

ZELTWANGER gives the gift of support: The Deutsch-Amerikanische Institut Tübingen – d.a.i. (Tübingen German-American Institute) and the Verein Gemeinsam gegen Armut auf den Philippinen (GGAP) e.V. (Together Against Poverty in the Philippines Association) receive donations



The gift that keeps on giving

Once again this year, the Tübingen-based company ZELTWANGER is supporting social and cultural institutions with a Christmas donation on behalf of its customers. The Deutsch-Amerikanische Institut Tübingen (d.a.i.) is receiving 15,000 euros to renovate another room so they can continue to provide their engaging educational work. ZELTWANGER is also supporting the Verein Gemeinsam gegen Armut auf den Philippinen (GGAP) e.V. with a donation of 10,000 euros to help give young Filipino people better future prospects. "I believe that successful companies also need to take some responsibility in their region. This is why we are committed to understanding and facilitating communication between cultures. Helping people in need is our duty," says Managing Director Ulrich Zeltwanger, regarding his motivation for giving these donations. Therefore the company has been foregoing traditional customer Christmas presents for several years now and is instead opting for gifts that keep on giving.



The d.a.i. can look forward to another generous donation from ZELTWANGER for the fifth time this year. "I greatly admire the work of the d.a.i. It is an important place for exchange, for education, but also for critical discussion," says Zeltwanger. This appreciation turned into support: In 2013, ZELTWANGER equipped the event hall with new chairs, and then the office with new furniture. Then

the classrooms on the ground floor and the office of d.a.i. Director Ute Bechdorf got a make-over. "As an association, we are funded by project funds, donations, and public grants, and these primarily flow into our educational work – but we also want to provide our services in a nice setting. Thanks to Mr. Zeltwanger's regular support, we have been able to do this step by step," says Bechdorf. In 2018, it is the turn of the conference room. The electrics, ceiling, new furniture – Bechdorf hopes that the room will be unrecognizable after the renovation. So it makes sense to give the room a new name. It is being named after Tübingen's twin city of Ann Arbor. "We will celebrate with a big party once it is finished."

Education to fight poverty

The Verein Gemeinsam gegen Armut auf den Philippinen (GGAP) e.V. is also delighted to receive financial support. These donations are used to finance vocational training for young adults in the poor parts of the Philippines. "We see education and work as a way to get out of poverty. That is why our help starts right here: We make education accessible – personally, directly, and without administrative costs," says Association Director Sebastian Spinner. Thanks to donations from ZELTWANGER, four training centers have already been set up where young men and women can learn skills for professions such as car mechanics, mechanical engineers, joiners, and welders.



This year's Christmas donation from ZELTWANGER to the association is in memory of the tireless dedication of the Tübingen doctor Dr. Holger Schillig, who died in a tragic accident on October 9, 2018. Schillig believed that education was the key to combating poverty and disease.