

Fundación Persán and Fundación Cepsa, once again, with the Huelva Food Bank

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- **This joint action by the two foundations will help to alleviate the effects of the health crisis among those most affected by the pandemic**

Fundación Cepsa and Fundación Persán have once again filled the warehouse of the Huelva Food Bank (BAH). A new donation of 22.5 tons of laundry and dishwasher detergent will benefit the most disadvantaged people in the province. This delivery brings to 76.5 tons of hygiene products donated to the association during this pandemic.

The batches of detergent will be distributed through the social action entities attached to the BAH program, and the volunteers who usually carry out the food distribution. The detergent donation is in addition to the 70,000 euros that Fundación Cepsa donated to the Huelva Food Bank, through FESBAL (Spanish Federation of Food Banks), to minimize the effects of the coronavirus during the previous year.

As already reported by Fundación Cepsa and Fundación Persán, both institutions recently renewed their agreement to help 9,000 vulnerable families in the provinces of Seville, Huelva and Campo de Gibraltar, with approximately 10 kilos of cleaning products (equivalent consumption for 3/4 months). This second joint action of both foundations has involved a collaboration of 90,000 euros in hygiene products that are being distributed through different social groups. In the case of Huelva, the Food Bank is in charge of doing it again.

The products to be distributed by this renewed agreement add up to a total 90 tons of Persán's own brands, which allows for one million washes; this action is possible thanks to the close collaboration that Fundación Persán in Seville and Fundación Cepsa in Huelva and Campo de Gibraltar have had with the associative network for years.

This is the second time that both foundations have collaborated since the pandemic began, since in 2020, with an investment of 180,000 euros, a total of 180 tons were distributed in these same geographical areas.

For Juan Manuel Díaz Cabrera, President of the Food Bank in Huelva, "this new contribution, which has filled our warehouses with detergents for washing machines and dishwashers, will be very useful to many households that continue to suffer the effects of the health, social and economic crisis; once again we want to express our gratitude to Fundación Persán and Fundación Cepsa for this important donation, which is a domestic complement, and which also covers the basic needs of families".

For her part, Teresa Millán, head of Fundación Cepsa in Huelva, emphasizes that "it is increasingly important to support alliances between different entities, whether public or private, to achieve common goals; for Fundación Cepsa the work aimed at alleviating the situation of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in society is one of its priority areas of action and one of the formulas that we consider necessary to contribute, together, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations (UN); the *End of Poverty, Zero Hunger, Health and Wellbeing, Reduction of Inequalities and Partnerships to Achieve the Goals* are some of these goals that can only be reached by walking together".

The business relationship between Cepsa and Persán dates back to the 1970s. Since that time, Cepsa has become the leading supplier of LAB, a raw material derived from oil which is fundamental in the production of the basic ingredient in the detergents manufactured by Persán. Both companies, whose foundations have renewed their alliance, are prime examples of the importance of the chemical sector in Spain.

Cepsa is a world leader in the petrochemical sector and its plant in San Roque (Cádiz) is the world's first LAB producer and the only one in Spain. Furthermore, the chemical sector is considered an essential activity since the products manufactured (LAB and phenol, produced in Palos de la Frontera), have many applications in products in the medical and pharmaceutical sector, and are necessary to combat the disease produced by the coronavirus as well as to stop its spread.

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