

Children ran up over 5,000 EUR at the 14th ebm-papst Marathon - donation goes to the Geschwister-Scholl school

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Mulfingen,

At this year's ebm-papst Marathon in Niedernhall, Germany, children ran over 10,000 rounds on an obstacle course and ran up the goodly sum of 5,325 EUR.

With the motto "Kids Run for Kids", the fan specialist ebm-papst has had the years-long tradition of donating 50 Euro cents to a charitable institution in the region for each round run. This year the donation went to the Geschwister-Scholl school in Künzelsau-Taläcker, Germany.

While visiting the special education centre for physically and mentally handicapped children and teenagers, Hauke Hannig, Press Spokesperson of the ebm-papst group and Arne Haag, Organiser of the ebm-papst Marathon, got a glimpse into their everyday life.

Fifty school and extracurricular employees currently care for about 120 children of various ages from throughout the entire Hohenlohe district.

Peter Pöschl, Rector of the Geschwister-Scholl school, explained new approaches and pedagogical learning strategies during the visit. Furthermore, he introduced the school to various needs-oriented equipment, such as a therapy pool, which was designed specifically for the severely handicapped, or a trampoline room, which is intended for fun and for movement. In addition, several fully equipped work rooms and a playground belong to the school. For integration into everyday life and realistic preparation for life, the students work on miscellaneous projects, including a second hand shop in Künzelsau on the street called Schnurgasse. Daily - Monday through Friday - starting at 9:30 a.m., they sell well-maintained children's clothing, toys, books and student artwork. According to Pöschl, "The goal is to get the students used to handling money, but also to make the transition from school to work easier." "Since the shop's income is not enough to cover expenses, the donation from ebm-papst is going to the school's booster club, which finances this project," Pöschl explained further.

The next ebm-papst Marathon is already planned for Sunday, the 12th of September, 2010. "Here again," said Hannig, "we will host the 'Kids Run for Kids' campaign and support a charitable organisation with an amount corresponding to the number of rounds run."

About the ebm-papst Marathon

The ebm-papst Marathon is hosted annually in September by ebm-papst, the world market leader of fans and motors, in co-operation with the "Polizeisportverein Hohenlohekreis", a regional sports organisation. With over 3,000 participating runners, it numbers among the largest sporting events within the Heilbronn-Franken region. The disciplines offered include the marathon, duo marathon, wheelchair marathon, half marathon, 10k, Nordic walking, 25k inline skating and the IronKid (duathlon for children from 4 to 10 years old).

The whole while the runs are taking place, the organisers offer a well-rounded supporting program for the entire family. With the motto "Kids Run for Kids", the fan specialist has had the years-long tradition of donating an amount to a charitable institution in the region for each round run on an obstacle course.

<http://www.ebmpapst-marathon.de>

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