



SERVICE PROJECTS 2017-18





Enlace Estepona-Etiopía [Facebook page](#)

1500€ to help girls in Ethiopia stay in school by building girls-only toilet block, where they can also wash and change without being harassed by the boys. Building single gender toilets for girls helps them avoid being bullied and molested, increases attendance at school, and helps break the cycle of gender inequality and poverty.





Fundatul <https://www.fundatul.org/>

Fundatul is dedicated to the care and training of handicapped people, with the aim of integrating them into work and society. RCMG supported their fund-raising with a donation of 2300€ for their well-attended Fun Run so they can continue delivering their services.










When RC Medellín and the Foundation Amor por Medellín started implementing the school Mediation project, they noticed that many poor families do not send their children to school, because they cannot pay for school materials like backpacks, exercise book and pencils. RC Marbella-Guadalmina had obtained a Global Grant to help with the Mediation (Hagamos las Paces) and decided to help further. Providing the children with school education is the only way they can escape poverty one day. We donated 2500€ to pay school materials for 210 children for 1 year.



- In many parts of Nepal menstruation is considered a taboo.
- Women are considered untouchable during the 5 days of menstruation. They cannot touch the important areas of the house and community i.e. the kitchen, the religious areas – women are not allowed to enter temples, as menstruation is seen as being impure.
- In some parts of Nepal, women cannot even enter the house during menstruation and its a custom to stay in the animal sheds.

- The main reasons for this stigmatization is lack of awareness and the lack of materials for women to be clean during menstruation.
- Women in rural areas do not know the importance of menstrual hygiene.
- Due to poverty and lack of access, most women cannot afford to buy disposable sanitary pads. They use old rags and any cloth that is available in the house.
- Because of such unhygienic practices, many women suffer from vaginal infections that lead to other serious conditions like infertility, kidney complications, ovarian and pelvic infections.

Monsalvat for Asia – Satin Rose Project

Satin Rose is a women's menstrual hygiene programme developed by Monsalvat, a project founded by a Rotarian from RC Marbella. www.monsalvatforasia.org

The goal of the project is to make sure girls attend and finish school. In traditional Nepal menstruation is considered a taboo and girls are banished from areas of the house and the community. Some are even left in the animal sheds. The project aims to inform and educate, to reduce the stigma. Apart from the need to change attitudes to menstruation, girls and women are held back by lack of hygienic sanitary care and places to wash and change. So during their period, girls don't attend school and eventually can drop out altogether, reducing their life options drastically. RC Marbella-Guadalmina has donated 1500€ to help with the programme of education and the supply of sanitary pad kits.

The sanitary pad set



2 underwear
6 washable menstruation pads

2p to include paper
Hygiene advice pamphlet

Cost of Pad Kit \$10








ACEPSA <https://acepsa.wordpress.com/>

Acepsa was founded by a Rotarian from San Pedro de Alcántara, Pedro Belinchón. It works with people who have mental health issues such as schizophrenia and is the only facility of its kind between La Línea and Málaga. Arts and crafts made in the workshops are sold to help support the centre. Working there is therapeutic; it helps patients develop their self-esteem and integrate into society as much as possible.

RC Marbella -Guadalmina donated 2000€ towards equipment for egg production, so that ACEPSA can produce and sell ecological eggs as part of its range of goods.





Aspandem <http://www.aspandem.org/>

Aspandem started in 1980 when a group of parents with disabled children got together to seek help. Now there is a residential centre, a day centre, 640 clients, 120 staff and 100 volunteers. The day centre provides therapeutic swimming, hydrotherapy, physio, as well as speech and language therapy.

It caters for a very wide range of disabilities and seeks to 'normalise living conditions' wherever possible. RC Marbella-Guadalmina has already donated one hydraulic bed, (see below) and has given 1600€ for two more. They are used to help move people around the facility and help get them into the therapy pool. Below you can see members of the Club at the side of the therapy pool during a visit to the impressive facilities.





Dental Mavericks <https://www.dentalmavericks.org/>

Is a charity set up by Tony and Cally Gedge to bring dental treatment to children in remote places; Atlas Mountains and Rif Mountains in Morocco, Syrian refugees in Lebanon – wherever there is a need. They arrange for teams of dentist, nurses and other staff and equipment to give much needed dental care. Without it, the children would be in pain, eventually impacting their health and wellbeing. RC Marbella-Guadalmina helped with 3600€ for a portable dental chair, 6,000 bags for toothpaste and brushes, and a fluoride programme for children to protect their teeth (it is cheaper to prevent than to fix!!)

Members of the Club have accompanied the dentists on these trips to see the work for themselves.





"Here is the photo of our most recent event - the TAU-Sackler MD Palestinian program that took place on Dec 11-14,2017. Eight Palestinian Arab physicians from Gaza joined us at Tel Aviv University to train at the Sheba Medical Center at the Messa Simulation Center. The team included women for the first time, including the first (and only) woman surgeon in Gaza. More were supposed to arrive, but in the end this is the only number that received permits."
Prof. Karen Avraham

Training Doctors in Gaza

Israeli doctors provide medical education to Palestinian medical staff in Gaza, enabling them to provide more medical care. The humanitarian project can even contribute to more peace in the area as it involves both parties: Israelis and Palestinians. We donated 1000€ to this project.

