

Solidarity at Christmas in the Portucel Soporcel group

Under its policy of social responsibility, since 2001 the Portucel Soporcel group has made a donation intended for Christmas presents to social and humanitarian institutions which operate in the regions where its mills are located. The selection of the institutions contemplated each year depends on the Group's knowledge of the work they perform in favour of the needy. This knowledge comes both from visits by the Group's in-house teams to the institutions and through information obtained from the Town Halls (Setúbal, Aveiro and Figueira da Foz) and from the Parish Councils.

With this we want to strengthen our ties with the community through support for institutions of social solidarity which help the needy in various areas. Aid for children is one of the areas to which we dedicate particular attention, ranging from institutions which provide complementary services in the educational system (e.g. spare time activities) to institutions which are for children with learning difficulties, orphans or children abandoned by their families, and the disabled, amongst others.

The specific needs of the elderly and of young people suffering from social exclusion are also areas which the Portucel Soporcel group has been supporting.

Recognising the value and importance of the work, which is very often voluntary, performed by the people who are part of the social institutions, the Portucel Soporcel Group therefore seeks to help to improve the lives of those who are most in need.

The main donations at Christmas 2008 were made to the following institutions:

Shalom Baptist Association
Bem-Fazer de São Paulo Humanitarian Association
Santo António Children's Home
Casa Nossa Senhora do Rosário Community Centre
Ferreira-a-Nova Parish and Social Centre
Angeja Parish and Social Centre
Lavos Parish and Social Centre
Santa Joana Princesa Social Centre
Vicentine Conference of Santa Isabel
Borda do Campo Residents' Council
Novo Olhar Insertion Community
Florinhas do Vouga
Parish Council of Gâmbia-Pontes-Alto-da-Guerra
Vale de Acór

Below is a list of the recipients of Christmas donations between 2001 and 2008:

APPACDM (centres of Aveiro, Figueira da Foz e Setúbal)
Shalom Baptist Association
Immigrant Support Association
Eixo Youth Association
Eixo Improvements Association
Dr. Fernando Iharco Mental Health Association
Bem-Fazer de São Paulo Humanitarian Association
Associação Meninos de Ouro
Food Bank Against Hunger
Food Bank Against Hunger
Diocesan Caritas of Coimbra – Leirosa Centre
Santo António Children's Home
Nossa Senhora da Saúde Home
N^a Sr^a do Rosário Home

Casa do Gaiato
Marinha das Ondas People's Home
São Sebastião Community Centre
Shildren's Emergency Shelter
Recovered Alcoholics Centre - Aveiro
Children's Centre of the Aid Association of Eixo
Buarcos Social Solidarity Parish Centre
Cacia Parish and Social Centre
Cova Gala Social Centre
Praia da Leirosa Social Centre
Carvalhais de Lavos (N^a Sr^a da Luz) Social Centre
Eiró Parish and Social Centre
Ferreira-a-Nova Parish and Social Centre
Lavos (N^a Sr^a da Conceição) Parish and Social Centre
N^a Sr^a Fátima Parish and Social Centre
São Jacinto Parish and Social Centre
CERCIAVE
CERCIFOZ
CERCIMB
CERCIZIMBRA
Praia da Leirosa Recreational Club
Novo Olhar Insertion Community
Vicentine Conference of the Immaculate Conception and Saint Joseph
Vicentine Conference of Santa Isabel
Borda do Campo Residents' Council
Helena de Albuquerque Quadros Crèche - Angeja
Portuguese Red Cross - Carvalhais Centre
Diocese of Setúbal
Florinhas do Vouga
Padre Félix Foundation
São Bernardo Hospital
Institute of Educational Communities
Brotherhood of the Franciscan Order

Gâmbia-Pontes-Alto da Guerra Parish Council

LATI - League of Friends of the Elderly

Charity Missionaries

N^a Sr^a de Fátima Shelter

Santa Casa da Misericórdia - Obra da Figueira

Santa Casa da Misericórdia of Setúbal

Vale de Acór