



Prevention talks

Every year the Salesian school invites us in to give drug-addiction-prevention talks. This year, Francis and a resident from the Good Samaritan Center were able to fulfill said objective, and had numerous interesting conversations both with the students and the teachers.

Several weeks later, one of these classes, after having formed a work cooperative, collected a charitable offering, and the teacher told us on the phone, "they unanimously want to give this offering to your association." We were again surprised when the whole class and its teachers showed up at the office of the Good Samaritan Association/Evangelical Church of Pozoblanco to deliver said offering. We took a picture, at their request, in front of the office, and then right away they went back to continue their school day. A whole lesson in solidarity and appreciation for our association.



Charitable race

Another event, held now for the 11th time, is a charitable race, organized by a Pozoblanco sports club. The participants pay to run, and the benefits go to the four charitable entities that help the neediest families in Pozoblanco: Cruz Roja, San Vicente de Paul , Cáritas and El Buen Samaritano We have participated in the race and we support the organization as an association. It has been great to see all this movement of people, united in solidarity with a cause as they practice a sport, and to see how a change of mentality is possible. This helps people to fight for their well-being and not give up, having a healthier perspective and above all, better values.



Charitable theater project organized by Antonio Rides, a Salesian priest

This is an interesting story. We normally are in the know about events occurring in Pozoblanco, especially if it is anything done to benefit our association. On this occasion, we found out after the fact. Eating with some friends, they told us they had attended a theater performance in solidarity with the charitable entities of Pozoblanco, among them the Good Samaritan. Some days later, the priest who organized this event came to our office to deliver the donation, and we had a nice chat.



The Añora Public School

Hazel Herrera teaches Evangelical religion classes in different schools in the Pedroches Valley. In Añora, there are two girls who take these classes, who are daughters of a man rehabilitated at the Good Samaritan. One of their classes has done a project through which they collected donations to help the most needy; they decided to split the money between Caritas and the Good Samaritan. They called the Evangelical Religion teacher, and handed over the donation, as a normal and logical thing to do. We received the donation, and went to the class to thank the children for their work. Thank God that these children are growing up with such a mentality! When we went to deliver a letter of thanks, the teachers took us to the class, and gathering both classes we were able to personally thank all the children for their gesture of solidarity.



European Volunteer Service

As you know, the Good Samaritan is an entity recognized by and a member of the European Volunteer Service. If there is a young person between 18 and 30 years of age who wants to have a cross-cultural experience in any country of the European Union, this 9-month program offers the chance to participate in volunteer service with a wide variety of European entities and also to receive European youth as volunteers in your organization. If someone is interested, please contact us.

This year we have had Levente Denes, of Romanian-Hungarian nationality, who has been with us for 8 months, and we have had another new experience with a volunteer from another European country.

