

Fundación Cepsa visits Prolibertas, winner of the Social Value Awards, and its refuge.

- **With support from Fundación Cepsa, the organization in Algeciras has served more than 8,000 meals so far this year thanks to the Fundación Cepsa Social Value Award**
- **As part of the winning project, more than 100 residents at risk of social exclusion have also received personal hygiene products during the health crisis**

Fundación Cepsa is gaining first-hand experience of how the winning projects of the latest edition of the Social Value Awards are being developed. This first visit has focused on the Fundación Prolibertas project, winner of the 2019 awards, and its refuge for people at risk of social exclusion in Algeciras.

Each year, the Fundación Proliberta Refuge supports an average of 120 residents aged between 18 and 65 who are in a vulnerable situation and at risk of social exclusion. Fundación Proliberta supports a total of 600 people through its training and work placement programs and their Hospitality School. Thanks to Fundación Cepsa's 2019 Social Value Award, more than 8,000 meals have been served to date. Last year, the Refuge's kitchen served more than 22,700 meals.

In the wake of the health crisis and the closure of other facilities, Fundación Prolibertas in Algeciras has been receiving more referrals — especially referrals of young people under the age of 30 and trafficked women.

Representative of Fundación Prolibertas in Algeciras, Sergio García, explained that the help received from Fundación Cepsa through the Social Value Awards "has been very important. Last year we had many difficulties as one of our main subsidies was cut. This award has therefore provided support for basic food and means that this program can continue to function, which not only provides meals but also shapes and transforms society because there are many users who use the program to find work. We serve more than 22,000 meals a year and having this expense covered, in addition to personal hygiene costs, has allowed us to continue to develop other initiatives as well."

The Social Value Awards

These Awards are one of the stand-out initiatives of Fundación Cepsa. The aim of the Awards is to provide support to individuals, associations and underprivileged sectors of society so as to foster a spirit of solidarity and promote educational and cultural development through the involvement of Cepsa staff, who sponsor the programs that the associations of the Campo de Gibraltar region submit as candidates to receive the Social Value Awards. The period for submitting entries to the 2020 competition will open in September.

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