

Huelva's United Firefighters without Borders project wins Fundación Cepsa Special Staff Award

- **Fundación Cepsa awards 360,000 euros to the 38 winning projects of its Social Value Awards in Spain, Portugal, Colombia and Brazil**
- **These initiatives will help to improve the quality of life of more than 19,000 people**
- **In Huelva, the winners were ASpaceHU, ASPREATO, ADEMO, ASPROMIN, APAMYS and the "La Canariega" Disabled People Association**

This year, Fundación Cepsa's Social Value Awards will promote 38 new solidarity initiatives by different entities in Spain, Portugal, Colombia and Brazil. Fundación Cepsa will hand out over 360,000 euros to them so that these projects can become a reality and thus directly promote the inclusion and well-being of more than 19,000 people.

This year, 380 candidatures have been submitted in the different Awards sections, where Cepsa carries out a relevant activity and has established deeper ties and relations with the community: Campo de Gibraltar (Cádiz), Canary Islands, Huelva, Madrid, Brazil, Colombia and Portugal.

The Fundación Cepsa also plans to award the Special Employee Award to three other projects, chosen by Cepsa's own professionals from 14 finalist projects from each territory in which the Social Value Awards are held. This year's winners were Fundación del Quemado, Corporación Síndrome de Down, both from Colombia; and Bomberos Unidos Sin Fronteras ("United Firefighters without Borders"), from Huelva.

The latter project organizes awareness days in schools to promote the basic values for harmonious coexistence: solidarity, generosity and sacrifice, as well as cooperation and volunteering. The mission of the Huelva delegation of United Firefighters Without Borders, the winning project, is to encourage people to enjoy helping people from disadvantaged communities.

Teresa Mañueco, Director General of the Cepsa Fundación Cepsa, points out that "since we began to promote these Awards thirteen years ago, our objective has been to recognize and shed light on the essential work carried out by the social entities in our environment, helping to make their projects a reality. We

want to continue playing a key role in helping forge bonds in our communities and having a direct impact on our social environment.”

Since 2005, over 270 projects have seen the light of day through the Social Value Awards, directly improving the lives of nearly 26,000 people. A very broad range of people from our communities benefit: families at risk of social exclusion, disadvantaged women, minors, the elderly, immigrants, people with disabilities or drug addicts, and many others.

Winning entities in 2017

In **Campo de Gibraltar**, the winning entities were the Santa María Polo Fundación Cepsa, the Asociación Nuevo Hogar Betania, the Coordinadora Despierta de La Línea, the Coordinadora Barrio Vivo, the Spanish Cancer Association and the Alzheimer's Patients Association of Algeciras.

In the **Canary Islands**, prizes were awarded to the projects of the Canary Islands Asperger Association, the Tenerife Food Bank, the Association of Parents of Disabled Pupils in Classrooms in the Province of Las Palmas, the Association of Employees of Iberia Parents of People with Disabilities and the Don Bosco Association of Social Action Projects.

In **Huelva**, the Association to Protect People with Intellectual Disabilities, the Drug Addiction Prevention and Support Association, the Huelva Multiple Sclerosis Association, the Cuenca Minera Association to Protect People with Intellectual Disabilities, the Huelva Cerebral Palsy Association and the “La Canariega” Disabled People Association won awards.

In **Madrid**, the winners were the Spanish Lateral Amniotrophic Sclerosis Association, the Torre de Hortaleza Association, the Altius Francisco de Vitoria Fundación Cepsa and the Children's Oncological Association of Madrid.

In **Brazil**, the winners were the Associação Obras Sociais Irmã Dulce, the Instituto de Cegos da Bahia, the Liga Álvaro Bahia contra a Mortalidade Infantil and the Associação Viva a Vida.

In **Colombia**, the awards went to the projects organized by Fundación Libérate, Fundación Buena Semilla, Corporation for the Participative and Sustainable Development of Small Rural Producers, Fundación Bella Flor, Parents of Children with Cancer Organization Fundación Cepsa and Asociación Reto a la Esperanza.

In **Portugal**, the Associação Portuguesa de Apoio à Vítima, the Associação de Pais e Amigos de Crianças com Cancro, the Centro Social de Soutelo and the Associação Tempos Brilhantes were the winners.

The projects are selected by different local juries who, on a common basis, make their decisions taking into account the particular social needs of each area.

Fundación Cepsa is a general interest, non-profit entity with the goal of undertaking initiatives to serve the needs and priorities of the local communities where its founder, COMPAÑÍA ESPAÑOLA DE PETRÓLEOS S.A.U. (Cepsa), conducts its activities. The areas of action for Fundación Cepsa are social, cultural, environmental, scientific-educational, and support for amateur sports.

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