



Back to life: star petrol stations support children with cancer through sport therapy

This year, star is once again donating €10,000 to the University Hospital in Kiel for children with cancer.

Elmshorn, 16th of October 2020 – Children who require long-term treatment in hospital need courage, a sense of achievement, and exercise. Sport and the physiotherapy programme at the University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH) help children to regain their former strength, and give the children in the cancer ward the chance to play and to escape everyday life after several months in hospital.

As a sports partner, star has been supporting the Friends of the UKSH Foundation for many years together with THW Kiel. The sponsorship player behind this campaign is the outstanding handball player Patrick Wiencek. For every goal he scores, ORLEN Deutschland donates €100. No small sum, considering he scored 54 goals last season. The management of ORLEN Deutschland generously rounded up the donation of 5,400 euros achieved by Patrick Wiencek's goals to 10,000 euros. This year's donation will allow for the purchase of additional fitness equipment for the physiotherapy room in the new building of the UKSH. "We are delighted to have this renewed support for our children's cancer ward at the UKSH. We endeavour to provide our children with not only the best medical treatment, but the best comprehensive care. An integral part of this is the sport and exercise programme," explains Dr Cario, Deputy Director at the UKSH paediatric clinic.

The handover of the donation was delayed this season due to the coronavirus pandemic. This normally takes place during a break in a match. This time the cheque was delivered directly to the UKSH. A camera crew filmed the whole thing so that the film of the cheque handover can be shown on the video cube in the hall during the match on Sunday.

"The *star player sponsorship* has been running since 2012. Together with THW Kiel and the UKSH, we have been able to achieve a tremendous amount for sick children," explains Waldemar Bogusch, CEO of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH and its petrol station brand star. He and all of the employees and petrol station partners keep their fingers crossed for Patrick Wiencek every season so that he can score as many goals as

possible. Over the past eight years, he has chalked up overall donations of €72,000 for the UKSH with THW Kiel.

star – a strong brand from ORLEN Deutschland GmbH

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has been on the German market since 2003 and is operating more than 580 petrol stations. The company, which is based in Elmshorn near Hamburg, is part of the Polish oil and energy group PKN ORLEN S.A., which is the largest enterprise in Central Eastern Europe (CEE), with an annual turnover of EUR 26 billion in 2019.

PKN ORLEN is a leading player on the fuel and energy market and is listed in prestigious global rankings such as Fortune Global 500, Platts TOP250 and Thompson Reuters TOP100.

The Group owns state-of-the-art integrated infrastructure, capable of producing more than 35 million tonnes of various crude oil types per annum and of marketing its products through the CEE-region's largest network of more than 2,800 modern petrol stations. PKN ORLEN's offering includes over 50 top-quality petrochemical and refining products sold in more than 90 countries around the world on 6 continents. 55 percent of the company's revenues are generated outside the country.

For the last few years, ORLEN has been established as the most valuable brand in Poland. PKN ORLEN is also the only company in the region that has been awarded the prestigious title of 'The Most Ethical Company' for the sixth time in a row by the American Ethisphere Institute.

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