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## RESTO DU COEUR LAUNCHED THE 34TH CAMPAIGN AGAINST POVERTY & CREATE A NEW CONCEPT

### RIGHTS OF HEART IN TOULOUSE

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**USPA NEWS** - The Restaurants du CÅ“ur (literally Restaurants of the Heart but meaning Restaurants of Love), commonly and familiarly known as the Restos du CÅ“ur, is a French Charity the main activity of which is to distribute food packages and hot meals to the needy. Initially, the goal of the founders (Coluche Comedian who hd the idea and launched the concept, hoping t will be only for one winter“| helped by other singers and celebrities form French show Bizz) was to give away 2,000 to 3,000 meals per day; 8.5 million were distributed in the first winter alone. In 2018, 130 million meals were served. RESTO DU COEUR (Restaurants fo Love) launched their 34th campaign and obtained a commitment: Pierre Moscovici, present at the national launch Campaign, as well as the Government, represented by Christelle Dubos and Nathalie Loiseau, have committed to European Fund for Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), which finances one meal out of four at the Restos, is not set aside in the context the next European budget. At the same time, the Haute Garonne, section has launched by Dr Francis Bornet and his team a new service RIGHTS OF HEART TRUCK dedicated to the poor and especially this who live in the streets.

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The Restaurants of Love will be vigilant in the months to come so that the negotiations engaged do not succeed, as they fear it, to a halving of the means dedicated to the fight against exclusion in Europe.

THE RESTOS MORE THAN EVER SERVING THE MOST DISABLED-----

This fight must indeed be continued: 38% of the people welcomed at the restaurants are minor, 50% are under 25 years old. Of many families and children live and sleep on the street. This is a situation to which the Restaurants of the Heart will not resign themselves never. The 72,000 Restos volunteers are mobilized for the 34th year to allow the poorest to out, by the food aid and a set of accompanying actions, because a meal is not enough. This action is made possible by the loyalty and generosity of donors, which is more than ever necessary. So for this year again, the Restaurants are counting on you! (Source : Les resto Du Coeur, Mlle Pitch Communication)

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The comedian and actor Coluche launched the idea of the Restos du CÅ“ur on 26 September 1985. "I have a little idea, a bit like this... If there are people who would be interested in sponsoring a free soup kitchen, we'd start first in Paris and then spread to France's big cities." The first Resto du Coeur opened on 21 December and soon multiplied all over the country. The goal of the founders was to give away 2,000 to 3,000 meals per day; 8.5 million were distributed in the first winter alone. In 2018, 130 million meals were served. The initiative was supported by a song written by the songwriter and singer Jean Jacques Goldman, called les Restos du cÅ“ur, which included some of the lyrics being sung or read out by other celebrities. A televised show allowed the organization to collect several million of Euros.

#### RESTAURANTS OF LOVE « RESTO DU COEUR » OF HAUTE GARONNE INAUGURATES A RIGHTS OF LOVE TRUCK SERVICE-----

The Restaurants of Love « RESTO DU COEUR » of Haute-Garonne in France, inaugurates their mobile social assistance to the people living in the street (Migrants, homeless people!). This new mobile social service, a new branch of the restaurants of Love the Haute-Garonne, was inaugurated, on November 19, 2018, and is called the "Rights of the Coeur", their mobile social assistance to the people of La Rue, in the presence of Mr. Daniel Rougi , Deputy Mayor of Toulouse, in charge of Social Affairs, Solidarity and Public Health.-----

The social assistance to the person is not a new activity at the « Restos du Coeur » of Haute-Garonne, whether at the headquarters of the AD31 (Motorway AD31) or in the 36 centers of the restaurants of Haute-Garonne, many volunteers are welcomed, listen, hear and inform people of their rights and guide them, all year long, to the social services or associations of assistance to the person Toulousains or department.-----

In Toulouse, the volunteers of La Rue who provide seven days a week the distribution of hot meals to people on the streets, felt helpless to bring this social assistance to three hundred to four hundred people to which they go each evening to meet.

Most people on the street do not attend any of the centers nor the restaurants. Many have moved away from existing social arrangements and are in a situation of renunciation of their fundamental civil rights. » confessed Dr Francis Bornet.

« The desire to help people at "La Rue" (i.e. in the Street) is in the DNA of the RESTO DU COEUR (Restaurants for Love). About fifteen volunteers responded and considered the necessary solutions for the implementation of "Rights of the Heart". For 3 months, social assistance training for precarious people was dispensed to them weekly.-----

When asked about the partners and others institutions who support this new original initiative, Dr Francis Bornet answered : « Their partners in the social services and associations of Toulousain (the SIAO / 115, CAF, France-Horizon association, CIMADE, CPAM; Solidarity Houses of Haute-Garonne) participated. It was a question of adapting the means to comfortably accommodate people in the street, in conditions conducive to the expression of their needs and respecting the confidentiality of the collected. ». The "Rights of Love truck" (DROITS DU COEUR), is essential for the mobility of the homeless people either they are migrants, French citizens, youngsters, yet are living in the streets of Toulouse. This Right Truck Service has been developed by volunteers, with the assistance of CAF Haute-Garonne, donors and the Association of Electricians of the World. » acknowledges Dr Francis Bornet.

#### THE RIGHT OF LOVE TRUCK IS MEETING PEOPLE ON SITE OF DISTRIBUTION OF MEALS TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS-----

Since May 2018, the volunteers of the Rights of the Heart are meeting people, on the site of distributions of hot meals, from 7:00 to 9:00 am, Tuesdays at Square Heracles, Wednesdays at Grape Path and Thursdays at the Grand Roundabout.

Of those who are welcomed, there are, on average, two new people on each outing. At this rate and at the end of its first year of existence, on May 1, 200 to 250 people should be received at "Heart Rights". The first analyzes for the first 6 months

of the activity show that the median age of the people welcomed is 38, 7% are 14% are women. The oldest person welcomed is 70 years old. Fifty percent are members of a family with children. Fifty-seven percent are non-EU nationals,

13% are EU nationals. The needs expressed during the first interview concern accommodation for 37% of requests. Next comes asylum applications (22%), the right to stay (12%), access to care and health (19%), listening (12%), employment (7%), social benefits (6%), education (5%), legal aid (5%). The leaders of the National Association of Restaurants of the Heart are attentive to this initiative which aims to multiply in France, as the number of people in precarious increased in the last ten years. « Francis BORNET Restaurants of the Heart - AD31 » Dr Francis Bornet, In Charge of the Street and « Rights of Love », explains

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