

Euracademy 13th Summer Academy, July 2014



Group 2- Day 1 Study trip

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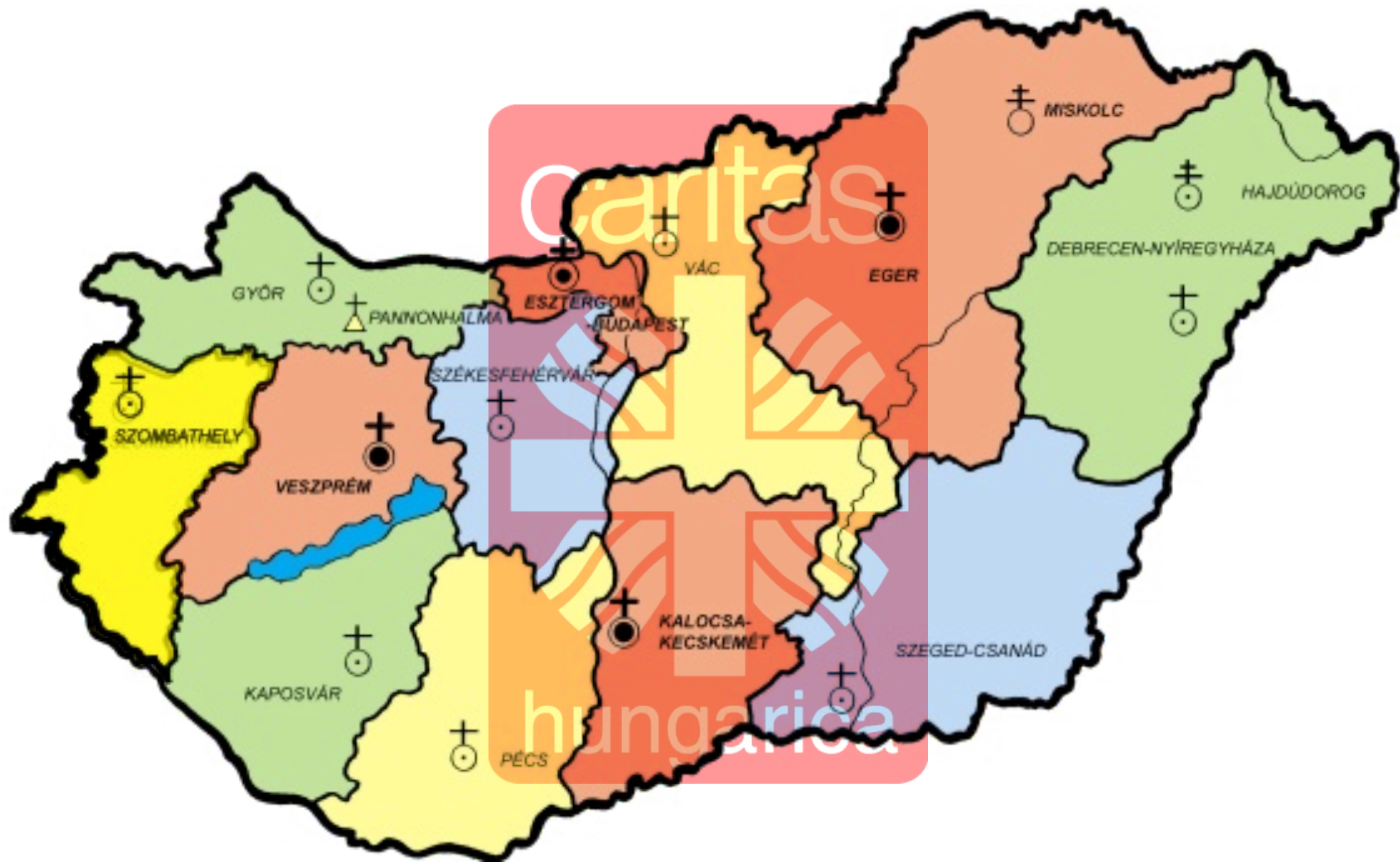
What is volunteering?



