At the beginning of this tour, there are really special gifts awaiting you at Booth 45. And they all have something in common: They’ve been created by special people with a lot of love and dedication. For more than 10 years, noris inclusion and the Diakonie Neuendettelsau have been offering products from their workshops for the handicapped at the Christmas Market. Every single item here is handmade; every one with a personal touch. The arts and crafts are also ecologically sound – and every purchase helps support these important jobs for those who need them most.

Whether straw, wood, paper or recyclables; If you’re looking for a unique decoration for your Christmas tree or window, you can find something at the “Sternstunden” (Magic Moments) Stand at Booth 51, near the nativity scene. For the last several months, children and adults from all over the region have been producing every possible variety of Christmas stars for this charitable organization, which supports children in Bavaria and worldwide. If you come at the right time, you might meet someone famous from sports, theater, television or films. Celebrities love to appear and help sell stars to support this project – and might even be persuaded to give an autograph.

The Bavarian Red Cross, one of the largest charitable associations and the leading medical rescue and service organization in Bavaria, has a stand at the Christkindlesmarkt. At Booth 134, next to the Beautiful Fountain, high-quality products from the Bavarian Red Cross are on offer. Rescue teddy bears and Playmobil figures as paramedics are great for kids; adults like the felt bags made by hand in the Red Cross workshops for the handicapped.

If you’re looking for cool upcycled bags made out of truck tarpaulins or colorful handmade jewelry, you can find something at “mudra – The Alternative Youth and Drug Help Nuremberg” (Booth 147, right in front of the City Hall). As the first such project of this type in Bavaria, mudra has worked for more than 30 years helping former drug users with their work- and social-life reintegration. Every cent spent for the unique “Made in Nuremberg” label flows into the project and is spent for retaining, employment and reintegration of the participants, creating a path for the former drug-dependent into a drug-free future.

The Sister Cities’ Market behind the City Hall is an insider tip. Seven of the 25 booths – including Brașov (Romania), Cordoba (Spain), Kavala (Greece) and Bar (Montenegro) – are operated by non-profit associations. Everything earned is donated to charitable institutions. If you buy something at the stand from Sri Lanka, you will support those who are still struggling with the consequences of the 2004 tsunami. The Nablis group supports the school project “Nablis green and clean” in the Palestinian Territories. And a purchase at the San Carlos (Nicaragua) booth not only brings some money to one of the poorest regions on Earth, but also supports cultural exchange.

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