# PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL "HOGAR SAN JERONIMO" "HOME SAN JERONIMO"

recovery of abandoned or at risk children with a human, social and professional integrated education

### TUNJA (BOYACA') - COLOMBIA



## Project in brief

### Title:

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL "HOGAR SAN JERONIMO" recovery of abandoned or at risk children with a human, social and professional integrated education

### Objective:

Integration of an existing reception center with an adaptation of equipment and technical personnel in order to donate, in addition to the harmonious emotional and moral recovery of the boy and girls, professional skills recognized by the Colombian state, which facilitate social and labor reintegration.

Involvement of families (if existing) in the educational project.

Locality: Tunja (Boyacá) - COLOMBIA

### Applicant Organization:

### Supervision and Local representative:

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### **Beneficiaries**:

40 children and young people from 6 to 18 years old (sponsorized by Aleimar)

**Total cost:** 93.992 euro (314.872.000 pesos colombiani)

## Funds requested: 21.813 euro

**Realization times:** 12 months from March 2019

### SUMMARY

### Objective

The objective of the project is to adapt some spaces and equipment to complete the HOGAR SAN JERONIMO from a home for street children in the city of Tunja, with the "Licencia di Funcionamento" of a recognized professional school. This project will allow 40 kids, in an already prepared and recognized by the Colombian government environment, a psychosocial and ethical recovery and to complete their educational environment taken a certificate professional degree that will allow them easier employment.

All this will allow 40 young people in an environment already prepared and recognized by the state, for their moral and psychosocial recovery, to complete the educational work by giving the children an official diploma that will allow them an easier job placement.

### Analysis of needs:

Tunja (Boyacá Department) is one of the areas with greater poverty and destitution of Colombia. From official data of 2017 on a population of around 1.3 million inhabitants, 10% live on less than 110,000 pesos a month (just over 30 euros), while 30% live on less than 200,000 pesos a month (60 EUR).

Violence against children recorded in 2017 106 cases in the city of Tunja, on a littlepolazione total of 177,971 people.

#### Local Partner

The Hogar San Jerónimo is run by the Clerics Regular Somascan Fathers, who for more than 50 years perform their work on Colombian territory in the spirit of the poor, almost children, with a particular fondness for the most vulnerable and abandoned the world.

The Somascans have numerous works throughout Colombia, the community is made up of over 50 priests, in Tunja alone they manage 3 works with a total of 106 employees for regular and professional schools for about 1,800 students.

### Beneficiaries

The project beneficiaries come from families in situations of particular vulnerability and belong to the lower social classes of the population. They do not have a suitable accommodation, economic resources are limited and in their reality abuses and violence of every kind prevail and where psychosocial vulnerability falls on childre

The Hogar San Jerónimo is able to assist, accommodate and recover 40 of the poorest children in the city of Tunja, male aged 6 to 18, who are at physical or moral risk or are attending the road as a means and space to occupy free time due to lack of resources and family protection

Currently it already has a full staff (14 people including a psychologist and a social worker) and already they do, in addition to all the recovery and integration activities (including families) a professional training activity (according to age) which, however, does not have state recognition because it is based on volunteers and with very few technical equipment.

The work guarantees the children an integral formation, stimulating the exercise and the expression of being a citizen with a specific professional qualification; he guides them towards a harmonious development of the person in ethical and moral values in the various academic disciplines; he prepares them and strengthens them in the exercise of their duties as citizens and members of society

### Developments

The initial request mainly of professional equipment and salaries for one year of the three technical instructors, will allow the recognition of the status also of this further specialization and therefore the sustenance in the future of 70% of the salary of the instructors.

The method of intervention is called: "externado jornada completa". Time: 8 hours a day. Working time 8:00 am to 18:00 including a lunch break provided by the work. It also provides students with professional training in the following sectors: IT (previously financed in 2018 by Aleimar, see photo), carpentry, electricity; there is also a cutting and sewing workshop, whose goal is to provide training for mothers of children

### What is asked

The adaptation of some spaces according to the requirements requested by the State for the continuation of the activity.

1) These spaces are: games room, meeting and audiovisual room, social area and tailoring workshop.

2) The acquisition of an allocation of the spaces that have the standards required by state law for the reception and children's activities and young people: for carpentry workshop, electricity lab, cutting and sewing workshop, games lounge, audiovisual-

meetings and multiple use classroom (library, education, systems).

All this will make it possible to arrive at an official recognition of the courses held there.



### Costs

The total project cost for 12 months, including the teaching staff, auxiliary and management of Hogar San Jeronimo is 93 euro of which almost 77% is supported by both the Foundation Somasca as by the Colombian state.

We are requesting a contribution of 21,813 Euros for the supply of laboratory equipment and three instructors.

The duration of the intervention is 12 months and the sustainability of the project over time is guaranteed by the ORDEN DE LOS CLERIGOS REGULARES SOMASCOS (Somascan fathers)

7.604 from Cuore Amico for all equipment, 14.209 guaranteed by Aleimar for overhead expenses and instructors salaries.