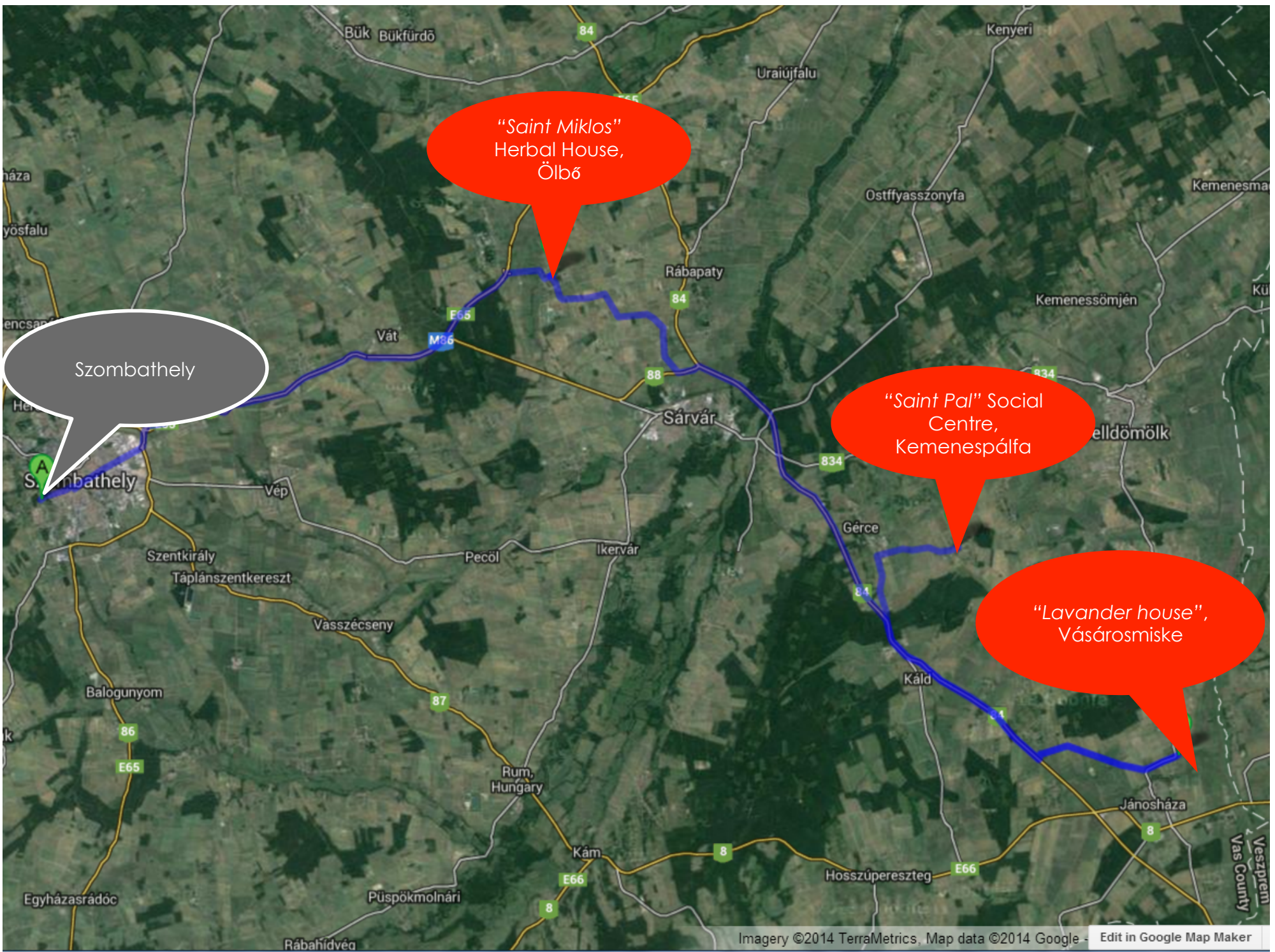
“Action taken by a person or group on their own initiative, in what they perceive to be the public interest, without direct financial reward.”

Michael Dower, Euracademy 13th Summer Academy, July 2014.





- Church funded mainly
- Follows the church's spatial structure
- Social profile, charity work
- Main focus: Employment of mentally disabled people
- Combination of paid and voluntary work
- Also in other countries (Slovenia, Poland, Greece, ...)



Szombathely

"Saint Miklos"
Herbal House,
Ölbő

"Saint Pal" Social
Centre,
Kemenespálfa

"Lavander house",
Vásárosmiske

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House,
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- Grow herbs and make products out of them – sold in the Tea House in Szombathely
- The income from the products goes to charity in the community
- 4 full-time workers employed by the Caritas, and 12 trained volunteers (2-3 days a week)
- Combination of paid and voluntary work
- Employ disabled people
- Supporting self-sufficiency

• **Volunteers engaged**





KEMENESPÁLFI BONYHÁZMEGYEI KARITÁSZ
SZENT PÁL
SZOCIÁLIS KÖZPONT



“Saint Pal” Social
Employing
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• Is it voluntary work?

