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As part of the company and employee initiative ViMove for Climate: Viessmann Foundation donates 100,000 euros to the German Children's Fund for children seeking refuge and young people from Ukraine

The Viessmann Foundation gGmbH from Allendorf (Eder) donates 100,000 euros to the German Children's Aid Fund (Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk e. V.) for children seeking refuge and young people from Ukraine. The last round of the Viessmann initiative ViMove for Climate was adapted for this purpose. This time, employees' sporting activities were not rewarded with the donation of trees for reforestation projects, but with a monetary amount per sporting unit for the German Children's Fund.

Non-profit organizations, associations and initiatives can apply for support for projects from the German Children's Fund: for play and learning opportunities, psychological care and everything a child needs to grow up in Germany in a child-friendly way. Projects are funded nationwide, among them one by Jumpers gGmbH from Kassel with 10,000 euros, which offers psychological care for Ukrainian families. A permanent, daily counseling center is also to be set up with the support from the German Children's Aid Fund.

"As a family business, we are always aware of the enormous importance of the family bond in everything we do. The well-being of children is therefore one of our central concerns - they are our future," says Dr Markus Pfuhl, Managing Director of the Viessmann Foundation. "Taking responsibility for generations to come, especially in times of crisis, is a matter close to our hearts and has always been firmly anchored in the Viessmann DNA. With the financial support of the relief fund from the German Children's Fund, we are not only contributing to the protection of children, but are also following our corporate purpose of creating living spaces for generations to come."

"The war in Ukraine is forcing many people to flee. It is with horror that we see both the images of the war from Ukraine and the images of the many people seeking refuge. The German Children's Fund is pleased about the great willingness to help that has been shown in an impressive way over the last few weeks. And we are pleased about the great willingness to donate, which makes it possible for us to support a variety of projects and individual cases. My thanks also go to the Viessmann family and the Viessmann Foundation gGmbH, whose generous donation is a major contribution to this," emphasizes Holger Hofmann, National Director of the German Children's Fund. "Jumpers is committed to helping children and families from socially strained backgrounds throughout Germany and, of course, in these weeks especially for those who have had to leave their country under dramatic circumstances. We help with

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psychological care, pedagogical support, assistance with administrative procedures and bureaucratic hurdles, as well as with practical help and donations in kind. We are very grateful that we are supported by great partners," says Thorsten Riewesell, Managing Director of Jumpers-Youth with Perspective.

The German Children's Fund for children seeking refuge and young people from Ukraine supports projects throughout Germany, for example, in which children and young people are prepared for school in Germany or receive psychological care so that they can come to terms with the experiences of their flight. In addition, families who have fled to Germany can quickly and easily apply for individual support from the Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk, for example for school equipment, medical aid or furnishings suitable for children.

About the German Children's Fund (Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk e.V.)

The Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk e.V. has been campaigning for the rights of children in Germany for 50 years. Overcoming child poverty and the participation of children and young people in all matters affecting them are at the center of its work as a children's rights organization. The non-profit organization is mainly financed by private donations, and its donation boxes can be found at around 40,000 locations in Germany. The German Children's Fund initiates and supports measures and projects that promote the participation of children and young people, regardless of their origin or residence status. Political lobbying works towards the full implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Germany, particularly in the area of children's co-determination, their interests in legislative and administrative measures, as well as overcoming child poverty and equal participation in society for all children in Germany.

About the Viessmann Foundation

The Viessmann Foundation was established in 2020 and has the mission statement: "Creating sustainable living spaces for generations to come together - with all we do." Based on this, the foundation works with internal and external partners on regional and international projects on the topics of sustainable living spaces ("Living Spaces") and generations to come ("Generations to Come") and pursues the approach of bringing out the best in all of us ("Best in all of us"). By working together, the Viessmann Foundation achieves greater results than it would on its own, creating diverse opportunities to make the world a little better.

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