

## **Rest Cent campaign: Rich booty for the Heidelberg Waldpiraten**

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Every year, about 1,800 children under 15 are diagnosed with cancer. Thanks to the highly advanced medical standards and constant scientific progress, about 80% of these patients can be cured. Children having to face and overcome a life threatening disease like cancer often suffer under the side effects their whole life long, both physical and psychological.

It is important that these children do not forget how to be children in this time and draw fresh courage and strength despite the hardship. Established by the Deutsche Kinderkrebstiftung, the Waldpiraten-Camp is a place where affected children together with their brothers and sisters can recuperate from their disease and therapy over nine days.

For the second time now, the sum collected by the nora Rest Cent campaign was donated to the "Forest Pirates". "We know that the money will be for the benefit of the Waldpiraten. It was therefore a matter of great importance to us to refresh our commitment to these unique institutes in Germany," explained Dr Peter Schwarzenberger. In addition to the financial donation of €3,600, also ten iPads were received gladly by the Camp Manager Gabriele Geib.

"It is our vocation to give children back the courage to live their lives," said Gabriele Geib, "... and their smiles." Easier said than done, for some memories of the disease lodge in the mind like an evil spirit. Even minor things like a particular noise or smell may be enough to start it all over again: the smells of the clinic canteen or the chemotherapy, and the fear of the shadows cast by the disease. As with all other traumas, it takes time for the batteries to recharge.

"It is our responsibility to give the region something back in return for our business success. Last year too, I was deeply impressed by the Waldpiraten. Faced with all of the suffering in world events, we sometimes lose sight of the persons in our more direct vicinity. So it is important to us to support a project nearby," explained Works Council Chair Jürgen Zang. The Camp offers not only recreational care and supervision, but also additional events and support programmes like family workshops, grief counselling seminars, and mentor training courses. Gabriele Geib explained the particular importance attached to the joint sharing of experiences with other affected persons: they can then feel that they are not alone and see how other families cope with the situation.

At present, there are 322 colleagues involved in the nora campaign. "This campaign is as effective as it is simple. The more people involved the better," said Jürgen Zang. Next year's sum will be donated to Sterntaler e. V. The declaration of consent is available at noraCentral / Human Resources / HR Deutschland and the HR department.

Details and photos of the Waldpiraten-Camp can be found at [www.waldpiraten.de](http://www.waldpiraten.de)

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