Charity at the Christkindlesmarkt

1. There are special gifts awaiting you at Booth 155, created by special people with a lot of love and dedication. For more than 10 years, noris inklusion and the Diakonie Neuendettelsau have been offering products from their workshops for the handicapped at the Christmas Market. Every single item here is handmade and ecologically sound – and every purchase helps support these important jobs for those who need them most.

2. Whether straw, wood, paper or cardboard: 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 120, near the nativity scene. Children and adults from all over the region have been producing every possible variety of Christmas star for this charitable organization. If you come at the right time, you might meet someone famous from sports, theater, television or films selling the stars – and they might even give you an autograph.

3. Football fans of any age will enjoy the new stand of the 1 FCN Nuremberg (Booth 159). What the Club Family may not know is that everything here is done for a good cause: Profits go to the social initiative of the 1 FCN “Nuremberg Wins”, which supports children and teenagers in the region in sports, health, education and integration.

4. The Bavarian Red Cross has a stand right next to the Beautiful Fountain, at Booth 158. Here, 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.

5. If you're looking for cool upcycled bags made from truck tarpaulins or colorful handmade jewelry, you can find something at “mudra – The Alternative Youth and Drug Help Nuremberg” (Booth 157, right in front of the City Hall). Mudra has worked for more than 30 years helping former drug users with their work- and social-life reintegrations. Every cent spent for the unique “Made in Nuremberg” label flows into the project and is spent for retraining, employment and reintegration of the participants.

6. The Sister Cities’ Market behind the City Hall is an insider tip. Seven of the 25 booths – including Brasov (Rumania), 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 2014 tsunami. The Nablus group supports the school project “Nablus goes 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.

7. At the Children’s Christmas Market you can do something very special: Make a child’s Christmas dreams come true. The “Giving Tree” at the Children’s Christmas Market makes this possible. Here, you’ll find wish lists of children and teenagers many of whom live in children’s homes, hospitals and shelters. Anyone can take a wish list, fulfill it and deliver the gifts to the ticket office at the Children’s Christmas Market. You can thereby spread the joy of Christmas to children in a difficult situation.