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Algarve Families in Need.... News

1 November and 1 December 2022

Apologies for not delivering an October newsletter..... with website and computer problems, it's been quite a task to keep up with updates.

The last few months have been an exciting time for all of us.

Firstly, Nadia and I had our stand at BLIP where we spent two days talking to visitors about our work and upcoming projects. There was so much interest shown and we made a lot of great contacts. Thank you to Heather, Marie, Tanya, Tomas and Ruby for your invaluable support.



We sent our congratulations to our corporate donor **BENNETTS BEDROOMS** as they celebrated their ten-year anniversary here in the Algarve. We are so grateful for the support that this company gives to our families and the amazing donation offered on this special occasion. The company donated brand new furniture and appliances for an entire house!!! We decided to split it between three families who will now have a new room each. Amazing!! We look forward to our continued relationship which we know will be of great benefit to our families. Thank you Bennetts Bedrooms..

Following a short interview on Kiss FM, great interest in our upcoming **GLASSES FOR CHILDREN** appeal was shown and we are very excited to move that forward - you can read about this in the Tomorrow Magazine and this next week in The Portugal News. We already have offers from an optician and financial support from a charity based here in the Algarve! We're looking forward to a fabulous event in the planning for February.

Last month, Nadia decided to get in early and had already started shopping for children's Christmas presents. Imagine our joy to receive €1500 from ARM IN ARM so that we can reach out to more needy children than ever. Even more so, as Nadia seems to have a nose for when there is going to be a special offer at any given supermarket - two for one etc.



Saturday, 26 November saw us at a fun day hosted by Al-Gharb Coffee Roasters in Albufeira arranged by Laura Pulita and hosted by owner, Chantelle. We had lots of games..... tombola, a raffle, face painting and balloon modelling and, of course, a visit from Santa. It was all great fun whilst

raising much needed funds for our work with our families. Thank you to all who helped at this event and particularly to new volunteers, Tracey and Vicky.



December, as always, promises to be very busy month.

We are at that time of year when we think about the Reverse Advent Calendar initiative. Offers from donor families have flooded in and Chantelle Kortekaas has been busy allocating families in need to those donors; the links were sent out on 1 December. There's still time if you would like to donate and, as in previous years, please contact Chantelle Kortekaas. If you know of a family who would benefit from a RAC please contact myself.

CASA MERAME in Lagos will be holding an event on Friday, 16 December where presents will be donated..... again, for children in need. Thank you Maggan Einarsson for thinking about our families again this year.

Let's join together and make this the best Christmas ever for our families here in the Algarve.

On a final note, if anyone in the Lagos area can spare a few hours to help wrap presents, deliver RACs on or after 16 December, or offer help of any kind please do get in touch. There is always so much to do just before Christmas!

Bernadette