

Hessian State Chancellery

Press Information

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cosnova GmbH from Sulzbach (Taunus) is named Company of the Month October 2014

State Secretary Michael Bußer:
“Coming together in support of a strong region”.

Wiesbaden/Sulzbach (Taunus). The spokesman for the Hessian State Chancellery, State Secretary Michael Bußer, has honored cosnova GmbH as Company of the Month October 2014. For the past two years, the cosmetics company has given interested employees two days off per year so that they can get involved in social projects or participate in the “Malteser Social Day”. As he presented the certificate, State Secretary Michael Bußer said: “So far, the history of the company is a short but extremely successful one. cosnova GmbH has already become a strong fixture in Sulzbach. It is nice to see that the employees enjoy working here and are happy to come together to support the region. The helpers also benefit from their voluntary social engagement and it encourages collective solidarity within the company.”

Since 2012, cosnova employees have been involved with “fema”, a meeting place for girls and young women between the ages of 10 and 27 years old in Griesheim/Frankfurt. The youth club’s offers include support with homework, preparation for tests and exams, access to PCs for research purposes, help with compiling job applications as well as one-on-one consulting in problem cases. Under the title of “Upcycling”, the cosnova employees made bags with the girls using fabric and other materials. Furthermore, a career orientation workshop was offered in 2013 and the company covered the costs for homework support at “fema” in 2014.

Another area of social involvement by cosnova employees is the partnership with the school “Viktor-Frankl-Schule” in Frankfurt, which supports children and adolescents with physical development disabilities and motor skill issues. Employees have been accompanying school outings for the past two years, and have been baking cookies with the pupils at Christmas time. Since the beginning of this year, there have also been so-called “Beauty Sessions” for women living in women’s shelters in Darmstadt, Wiesbaden and Hofheim. cosnova employees offer styling and make-up support for the women. At the end of the sessions, job applications photos are taken and made available to the women. Beyond encouraging involvement from its employees, cosnova supports organizations such as a foundation for Children’s Villages in Lithuania, the organization Ayobowan in Sri Lanka and the foundation “Kinderzukunft” (Children’s Future) with donations and sponsorships.

The certification “Company of the Month” is awarded on the initiative of State Premier Volker Bouffier within the framework of “Gemeinsam aktiv – Bürgerengagement in Hessen“ (Jointly active – civic involvement in the State of Hessen), a campaign for voluntary work. “With this measure, the Hessian State Government wishes to honor the diverse involvement of Hessian companies and draw public attention to good examples in our region”, points out State Secretary Bußer.

The award-winning companies are named as a dedicated company on the Internet under www.engagiertes-unternehmen.de. Furthermore, a non-profit organization or initiative that the company wishes to support receives a grant of 500 Euros. This time, cosnova GmbH has decided that the money will go to “fema – meeting point for girls and women“.

Government spokesman Bußer emphasized that the grant is a symbolic thank you, which benefits the work of associations, groups and initiatives and not the award-winning company. On the occasion of presenting the award to cosnova GmbH, he called upon companies across the State of Hessen to apply so that the broad spectrum of civic involvement in Hessen can gain more recognition.

Applications can be made via the Internet under www.engagiertes-unternehmen.de or sent by mail to the following address:

Hessische Staatskanzlei, Gemeinsam Aktiv – Bürgerengagement in Hessen, Georg-August-Zinn-Straße 1, 65183 Wiesbaden.