

## ABOUT US

Toma de Mi Foundation is an organisation dedicated to basic needs management, targeting those with greatest need free of charge.

The scope of our activity is international but the priority remains within Spanish territory.

Our goal is not only confined to distributing new clothing and food alone to all possible destinations but also other types of goods that could play an essential part in developing educational and/or training activities as well as social reinsertion and access to decent housing.

**Toma de Mi Foundation does not rely on receiving any contributions, subscriptions or subsidies from any government or private institutions of any kind. It aims to be self-sustaining and financed by its own management.**

## PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Our actions are wholly focussed in distributing goods absolutely supportive, generous and selfless with the participation of everyone involved in the process.

We are a completely independent organisation, morally, economically and ideologically speaking. Not being linked, in any shape or form, to any social movements, political parties or organisations.

As an organisation, we are neutral in politics, economy and religion; we have no ideological label, and do not take sides or pass any value judgments.

We do not discriminate by race, sex, religion, nationality, political opinion, disability or illness.

We are always willing to provide to any interested party with financial accounts information, including detailed information about the management of products and/or services received.

## OUR PROPOSAL

### PROJECTS

Toma de Mi Foundation is open to receiving stocks of new clothing for whatever reason they might have remained commercially. Of these 30% will be managed commercially to obtain funds for the Foundation and 70% remaining shall be granted to the needy, other foundations, NGOs or organisations that could help reach to its destination with full guarantee of our principles and values.

We are also committed to receiving food items that either have "early expiry date" or in excess & subsequently would be left outside the sales channels from a commercial standpoint. Distributing them fully and free of charge to all social canteen centres, foundations, NGOs or organisations to the benefit of those with greatest need backed with the assurance of our principles and values.

Another line of action will be to receive and manage all kinds of materials for educational use, channelising these in educational projects in progress or planned, anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, we aim to promote productive capacity and employment for the long-term unemployed, those affected with social exclusion and ex-convicts with special attention paid to family groups.

## WHY

We understand that within the present consumer's economic system there are products that are left outside the sales channels for purely commercial reasons, alluding to a problem for manufacturers or distributors.

We also know, owing to the current economic & social system circumstances, that many people cannot or have serious difficulties accessing the basic goods and as such, proposed to create a channel to facilitate their access to such basic items.

We believe the system has sufficient capacity to deliver solidarity to those with great need without jeopardising or incurring any commercial or economic losses. Thus attempting to mitigate or avoid social gaps which could impede the development of individuals and society as a whole.

It is not a question of giving alms, but to provide access to the indispensable to maintain a decent living in a highly consumerised world thus facilitating the integration of the most economically and vulnerable social groups into the wider social system.

## IDEAS

Provision of free new clothing to those without any financial acquisition means, in or outside the Spanish territory.

Supply food to people with financial difficulties, either directly or through organisations for their distribution, primary (raw) material or processed inside the Spanish territory.

Promote productive capacity and employment for people affected by unemployment or circumstances leading to social exclusion.

Develop or assist in educational and training projects across all age groups and cultural backgrounds, in and out of Spain.

## PARTICIPATE

### TIME

You can offer your skills to the benefit of the organisation by performing necessary tasks that contribute towards the promotion and management of projects.

### SERVICES

You can donate your professional demeanour to help develop and achieve projects or for the internal management of the foundation.

### PRODUCTS

You can donate products that are helpful to projects.

*Note: placed underlines to denote links.*

### ASSISTANCE

URGENT, new clothing donations.

URGENT, food donations.

URGENT, for the Christmas campaign, donations of toys for children.

URGENT, a collaboration / web / social networks manager needed.

Personal and professional volunteers needed.

Professional Services wanted for Management, IT, transport or logistics.

## What we OFFER

For all donor-participants we offer the opportunity to participate in a new project to create a socio-economic alternative and parallel to the consumer system to prevent a social divide which is apparent among the most economically disadvantaged and weakest segment of our society.

For companies, we provide social management of your contribution, creating, via the communication channels in use, a corporate image in accordance with your solidarity contribution and development towards this new distribution channel.

## PROYECTS

### ACHIEVEMENTS

On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012, theToma de Mi Foundation has delivered 6,000 kgs of canned food to the Central Madrid Food Bank.

This donation has been made to the Foundation courtesy by Mar de Compostela, S. L. company. It received food resulting from bankrupted manufacturing company.

The company Gestiona Stocks, S.L. has donated the professional storage service enabling food to be deposited in its warehouse at Ciempozuelos up until the moment the food was collected by the Central Madrid Food Bank and subsequently moved to its central warehouses and dispatched to the accredited locations by this organisation.

This was the first activity ever performed by the Foundation making it one of lines of work for development into the future. Work is currently being conducted in this respect, seeking out for help they can muster from any volunteers who may be interested ([PARTICIPATE](#)).

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