



Press Release

Every goal counts towards a good cause

Even stronger together - star petrol stations increase annual donation for children suffering from cancer to € 13,000

Elmshorn, 20 April 2018 – For the sixth consecutive year, star petrol stations donate € 100 for each Bundesliga goal scored during the season by THW Kiel pivot Patrick Wiencek to the friends' association of the University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein for the benefit of the Campus Kiel paediatric cancer ward. Among other things, the donation will finance individual physiotherapy sessions for the patients. Wieslaw Milkiewicz, CEO and press spokesman of star petrol stations, presented the donation cheque to the UKSH on Thursday in the Sparkassen-Arena in Kiel.

Thanks to the 96 goals scored by 29-year-old Patrick Wiencek, star petrol stations and THW Kiel can once again increase their joint commitment to the paediatric cancer ward of the University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein in the 2017/2018 Bundesliga season. "Through player sponsorship, we are combining commitment to an important good cause with our partnership with the most successful German handball club, THW Kiel. We are therefore very proud that we have succeeded in increasing last year's donation of € 10,000 by € 3,000 this season to € 13,000," explains Wieslaw Milkiewicz. Since the start of the player sponsorship scheme in 2012, star has been able to continuously increase the amount. So, in total, Wiencek has raised € 52,000 for the UKSH with THW over the past six years.

"Thanks to the donation, we will be able to help children and teenagers improve their strength and stamina after cancer, and to strengthen their own self-assurance and self-confidence," explains Prof. Dr. Gunnar Cario, Deputy Director of the Department of



Paediatrics. To this end, a star gym with medical equipment has been set up in recent years to improve the mobility of child patients. Thanks to the donation from star, the specially developed star fitness programme "Get your strength back" can take place here under the guidance of a physiotherapist. The individual training will serve to help the children and teenagers on their way back to health and fitness after their stay at the UKSH. "Part of the donation will also help fund the work of our socio-pedagogical team, which engages in great activities with the children using an experience-based educational concept," adds Prof. Dr. Cario.

This year's handover of the donation cheque took place during the half-time break of the THW Bundesliga home game against Fuchse Berlin on 19 April in the Sparkassen Arena in Kiel. In the 2018/2019 season, Patrick Wiencek will once again be going for goals to raise money with star donations, as the commitment has been extended by another year.

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Presentation of the donation cheque to the UKSH © Sascha Klahn (f.l.t.r.):

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