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**PRESS RELEASE**

# MISSÃO SORRISO "MUSIC EXPERIENCE" AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ESCOLA SECUNDÁRIA DA SÉ PROVIDE SANTA CASA DA MISERICÓRDIA DA GUARDA WITH 300 MEALS

The food*, the equivalent of 300 meals, was handed over on 11th April to Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Guarda in the Continente store in Guarda. This came about through the Missão Sorriso initiative, "Music Experience", integrated into the 2nd edition of Projeto 80, which mobilised the pupils of the Secondary School in Guarda in the fight against hunger.

The occasion was observed with the presence of a representative from Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Guarda and the Store Manager of the Continente in Guarda.

Inspired by music, an art which is increasingly important and present in the lives of young people, Missão Sorriso has raised teenagers' awareness of the scourge of hunger in Portugal, promoting their involvement and active participation in helping the community.

We recall that, as a challenge, young people from a number of schools in the country were invited to interpret some songs by Orelha Negra, in groups of four, with the total points scored being turned into meals. With a total of 300 per school (5,400 meals from 18 schools), these meals will be given to families in need, as identified by the Portuguese Red Cross Office and the União das Misericórdias Portuguesas in the area, according to the most urgent needs.

The partnership established with Projeto 80 aims to foster the creation and presentation of projects which are designed to provide young people with training in active citizenship and participation in the resolution of social problems, creating links between them and the local communities.

***300 units of potato, 75 units of onion, carrot, turnip, cabbage, lettuce and tomato, 30 kilos of rice, 3 cartons of oil, 3 packets of salt, 300 units of apple, 15 kilos of minced meat and 150 units of fish to prepare 300 meals for those in need.**

**About Missão Sorriso**

With the solidarity of thousands of Portuguese people, in its 11 years of existence, Missão Sorriso has already contributed to Child Welfare, Active Ageing and in the Fight against Hunger by donating more than 9 million euros, offering more than 2,100 pieces of equipment and food to 184 institutions, as well as other materials and services.

These numbers prove the success and magnitude that Missão Sorriso has reached, a Continente Social Responsibility Programme which is supported by all the Portuguese people.

**About Projeto 80**

**Projeto 80** is an initiative which promotes youth associations and which is tasked with motivating and driving young people to work in teams at school and in their own community by presenting projects which contribute to sustainable development.

**Projeto 80** is promoted in partnership by the Portuguese Environment Agency, the Directorate-General of Education, the Directorate-General of Academic Establishments, the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth, Quercus and the Green Project Awards, with support from the Portuguese Government.

For more information, see **http://projeto80.pt/**

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