

€ 15,000 for children's projects

Donations instead of Christmas presents

In 2007 Buderus Edelstahl donated € 3,000 to each of five children's projects, instead of sending Christmas gifts to customers. The cheques were handed over at the end of December in the main administrative block at Buderus Edelstahl.

For several years now Buderus Edelstahl has been providing financial support to welfare causes instead of sending Christmas presents to customers. For example a donation went to the children's heart centre in Giesen in 2005, and to 4 crèches in Wetzlar in 2006. Several projects will all benefit in 2007. "We are doing this to promote young talent", emphasised Jens Mohr, Commercial Director of Buderus Edelstahl, at the cheque presentation ceremony. Together with the Technical Director Karl-Peter Johann, he took the opportunity to explain briefly to the representatives of the children's projects what Buderus Edelstahl is about – making



Susanne Pilz, Heike Grotstollen, Petra Schönfeldt, accompanied by the children Joline Keller (left) and Sophie Aranega from the "Dandelion" nursery, Karin Knoth, Marion Kunz and Roland Esch (from left to right) appreciate the donation from Buderus Edelstahl. The cheques were presented by Karl-Peter Johann, Anne Kuhlmann (1st and 2nd from the left) and Jens Mohr (third from the left)

input material for crankshafts and steering knuckles, gear steel for wind power generators, structural steels for bumpers, and turbine and generator shafts for power stations. But Buderus Edelstahl has nothing to do with stainless steel coffee pots. The smallest visitors, two children from the Dandelion day nursery, listened with fascination and amazement.

Climbing wall, car, video projector, and more

The Dandelion day nursery in the Naunheim district of Wetzlar was delighted with the generous support, as was the Naunheim

parents' association Patchwork, the Niedergirmes Protestant Church Children's Panel, the Marienheim nursery and the ABlar crèche groups. The money is needed urgently everywhere to improve childcare. The Dandelion day nursery wanted to convert its roof space and install a children's kitchen, said the leader Petra Schönfeldt. The vicar Marion Kunz reported dire family circumstances where the children are neglected, do not get a hot meal or any help with their homework when they come home. She intends to use the money to finance a new vehicle to support the Children's Panel and bring food to the needy. New furniture and a video projector will be provided to support the increasing need for help with homework, says Suzanne Pilz of the Patchwork parents' association. And as Karin Knoth reported, the children at the Marienheim crèche will soon be able to enjoy a new climbing wall. The mayor Roland Esch accepted the donation on behalf of the nursery groups of the town of ABlar, indicating he would like to invest the money in early musical education for new nursery groups for the under threes. Karl-Peter Johann commented on the Buderus Edelstahl commitment, "Thanks to the recommendation of the Youth Office Manager Heike Grotstollen, we have been able to distribute the donation very appropriately to a range of projects to benefit the children. We are pleased about that."

The new children's kitchen in the Dandelion day nursery

