

## MANIFESTO OF ENTITIES LINKED TO THE DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE OLDER PEOPLE (\*)

In view of the situation of serious health emergency we suffer in Spain as a consequence of the the pandemic caused by the coronavirus Covid-19, the entities and Associations linked to the defence of rights of older people in Catalonia declare the following:

- Due to the information issued by the Authorities, the scientific experts and the media, we know the serious effects that is causing this pandemic, especially in the older people.
- Older people, for reasons of age, suffer from illnesses and chronic diseases that place us, at this moment, as people with a high risk of infection and, consequently, to infect our environment.
- Many older people, irrespective of if we live in residences, in temporary stays, health centres or private residences, have services that, already before the outbreak of the pandemic, had insufficient resources to ensure a decent service to people users.

For all this, **we ASK for all PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS** with competences (city councils, Catalonia Government and Spanish Government):

- **IMPLEMENT** immediately the Protocols to provide complete health care and efficient for older persons, optimizing resources: Sanitary transport, health care in homes and Residences, Telecare, home care service...
- **PROVIDE** all the professional resources and technicians needed to tackle this situation, as well as all individual protective equipment essential for workers, their relatives, the environment of the person sick and the own sick person.
- **ENSURE** that palliative care teams (PADES) provide assistance to people who is at home or in a residential centre.
- **ENSURE** that, in the event that the illness lead to the end of life, the affected person may be able to pass with dignity and without suffering.

The entities and associations that adhere to this Manifesto express our recognition and thanks to the work being carried out by the professionals who face this situation of Health and social emergency.

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(\*) this translation is not official.

## PARTICIPATING ENTITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Associació Ciutadana pels Drets de les Dones  
Associació de Familiars de Malalts d'Alzheimer de Barcelona  
Can 70-Habitatge Cooperatiu  
Comissió de Pensionistes i Jubilats de l'Hospitalet  
Coordinadora Nacional de Pensionistes i Jubilats de Catalunya  
Coordinadora Residències 5+1  
DMD Associació Dret a Morir Dignament  
Federació de Familiars de Malalts d'Alzheimer de Catalunya  
Federació d'Associacions de Gent Gran de Catalunya  
Federació d'Associacions de Veïns i Veïnes de Barcelona  
Federació de Pensionistes i Jubilats de CCOO de Catalunya  
Fundació FiraGran  
Fundación Edad & Vida  
Hospice - Associació per a l'Acompanyament al Final de la Vida  
Jubilación Anticipada Sin Penalizar  
Moviment per unes Pensions Dignes de Terrassa  
Plataforma en Defensa de la Sanitat Pública del Baix Vallès  
Plataforma Unitària de la Gent Gran de Catalunya  
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