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### **Fresenius employees donate more than 30,000 euros for medical aid projects worldwide**

In 2003, Fresenius employees and the company itself will donate more than 30,000 euros for medical aid projects throughout the world. Last year, employees made collections for their colleagues affected by the flooding in Eastern Germany and Austria. Dr. Gerd Krick, Chairman of the Managing Board of Fresenius AG, had agreed in advance to double the amount collected. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of contributors, the collection generated 60,000 euros – more than 30,000 euros in excess of the sum needed for a reasonable level of compensation for those employees affected. The balance will now be used to support humanitarian medical projects, in which employees are personally involved. The German Fresenius employees voted by a large majority for this suggestion in an Intranet poll.

ECG units have already been purchased for 6,700 euros for a Children's Clinic in Romania, which Fresenius employees at our Schweinfurt plant paid for with the proceeds from their annual departmental soccer tournament. „The Children's Clinic urgently needs ECG machines for the intensive care unit and for paediatric dialysis“, says Fresenius employee Johann Brede, who is coordinating the aid project. In addition, Fresenius will donate two fully overhauled dialysis

machines with a market value of over 10,000 euros. The Children's Clinic located on the Moldavian border is the only one in the entire Moldau region of Romania. Members of the Bavarian Red Cross set up a dialysis unit there in 1995, thereby probably saving the lives of many children. The remainder of the overall donation will be dedicated to similar aid projects, some of them in Asia.

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Fresenius is an internationally operating health care group with products and services for dialysis, the hospital and the ambulatory medical care of patients. Sales amounted to 7,5 billion euros in 2002 and net income was 134 million euros. On 31 December 2002 the Fresenius Group had 63,638 employees worldwide.