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TroGroup makes house available to Caritas to aid Ukrainian refugees

At TroGroup in Wels, social commitment is actively practised by both the management and employees. To help people who have fled the war in Ukraine, CEO Norbert Schrüfer provided Caritas Upper Austria with a vacant company house and garden in Negrellistraße, Wels, free of charge. TroGroup employees (Trodat, Trotec) in Wels and Marchtrenk organised a donation campaign for the future residents.

"From the very beginning, we noticed how generous and helpful the people at TroGroup are, and this includes both the management and all the staff," says Caritas Upper Austria Director Franz Kehrer appreciatively. Because apart from the bathrooms and kitchens the flats were unfurnished, the employees collected and donated various household items, from dishes to a new washing machine. The company also bought furniture for the rooms. The TroGroup cleaning team got the house shipshape and the company technician checked all the connections, sockets, lamps and electrical appliances.

"Such lived solidarity of a company has a special quality: it sets an example for cohesion in our society. I would like to sincerely thank all those who helped for their spirited and energetic commitment," says Caritas Director Franz Kehrer.

On 1 April, the first families will move into the house, which can accommodate up to 16 people. "We felt the need to help and it was a matter of course for us as a company to contribute by providing people - especially families with children - with a safe place to live after their experiences as refugees. I would like to thank all employees who have helped so enthusiastically in their spare time," says CEO Norbert Schrüfer, who is himself active in the parish council in his home parish of Laakirchen. The refugees are being looked after, among others, by Caritas employee and native Ukrainian Nadja Meissner, who works in a nearby Caritas refugee house in Wels.



In the photo, from left: Caritas refugee counsellor Nadja Meissner, TroGroup CEO Norbert Schrüfer, manager Lisa Steinkogler and regional manager Veronika Zweimüller from Caritas Upper Austria's refugee aid.