5K Charitable Run Sponsored by Processing Cooperative Benefits Good Samaritan Association

Runners of all ages participated in the 4th Annual "Move It with COVAP" 5-kilometer event in San Martin Park in Añora, Spain, last Saturday, October 19th. The funds raised through the event will go to the region's Good Samaritan Association.

Sponsored by the Livestock Cooperative of the Pedroches Valley (Cooperativa Ganadera del Valle de los Pedroches or COVAP in Spanish), a major meat and dairy processing plant, the event expresses COVAP's commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles in the region. Each participant paid a 5-euro entry fee (about $6), and in turn received a bag with an event t-shirt, an i.d. number card, a re-useable water bottle and other items.

In addition to the run, there was music, raffles for various items, games for children, and a lunch for all attending.

Pastor Francis Arjona, president of the Good Samaritan Association, commented, "It was a fantastic day. I am so grateful for all the people who expressed their solidarity with our Good Samaritan Association. 'Move It with COVAP' is just a great initiative by the cooperative. It was exciting to see 900 people—families, children, teenagers, men and women, enjoying some healthy activities, and finishing the race with determination."

Pastor Arjona added that the funds raised will go toward the purchase of a new van to be used in the charitable activities of the Association and its Rehabilitation Center.

Founded in Pozoblanco in 1993, the Good Samaritan Association is dedicated to helping people affected by addictions and poverty. It has been recognized regionally with the award, "Oak Tree of the Pedroches."

The mayor of Añora, Bartolomé Madrid Olmo, said that both the 'Move It' event and the Good Samaritan Association are "an authentic example of generosity, solidarity, and of everything that identifies us as human beings."
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