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### Apprentices manufacture mobile medical unit for Red Cross

A very special apprentice project: Fill sponsors roller container for disaster relief missions. The handover took place on September 22, 2021.

Fill attaches great importance to apprentice training. Not only do the young employees acquire technical and social skills, but they are also given responsibility from the outset. A recent prime example of this is the mobile medical unit project. The young Fill design engineers David Winklbauer and Jasmin Padinger played a leading role in developing, designing, and implementing five roller containers for the Red Cross. The practical containers were designed to accommodate all the equipment required for a disaster relief mission in a clearly arranged manner. An excellent opportunity for the apprentices to gain their first experience of taking responsibility for a project.

**Gurten, October 11, 2021** – Saving time in disaster situations is vital in providing first aid. In the new, clearly arranged containers, every piece of emergency equipment has its own place. It only takes about 10 minutes to load the new roller containers onto a truck intended specifically for this purpose. This allows the Red Cross to be on location even more quickly in an emergency. The mobile medical unit was designed, manufactured, and assembled in Fill’s apprentice workshop. An extremely useful project from which both the young employees and the Ried district branch of the Red Cross have benefited. “The apprentices took to the task with great enthusiasm and were able to gain valuable experience of project management,” reports Phillip Heissbauer, head of apprentice training at Fill, and who is also an active Red Cross volunteer in his spare time.

**Humanitarian partnership**

Fill has been engaged in a humanitarian partnership with the Red Cross since 2014. Twenty-two first aid courses with more than 300 participants have since been held on site at Fill in Gurten. Five times now, first-year Fill apprentices have taken part in a workshop with the Red Cross search dog team. In eleven blood donation campaigns at the company, around 800 units of blood have been provided. In the course of the partnership, 30 Fill apprentices have had a taster shift with the Red Cross and many of them have gone on to complete their community service with the Red Cross. Fifteen Fill employees are currently engaged as paramedics with the Red Cross. Eight of them form the company’s in-house first-aider team at Fill. With the production of the mobile medical unit, this cooperation has reached a new standard of quality, and it once again underlines the great social commitment of Fill Machine Engineering.

**Corporate data**

Fill is a leading international machine engineering company based in Gurten, Upper Austria. With sophisticated high-tech systems and custom manufacturing solutions for metal, plastics and wood, Fill makes its customers the best in their fields. The automotive, aviation, sports and building industries all benefit from Fill’s expertise. Since it was founded in 1966, the company has distinguished itself through enormous innovative strength, strong values and the best jobs. “If you are seeking the best solution, shape your future with Fill” is the guiding principle of the company’s more than 950 employees. “Wir sind 1! We are one!” is their vision and stands for togetherness not only with the team, but also with customers, suppliers and partners. The company is 100 percent family-owned and is managed by Andreas Fill (CEO), Martin Reiter (CSO), Alois Wiesinger (CTO) and Günter Redhammer (COO). In 2020, Fill recorded sales of around 144 million euros.

Further information can be found at: [**www.fill.co.at**](http://www.fill.co.at)

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