

Fundación Cepsa awards €360,000 to 38 winning projects of its Social Value Awards

- **These initiatives will contribute to improving the quality of life of over 19,000 people in Spain, Portugal, Colombia and Brazil**
- **Cepsa staff take part in this annual competition as the charity sponsors of each project, choosing three winners**

Fundación Cepsa's Social Value Awards will help fund 38 new charity projects being run by various organizations in Spain, Portugal, Colombia and Brazil. Fundación Cepsa will hand out over €360,000 among them to fund running projects aimed at directly improving the well-being of over 19,000 people and their inclusion in society.

The competition attracted some 380 projects from the areas in which it is held – all places where Cepsa has significant operations and deeper links and ties with the local community: Campo de Gibraltar (Cádiz), Canary Islands, Huelva, Madrid, Brazil, Colombia and Portugal.

Teresa Mañueco, Fundación Cepsa's General Manager, explains that "since we first launched the awards some 13 years ago, our goal has been to acknowledge and raise awareness of the essential work of charities in the communities in which we operate, helping them bring their projects to fruition. We want to continue to be a key partner in the charity sector and make a direct contribution to society."

Since 2005, the Value Awards have funded over 270 projects that have directly helped improve the lives of around 26,000 people. The beneficiaries of this work are wide ranging and include: families at risk of social exclusion, disadvantaged women, minors, the elderly, immigrants, disabled people and drug addicts.

Winning organizations in the 2017 edition

In **Campo de Gibraltar**, the winners were Fundación Santa María Polo, Asociación Nuevo Hogar Betania, Coordinadora Despierta de La Línea, Coordinadora Barrio Vivo, Asociación Española contra el Cáncer [Spanish Cancer Association], and Asociación de Enfermos de Alzheimer de Algeciras [Algeciras Alzheimer's Association].

In the **Canary Islands**, the winning projects were those of Asociación Asperger Islas Canarias [Canary Islands Asperger Association], the Tenerife Food Bank, Asociación de Padres de Alumnos con Discapacidad en Aulas

Enclave de la Provincia de Las Palmas [an association for the parents of disabled children in special education units in Las Palmas province], Asociación de Empleados de Iberia Padres de Personas con Discapacidad [an association supporting the staff of Iberia Airways with disabled children], and Asociación de Proyectos de Acción Social Don Bosco [Don Bosco Association for Social Action].

In **Huelva**, prizes were awarded to Asociación Protectora de Personas con Discapacidad Intelectual [an association protecting people with intellectual disabilities], Asociación para la Prevención y Apoyo al Drogodependiente [an association working to prevent and provide support with drug addiction], Asociación Onubense de Esclerosis Múltiple [Huelva Multiple Sclerosis Association], Asociación Protectora de Personas con Discapacidad Intelectual de la Cuenca Minera [an association protecting people with intellectual disabilities], Asociación de Paralíticos Cerebrales de Huelva [Huelva Cerebral Palsy Association], and Asociación de Personas con Discapacidad "La Canariega" ["La Canariega" Disabled Association].

In **Madrid**, the winners were Asociación Española de Esclerosis Lateral Amiotrófica [Spanish Motor Neurone Disease Association], Asociación la Torre de Hortaleza, Fundación Altius Francisco de Vitoria, and Asociación Infantil Oncológica de Madrid [an association supporting children with cancer].

In **Brazil**, prize money went to Associação Obras Sociais Irmã Dulce [a social action association], Instituto de Cegos da Bahia [a blind school], La Liga Álvaro Bahia contra a Mortalidade Infantil [a charity tackling infant mortality] and Associação Viva a Vida.

In **Colombia**, the projects recognized were: Fundación Libérate, Fundación Buena Semilla, Corporación para el Desarrollo Participativo y Sostenible de los Pequeños Productores Rurales [a corporation for the sustainable and cooperative development of small rural producers], Fundación Bella Flor, Fundación Organización de Padres de Niños con Cáncer [an association supporting children with cancer], and Asociación Reto a la Esperanza.

In **Portugal**, prize money went to Associação Portuguesa de Apoio à Vítima [a victim support association], Associação de Pais e Amigos de Crianças com Cancro [an association supporting children with cancer], Centro Social de Soutelo, and Associação Tempos Brilhantes.

The winning projects are selected by local juries following standard criteria and according to the specific social needs in each area.

As well as acting as charity sponsors backing each project, Cepsa employees are also involved in selecting the winning projects. They select three winning projects from 14 finalists (two from each area in which the awards are held) for

the **Employees' Special Award**. The winners this year were Fundación del Quemado [an association supporting burns victims], Corporación Síndrome de Down [a down's syndrome association], both in Colombia; and Firefighters Without Borders in Huelva.

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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