Israeli trained doctors perform corneal transplants in Gaza.



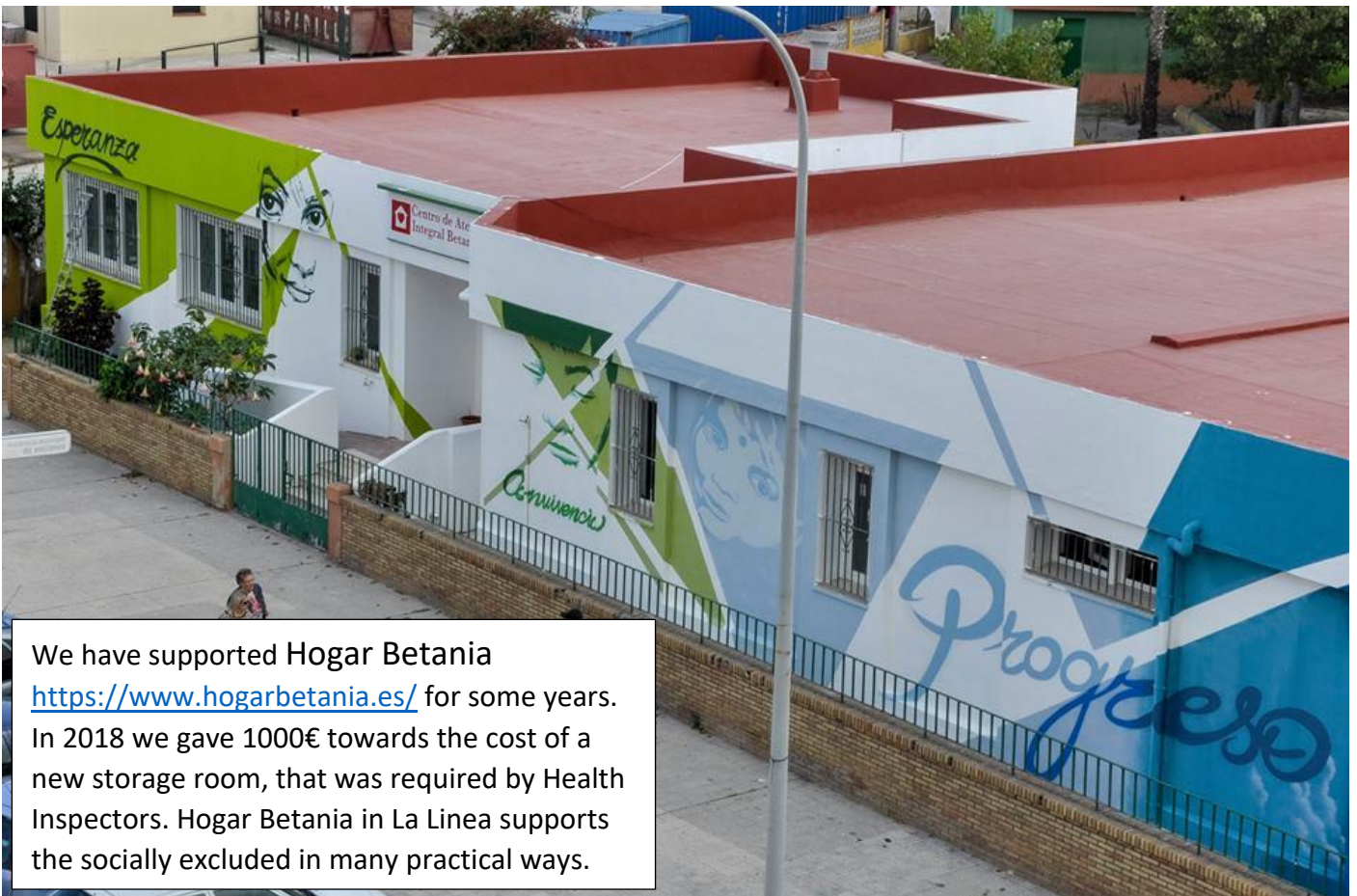


AAVV. Lagunillas Centro
Cruz Verde



We donated €500 towards a new van for Las Lagunillas.

This association serves a marginalised area in Malaga. It looks after 3500 people who live below the poverty line, and desperately needs a van to deliver supplies to the needy. Our logo will be on the van.



We have supported Hogar Betania <https://www.hogarbetania.es/> for some years. In 2018 we gave 1000€ towards the cost of a new storage room, that was required by Health Inspectors. Hogar Betania in La Linea supports the socially excluded in many practical ways.

Rotary

Rotary Club Marbella-Guadalmina



Mikey was a normal little boy who became paralysed after a simple appendix operation due to a litany of errors. His cousin, Jess Spring, who knew our President Tony Gedge, put together a video and set up a fund to buy an Eye-Gaze Communication System that allows Mikey to interact with the world by looking at control keys or cells displayed on a screen, and that generates speech through tracking movements of his eyes.

The target was €4,000. Tony raised €1,000 from the President's fund and another €2,660 from a very generous anonymous donor, plus €400 already in the fund, so that the target was reached!

Jess thanked us all for this generosity that has made such a massive difference to her little cousin, Mikey.