

## **Volunteering to fill the rooms of hospitalized children with youth and colour**

**LOCATION:**El Ejido (Almería)

**DURATION:** 1'36''

**SUMMARY:** Students from the Murgi High School in El Ejido, Almería, are volunteers in the Paediatric Wing of the Poniente Hospital since four years ago. They decorate the rooms with paintings and also tell stories to hospitalized children. This is possible thanks to a project that was started because these students could not be part of any NGO due to their youth.

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**BACKGROUND**“Are we going to paint another yellow bubble here?” “Yes.” “Ok.”

These paintings that decorate the Paediatric Wing of the Poniente Hospital in El Ejido, Almería, are more valuable than any Picasso, because they have been created by students with a heart of gold.

*“They had a lot of interest in collaborating somehow, taking care of others, but they couldn't find a place because they didn't reach the minimum age or couldn't fulfil an attendance commitment.”*

**ROSA MARÍA AGUILERA**  
Teacher from the Murgi High School

So Rosa decided to help these young adults.

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*“I designed a project to collaborate with the Poniente Hospital. I presented it and, when they called me, we started this path. That was four years ago.”*

Volunteers go to the hospital as soon as they can, and they are happy to help others.

**ALEJANDRA RODRÍGUEZ**  
Student

*“I think that this is a great way to help and contribute, within our limitations.”*

They also tell stories, perform theatre plays or sing Christmas songs.

**JONATHAN ESPINOSA**  
Student

*“Watching children smile, how you make their day, despite the hard situation they are going or have gone through. That's priceless.”*

**MARTIN MANOV**  
Student

*“Making those children laugh is amazing, that's why I encourage young people to do the same. It would fill their hearts with joy.”*

Doctors claim that this generous contribution has improved the health of these children.

**NIEVES GARCÍA**  
Care Manager Poniente Hosp.

*“Because they want to leave their rooms earlier, go to the class and interact with other hospitalized children. Sometimes, this helps them to forget about pain.”*

All thanks to these paintings drawn with passion, a passion for volunteering.