

COOMAP NEWS

Food Assistance Program



As it has happened all over the world, this pandemic caused deep changes in all aspects of people's lives. In our town, something that called our attention was the fact that many children who live in a neighborhood of high social risk used to depend on meals served at school in order to have a balanced diet, and maybe enough food in some cases, which was interrupted because of classes suspension.

In this neighborhood there's an association dedicated to providing courses like handicraft, dress making, tuition and so on, but during pandemic times they've realized that a different kind of support was needed - food for children and even for whole families. However you might realize that as an association they don't have all of the financial resources for it all the time and unfortunately donations aren't constant.

project is its atmosphere. There is no debt feeling in the air from those who receive meals. It's just the opposite, they feel they are part of that community that's helping them. It's common to see children offering help, which is always appreciated and praised, but never accepted. Many volunteers are the ones who benefit from the project, and you only realize it when all of the work is done and they leave carrying their food package.

That's when COOMAP decided to be part of this solidarity project. COOMAP buys every week most of the food that is necessary for that week. We say most, because sometimes the association receives donations. Meals are served every Saturday and this is how the project works: community volunteers gather early in morning in the association building, which isn't 100% appropriated for it, and start preparing breakfast for community children. After these kids finish up their first meal, they tell volunteers how many people from their homes will have lunch from the project and based on it, lunch starts being prepared. At 11:00 kids and some family members come back in order to take their food, which is stored in individual packages. This way we are sure the family will have a decent meal that day. Something rewarding about the



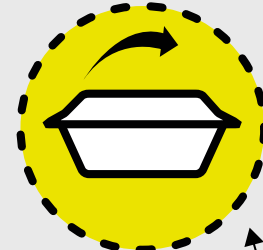
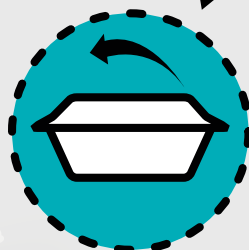
This project is intended to last until December, when its continuity will be analyzed. We do understand that this is such a serious subject and that's why our co-op decided to get into it, after all a co-op has to be part of the community it is surrounded by and consequently it has to be active in order to improve it, and, when necessary, offer support and relief.



PROJECT NUMBERS

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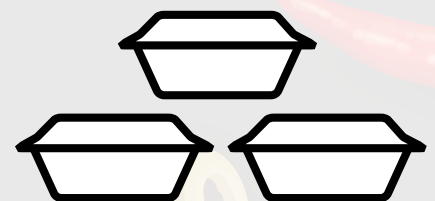
meals served until last weekend



2340 meals to be served (forecast)

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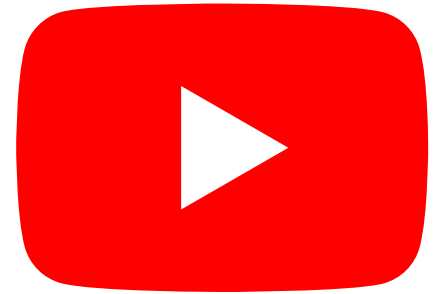
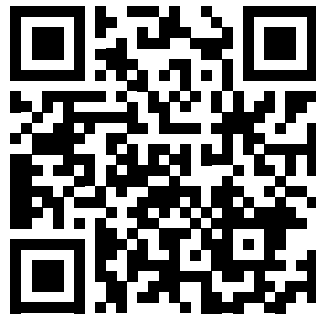
OVER 5000 meals.





GROWER OF THE MONTH

As we told you on our previous edition, our next Grower Of The Month Sections will be on video format. And here's the link for you to fall in love with this beautiful family which is a great example of harmony, love and organization. We do hope you appreciate it!



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Wish you a great month of October!