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The Josef Wagner Foundations – Supporting society, dedicated to charity

The owners of the WAGNER group of companies are two charitable foundations, which were set up by Josef Wagner over 50 years ago in order to ensure that the company and his life's work continued in the manner he intended. With no children of his own, he bequeathed all of the shares in his business and all of his estate to the two foundations. Each of these foundations is led by a five-member independent board of directors. The foundations' revenues are used to finance the not-for-profit and charitable purposes that Josef Wagner set out as the foundations' aims.

Josef Wagner wanted to use the foundations to help the disadvantaged and people in distress. An additional aim is to support children. He wanted to make it possible for young, talented people to undertake a course of study by providing them with a scholarship.



The Josef Wagner foundations pursue “purely non-profitable, charitable aims.” Fundamentally, these are:

- Supporting children and young people mostly by supporting projects,
- Supporting gifted students by granting scholarships, so that they have enough free time to further their level of education, with the focus on scientific and research-oriented study areas, and
- Providing financial support to people and families in distress.

Support is limited to regions in which a company in the WAGNER Group operates business premises.

Since their establishment, the Josef Wagner charitable foundations have worked tirelessly to achieve these aims and have proven themselves to be a valuable and very valued partner of social authorities and aid organizations. “Our foundations aspire to help in those situations where the social security system and the state reach their limits or where it becomes difficult because of rules and bureaucracy”, explained Hubert Riek, Chairman of the Board of the German Foundation and Vice-president of the Swiss Foundation. “Always with the aim that people in distress can find a way back to a normal life. Both foundations have been acting charitably for many years, alleviating a lot of need, whilst also supporting young talent.”



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The Josef Wagner Charitable Foundation (Friedrichshafen, Germany)

Since beginning its charitable activities, the German Josef Wagner Foundation has distributed around seven million euros in support of the foundation's charitable aims. In the last ten years alone, childcare centers in the Lake Constance region have received considerations worth around 480,000 euros for work on new builds, extensions and renovation, as well as the establishment of all-day care facilities and child nurseries. The "Kinderstiftung Bodensee" Lake Constance children's charity and the "Wissenswerkstatt" knowledge workshop in Friedrichshafen regularly receive financial support. A large number of families and single people in need in the Lake Constance region receive one-off or ongoing contributions. The single biggest one-off donation provided by the Josef Wagner Foundation Friedrichshafen was 255,000 euros for a hospice in Friedrichshafen. On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Josef Wagner's birth, 150,000 euros were donated to the "Zero percent youth unemployment in the Lake Constance region" project. The money is intended to help young people to fully integrate into society. With its pro-rata financing of 60 scholarships within the German national scholarship program (the "Deutschlandstipendium") at seven high schools and universities, the foundation promotes young talent just as Josef Wagner intended.

The JOSEF WAGNER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (Altstätten, Switzerland)

The Swiss Josef Wagner foundation is primarily engaged in youth welfare and support. In collaboration with the Oberrheintal Logopedics Union it ran a speech therapy outpatients' clinic in Altstätten for several hundred children until this was taken over by a state provider. It also supported the establishment of a children's daycare center in the Bild children's home in Altstätten. This children's home and youth center supports all age groups, from small children to teenagers. The JOSEF WAGNER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION supports this institution with an annual grant for costs for personnel and materials to the value of around 260,000 Swiss francs.

As with the German foundation, so too the Swiss JOSEF WAGNER foundation also supports individuals and families in distress and cooperates with social authorities and other aid agencies. In total, the charitable and nonprofit contributions from the JOSEF WAGNER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, Altstätten, add up so far to around seven million Swiss francs.

The WAGNER Group

WAGNER is a market-leading manufacturer of high-tech equipment and systems for applying wet and powder coatings, paints and other liquid media to surfaces. The more than 75-year-old company is the only manufacturer in the industry to supply products and solutions for DIY enthusiasts, craftsmen and industry ranging from spray guns to fully automated coating systems for series production. The WAGNER Group has around 2,000 employees and 18 operating companies worldwide. Sales and service are carried out both by the Group's own sales and service organizations as well as by around 400 WAGNER agencies worldwide.