

Fundación Cepsa Presents the 2023 Social Value Awards to Six Entities in Campo de Gibraltar

- **AFA Campo de Gibraltar, AFA Barreño, Autism Cádiz, Gaditana Association of Spina Bífida, Cruz Blanca Foundation, and Fegadi are recognized in this ceremony**
- **The Social Inclusion Councilor of the Andalusian Government, Loles López, attended the event, where she emphasized the importance of working in a network**
- **The Food Bank of Campo de Gibraltar received the Employee Special Award in this edition**

Fundación Cepsa has delivered the Social Value Awards today in a ceremony attended by the Councilor for Social Inclusion, Youth, Families and Equality of the Junta de Andalucía, Loles López; the territorial delegate of the branch in Cádiz, Alfonso Cándón; the representative of the Andalusian Government in the province, Mercedes Colombo; the assistant representative of the Government of Andalusia in the Campo de Gibraltar and chairman of the jury, Javier Rodríguez Ros; the councilors of San Roque, Algeciras, La Linea and Los Barrios: Eva Gil, Mónica Córdoba, David Ramos, Daniel Rodríguez, Paula Conesa, Zuleica Molina, Jose Antonio Gómez, and Carlos Torres.

During her speech at the event, the Councilor for Social Inclusion thanked Fundación Cepsa for its "social outlook", which is not only evident with these awards, but also with "many other actions throughout the year. It is a consistent and committed work that says a lot about its corporate social responsibility," remarked López.

Loles López, who praised the involvement of the company's own professionals in sponsoring different projects and social initiatives, stressed the importance of networking to "reach all areas of society". For the Councilor, it is very important that "we all go hand in hand: administrations, companies and third sector organizations, to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people." After congratulating the award winners, Lopez stressed the work of social entities to "advance in solidarity and inclusion."

Estrella Blanco, head of Fundación Cepsa, thanked the 38 entities from Campo de Gibraltar that submitted a project for the 2023 edition of the Social Value Awards for their work and solidarity. The event was attended by representatives of the winning groups and the rest of the region's association movement. During their speech, the winners of the Social Value Awards explained their projects, which they will undertake throughout 2024, and expressed their gratitude to Fundación Cepsa.

The 2023 edition has awarded the winners with €65,000, valuing especially projects related to the ecological transition and circular economy. The Social Value Awards recognize social projects that seek to improve the quality of life of a broad spectrum of social groups: socially vulnerable

individuals, the unemployed, the sick, people with physical or mental disabilities, ethnic minorities, children, teenagers and young adults, the elderly and victims of gender violence, among others.

Social Value Award Projects

The jury decided to award two entities that provide care for people with Alzheimer's: Asociación de Familiares de Enfermos de Alzheimer del Campo de Gibraltar, which has a therapeutic multisensory program that uses virtual reality and is set to benefit 90 people directly; and AFA Barreño, which will develop a project to improve the quality of life of 20 users through interactive technology, a project that also promotes the ecological transition.

Fegadi and Asociación Gaditana de Espina Bífida e Hidrocefalia won with their proposals that bring sustainability and art together. The former will put on a play featuring inclusion and environmental preservation as the main theme, with 50 users participating; while the latter will create a comic and a story to raise awareness of this disability and other related ones in schools throughout the region, planting trees and carrying out other activities related to the energy transition. Approximately 2,000 people are expected to benefit.

Fundación Cruz Blanca won the jury's favor with its energy improvement and sustainability project for its homeless shelter, focused mainly on ensuring the supply of hot water and raising awareness about energy efficiency and green energy among users and staff. The project will directly benefit 75 people.

Finally, Asociación Provincial de Familiares y Personas con Trastorno del Espectro Autista also won with its initiative to provide technological tools to its services. This will not only let them stop using paper but also provide more efficient management and assistance to its 180 users.

Employees Special Award Project

This year Cepsa's professionals used their votes to present the Special Employee Award to the Food Bank of Campo de Gibraltar, which thanks to the contribution of Fundación Cepsa will be able to finance the purchase of a forklift for the handling of loads in the organization's warehouse.

Fundación Cepsa is a general interest, nonprofit entity whose aim is to carry out initiatives that serve the needs and priorities of the local communities where its founder, Compañía Española de Petróleos S.A. (Cepsa), conducts its activities. The areas of action for Fundación Cepsa are social, environmental, and scientific-educational.

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