

Algarve Network for Families in Need

.....Give a little, help a lot

the heart of the community

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We've been so busy this last month it seems impossible to even condense the work that has taken place!

One of the things that has brought us the most joy, is the way in which we have been able to respond to requests from other charities.

For example, **Food and Supplies** (a Swedish led group based in Lagos) was in desperate need of a bed for one of their families. This charity offers support through **Fonte de Vida**, another charity that works in a similar way to ourselves.

There was a Facebook post that thrilled us..... *"Sometimes everything just works out well. Yesterday, while sitting in the Fonte de Vida food queue (on behalf of Almeirinda), I was asked by Snra Fatima from Oxidáere if I could get her a bed. She had slept on a mattress on the floor since her son moved back home. I posted the question in Bernadette Abbott's Facebook group "Algarve Network for Families in Need". It took an hour and then there was a bed. Ginger Lloyd had one at her home and offered to drop it off for Fatima, on her way to Madrugada. We also had a nice chat on messenger and we hope that we can help them next time in an equally uncomplicated way. Fatima was just SO happy and grateful; besides, she got blankets and sheets. Big thanks to Ginger and Bernadette."*

We were very grateful to Barbara Debenham..... a serial donor who kindly offered a bike to help someone in need. At the same we received a request from an animal rescue centre in Vila de Bispo who needed a bike for its volunteers. Of course, we were very happy to help and Barbara not only donated the bike, but also delivered it. Thank you Barbara.

Please remember that donated bikes help people to work which leads to long term independence. We are very grateful to those who have donated this far and ask any of you who have a bike in your garden/storage which you are unlikely to use again (despite the best of intentions) please consider donating. They will surely be well received.

We were very sorry to hear of the closure of the pop up shop at the Mirage in Luz. This resource provided amazing support for Ukranian refugees arriving in Portugal. The help given was timely and vastly exceeded the purposes for which it was set up. Congratulations to all concerned.

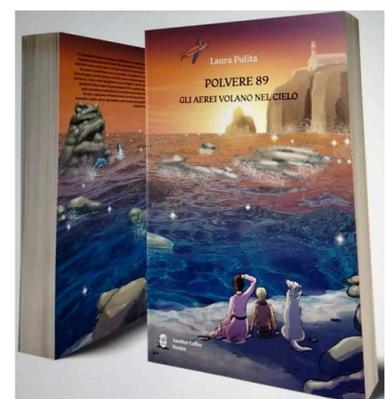
Please remember there are other areas of support available to refugees so if you would like to help.....contact us for details. The children's club in Loule is particularly in need of materials. Thanks to our fab donors we have been able to make a donation but the need will be ongoing for some time.

Please help, if you can!!

Laura Pulita - Author

We are so excited to offer our huge congratulations to Laura Pulita who has just seen the publication of her first novel..... ***Polvere 89 - Gli aerei volano nel cielo.***

As a long term and regular donor to Algarve Network for Families in Need, Laura has really taken our Association to heart and helps wherever she can. Her book is currently published in Italian but in



September the English language edition will be available and Laura has pledged €1 from the sale of every English language book which will help our families here in the Algarve so much.

Such a kind gesture and truly appreciated. Congratulations again Laura and thank you for all you do for our families here in the Algarve. We can't wait to read the book!

Last month I forwarded a request for volunteers for the residential/day care facility in Portimao. Volunteers are still needed, please contact me if you can help.

Wishing you all a great month ahead and see you in September!

Bernadette