



COVID-19 - Support for Former Drug Addicts

While waiting for the "LiberarSé - Refuge of Hope" project to resume, the team supports shelters for those on a program for drug and alcohol detoxification. For more than 5 years, the "Refugio de la Esperanza" (Refuge of Hope), an initiative of the Movimiento Giovanile Urbano Associazione Civile (Urban Youth Movement Civil Association) and Promoción Integral de la Persona Asociación Civil (Total Development of the Person Civil Association), worked closely with the shelters for drug addicts in the municipality of Nezahualcóyotl.

In these homes, young people with toxic substance abuse problems are accompanied during a period of isolation that lasts from 3 to 6 months and is the first phase of a detoxification process that young people can go into.

The "LiberarSé" project is inserted right at the end of this program, to accompany those leaving isolation towards a gradual social and job reintegration.

While waiting for the project to resume, immediately after the lock down, the team began supporting the shelters that operate, thanks to donations from the families of the persons staying in the shelters (when they are present and can afford it) or through funds raised from local supporters.

Due to COVID-19, the project has suffered a decrease in the usual donations, and has led the centers to organize fundraising activities also in the Diocese of Nezahualcóyotl, among small merchants and the community.

Planned Activities:

- **An aid plan and an assistance program for the purchase and distribution of food, right in the most difficult phase.**

Country : Mexico

Main Participants: 130 young people and adults in recovery and detoxification treatment for drug and / or alcohol use.

Total Cost: € 30.745,50

Requested from AMU: € 5.124,26

Project Status: Ongoing

Local Counterpart: Promoción Integral de la Persona Asociación Civil

Intervention Sector: Emergency