

KTR makes a present to „Rheiner Tafel“ at Christmas time

On 5th December a cheque was handed over in the rooms of „Rheiner Tafel e. V.“ with the executive committee being present, i. e. Dieter Fühner, Ludger Schröer and Ludger Schulten, heads of the field 'aid for securing livelihood' as well as Franz Wiers, voluntary assistant of Rheiner Tafel, acting on behalf of Caritasverband Rheine (charity association). Dr. Mareike Reichert and Holger Klinge, KTR Kupplungstechnik Rheine, handed over 5,000 Euro in the form of a symbolic cheque.

Following the motto „Donation instead of Christmas presents“ KTR has taken out the decision to support the local charity association in Rheine this year. Poverty is growing in Rheine, too. In Rheine more than 6,100 persons in more than 3,300 households require financial aid in the form of unemployment benefit II or social benefits, among them many children and young people under the age of 18. The service of Rheiner Tafel is seeking to provide for support locally. Every week between 400 to 500 households visit the Rheiner Tafel as customers to stock up on healthy food. „In this way we get hold of 1,500 people every week, among them numerous families with children“, Schulten explains. Since its foundation in 2007 as part of the charity social store Brauchbar & Co (usable & Co.) about 80,000 baskets with food have already been shared out to the customers of the table at a price of two Euro each.

Franz Wiers who is acting as a voluntary assistant explained strikingly the way the table is working: „Bread of yesterday, yoghurt with a short shelf life, fruit which has not been sold and certain food originating from surplus production – all those are proper food products which can be used without hesitation and which are saved from the usual trashing in bulk quantities.

We are living in an affluent society with more than 20 % of the food produced being thrown away“, Tiers explained.

Among others, the organization for sharing out has a heavily social character. Many people cultivate social contacts in this way in order to escape from their social isolation.



From left to right: Tiers, Fühner, Reichert, Klinge, Schulten, Schröer

A so-called „table card“ which can be requested in the Caritas social office entitles for purchasing. The current income statements make sure that the goods are actually given to poor people at a low price, here in particular families with children.

KTR's donation will be used to cover the current fixed and operating expenses which include, among others, two vans used for picking up food from the markets and stores.