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Press Release

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This year the German-American Club Kaiserslautern e.V. (DAC KL) once again supported organizations and projects that strengthen community ties and the German-American friendship. The club awarded a total of EUR 14,000 in donations to eight recipients. For many years, this annual donation program has been an integral part of DAC KL's work. Through it, the club sends a visible message of connection and cooperation between Americans and Germans in the Western Palatinate.

The donation presentation took place on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at the Galappmühle in Kaiserslautern. Recipients included the USO, KMC Airmen's Attic, Gymnasium am Rittersberg, Burggymnasium Kaiserslautern, Baugenossenschaft Bahnheim, the ASZ, the Catholic Parish of St. Martin with its "Pflasterstube", and the VDAC.

"German-American friendship thrives on personal connections and shared commitment. Through our donations, we support people and organizations that create opportunities for those connections - in schools, neighborhoods, and social-service organizations. We thank everyone whose work at the Pfennigbasar makes this possible," said the president of DAC KL.

The Gymnasium am Rittersberg receives support for its German-American student and cultural exchange programs. The funding helps cover airfare and shuttle costs for the school's music partnership with the William H. Hall High School in West Hartford, as well as its STEM student exchange, the "Global Learning Experience," with the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. The youth program of the Federation of German-American Clubs (VDAC) receives support for its U.S. youth trip. This program gives students the opportunity to meet in person and to stay with American host families.

The Burggymnasium Kaiserslautern receives support for transportation costs related to visits to U.S. facilities and for friendship events during the school year 2026 -2027. The United Service Organizations (USO) receives funding for guided city tours in Kaiserslautern, particularly to cover bus transportation and tour-guide costs. KMC Airmen's Attic will use its support to equip its operation, including storage containers, shelving, labeling materials, and informational signs.

The Pfennigbasar, which is held by the DAC KL each spring and that generates most of the funds distributed through the donation program, depends on the support of local organizations. The Arbeits- und sozialpädagogisches Zentrum (ASZ) also receives funding: its donation supports outreach youth social work. The program serves young people ages 14 to 27 who are socially marginalized or at risk of marginalization. It helps them find vocational training, employment, and housing, connects them with existing support services, and promotes social integration through shared activities.

The Catholic Parish of St. Martin receives support for their winter-aid program of its “Pflasterstube”. Planned purchases include winter jackets, cold-weather sleeping bags, and insulated containers for hot tea and soup. The Pflasterstube provides medical assistance and warm meals to people experiencing homelessness, people without health insurance, and facing other difficult circumstances.

The Baugenossenschaft Bahnheim receives support for the project “Play & Connect at the Bahnheim Community Center.” A freely accessible climbing and balance structure will enhance the outdoor area as a gathering place for children, families, and neighborhood residents. The implementation is planned for spring 2027 following approval and contract award.

Through the September 30, 2026 donation presentation, the Club combines its commitment to enable personal German-American connections with practical assistance for people in Kaiserslautern and the surrounding region.



2026 donation recipients and members of the DAC KL Board

About the German-American Club Kaiserslautern (registered association)

The German-American Club is a registered association that exclusively pursues charitable purposes. We are a traditional club in Kaiserslautern dedicated to bringing Germans and Americans together through the activities of our club and to promote friendship between the people of Germany and the United States.

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