele Stiewe, Chairwoman of Höxter-Tisch e.V.

The managing directors of the Arntz Optibelt Group, Reinhold Mühlbeyer and Konrad Ummen, expressed their thanks to their employees all over the world who helped by taking part in the fundraising campaign.

The Höxter-Tisch e.V.

Volunteers at this regional association are committed to supporting families and fellow citizens in need, and providing help when people's income is no longer sufficient for meeting their daily needs. The people particularly affected by this situation are single mothers and fathers, low-income families, as well as many senior citizens and refugees, and their situation may well be aggravated further by the current price situation.

About Optibelt

The Arntz Optibelt Group is one of the leading global manufacturers of high performance drive belts and develops sophisticated drive solutions for use in mechanical engineering, the automotive industry, agricultural machinery, household appliances and the medical sector. The family-run company controls eight production sites in six countries from its headquarters in Höxter and maintains its own logistics and sales centres in Europe, North and South America, Southeast Asia and New Zealand. Worldwide more than 2400 employees provide the best possible service, excellent customer proximity and the highest quality and safety standards. www.optibelt.com

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Images: "Handover of Optibelt's donation cheque"; photo credits: Arntz Optibelt Group

<u>Caption:</u> "Handover of Optibelt's donation cheque": Reinhold Mühlbeyer, Managing Director, Arntz Optibelt Group, Mark Becker, Secretary of Höxter-Tisch e.V., Insa Becker, Marketing, AOG, Gabriele Stiewe, Chairwoman of Höxter-Tisch e.V., Elena Groppe, apprentice, AOG, and Konrad Ummen, Managing Director, Arntz Optibelt Group