

INTERNACIONAL PROTECTION CENTER (IPC)

A story of resilience and hope

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Has coordinated a emergency program for the Ukraine war since March 2022.



Positioned itself against war and established the basis for the emergency response.



Offered, in April 2022, gave a space for the center.



The Rotary Club collaborated in furnishing the center.



TWO YEARS OF COLLABORATION

Since November 2022, the center has provided **residential care** and **support** to people to ask for **international protection** as part of the National Reception System of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security, and Migration.



SUPPORT PROCESS:

- **Protection Process:** People in the process of applying or granted international protection.
- **Support towards autonomy.**
- **Practical Help:** Language learning or employment integration.
- **Psychosocial aspects:** knowledge of the area, social network building, and psychological and emotional support.
- **Length of Stay:** Up to 18 months (24 in exceptional cases).



IPC TEAM

The team consists of 9 professionals:

2 social workers: Help families make a plan for the future.

1 psychologist: Provides individual, group, and workshop-based psychological care.

4 social integrators: Organize daily activities and help residents

1 administrator: Oversees financial and administrative aspects of the center and team.

1 coordinator : Leads the team and make sure everything runs well.

There are also provincial specialist:

- 1 lawyer
- 1 job specialist





IPC Facilities & Who Lives Here

The IPC offers a variety of spaces designed to provide comfort and functionality for its residents.

Capacity: 36 people.

Layout: Double and triple rooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, workshop room, patio, and terrace.

Who stay here: Single women and families worldwide who need access to international or temporary protection.

The first residents to arrive were Ukrainian women escaping war, some with children receiving cancer treatment.

Fundació Hospitalàries Sant Boi also provides:

- Catering.
- Night access control.
- Common area cleaning.



Volunteer Program Fundació Hospitalàries Sant Boi:

- Activities for children and families
- Play area
- Academic support in Catalan and Spanish
- Summer recreational activities
- Music workshop



Excursion to Montserrat



Visited Montserrat together with hospital staff



The activities in our volunteer program include organizing outings and trips:

Hike to the Sant Ramon Sanctuary with the teenagers



Volunteers dressed as the Three Kings



Other activities that take place at the center:

Healthy eating advice: The partner of one of our team members, a pediatric oncology nurse, kindly volunteered to train us on food hygiene measures for children undergoing cancer treatment.

Community activities: Participation in our hospital's religious activities and/or celebrations: Sevillanas workshops, Christmas mass, etc.

Workshops: Cooking, crafts, painting, environment.

Christmas Activity: "Finding the Tió de Nadal" (a local Christmas tradition).



Since 2023, more than 20 professionals from our hospital have volunteered at the Center.

Challenges & Future Goals

Housing: It is hard for people to find a home after leaving IPC, even if they have jobs.

Integration takes time: Many people have trauma from war or their migration journey.

Ongoing support: We need to continue helping more people in the future.



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Benito Menni CASM, Sant Boi City Council, and the Red Cross have renewed their commitment to hosting refugees.

A reception center for refugees opened in Sant Boi in November 2022. In two years, the Sant Boi International

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Teamwork and kindness can change lives

In 2024, a total of 80 people: 26 families and 4 single women has provided care, coming from Ukraine, Mali, Kenya, Somalia, Syria, Colombia, and Peru.

Sant Boi is a welcoming and supportive community.

We can respond to humanitarian crises with compassion, solidarity, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Thanks

