

Bankia supports Casa Caridad in the distribution of more than 1,000 food rations every day throughout April

- **The financial institution will cover the expenses of the NGO soup kitchen as part of the ‘solidarity month’**
- **The bank, which also supports the annual Three Kings festival with the donation of gifts to children, allocates 50,000 euros per year to the association**

Valencia, 02/04/2019. Bankia supports Casa Caridad in the distribution during the month of April of more than 1,000 food rations a day in its soup kitchens between lunches, dinners and the distribution of bags with food and snacks among users who come daily to the NGO to make use of this basic service.

This initiative is part of the annual agreement whereby Bankia supports Casa Caridad with 50,000 euros. In addition to covering the cost of the meals that the institution distributes to people in need in Valencia during the ‘solidarity month’, the bank also collaborates with the association to acquire the Three Kings’ gifts for the children enrolled in association nursery schools.

The chairman of Casa Caridad, Luis Miralles, thanked “Bankia's ongoing commitment to the NGO, providing resources and volunteers, so that we can continue with our daily activity. Services that range from the most basic needs to personalised attention to help our users in the search for work or housing and the accompaniment to reintegrate themselves into society”.

The corporate manager of Bankia in Valencia and Castellón, Jaime Casas, underlined that “we are proud and privileged to be able to work hand-in-hand with a benchmark association in the region that performs essential work to cover the most basic needs of Valencian citizens”.

Priority social action

Bankia has collaborated continuously with Casa Caridad’s social projects since 2014, within its social action lines, whose priority is to respond to the needs of today’s society and, especially, to all actions aimed at supporting the most vulnerable people and to guarantee their most basic needs are covered.

The bank has allocated more than 300,000 euros to support the NGO for covering the expenses related to its soup kitchens and the Christmas holidays with the distribution of gifts among the younger users of the charity association.

Among its initiatives, Bankia has shown its commitment to actions such as the donation of 60,000 euros for the adaptation and furnishing of the Social Multi-centre, dedicated to caring for the homeless in a state of convalescence, families and minors at risk of exclusion.

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Bankia consolidates and reinforces its commitment to society through five priority lines of social action: employment and training, housing, local and rural development, disability and the environment. The financial institution focuses its social investment on these areas and maintains its commitment to society through the involvement of its entire structure and professionals. The Corporate Social Responsibility policy is all-encompassing and approachable, as it links the social actions of the bank with its business in the areas in which the professionals themselves find socio-economic problems and vulnerable groups.

About Casa Caridad

Casa Caridad Valencia is a private charitable institution, declared of public usefulness, dedicated to meeting the most basic needs of homeless people and people at risk of social exclusion. Currently, its services include soup kitchens, shelters, nursery schools, daycare centres, hygiene and health programs, leisure outings and housing and employment programs. In addition to the headquarters, the charity has a Social Multi-centre in Benicalap (Valencia) aimed at providing services to ill people and dysfunctional families. Each year it distributes more than 300,000 food rations, its shelters host more than 40,000 homeless people and the nursery schools take care of 150 children between 1 and 3 years old.. Through these services, the Department of Social Work supports social reintegration with personalised follow-up. It has a team of almost 300 volunteers. In addition to its own centres (headquarters at Paseo de la Pechina, Benicalap's Social Multi-centre and Torrent's Nursery School), the association manages another soup kitchen in Valencia.