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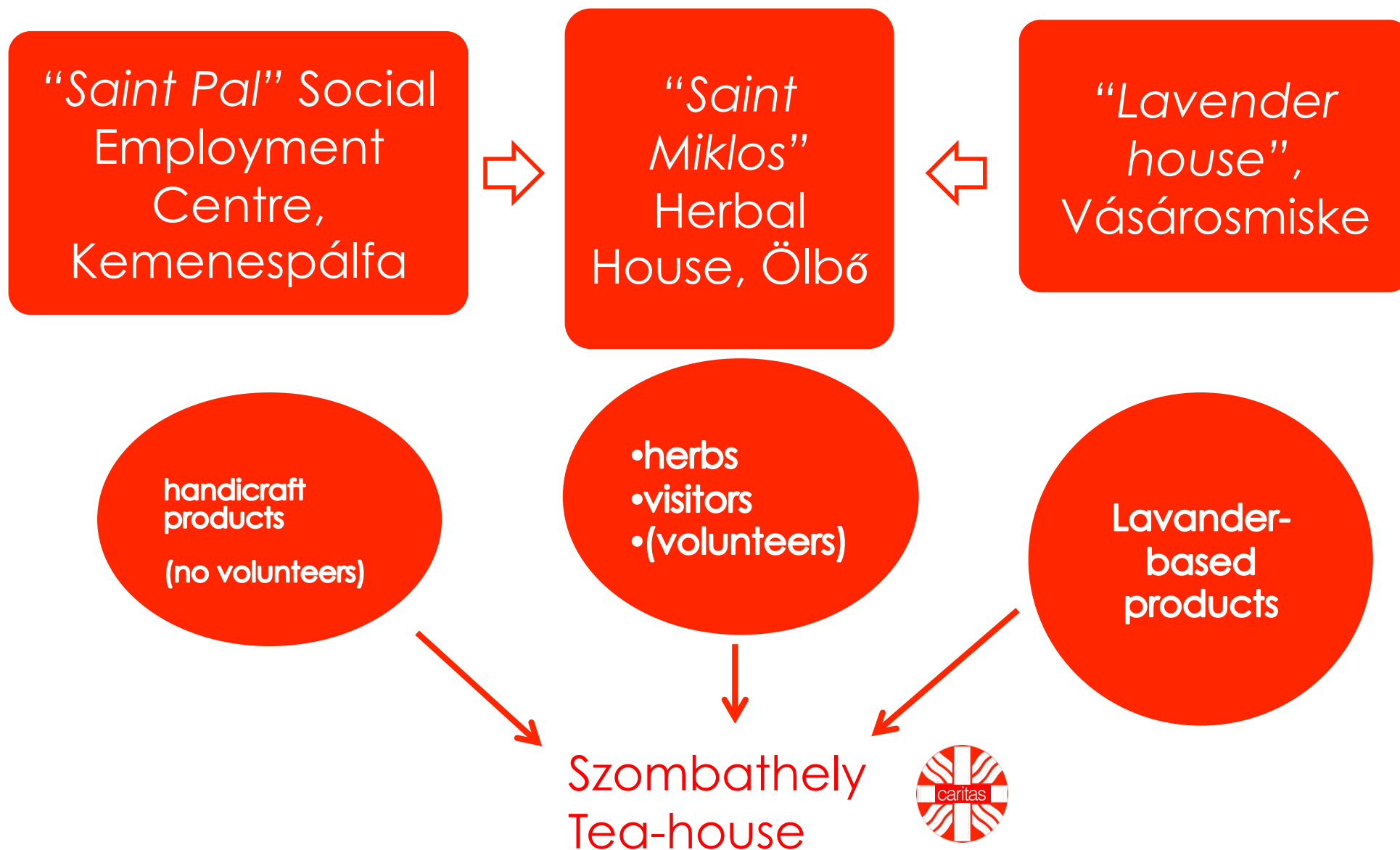
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- Grow lavender and make products out of them – sold in the Tea House in Szombathely
- PC-parts recycling – paid work for disabled people
- Handicraft production
- **Volunteers engaged**

Production - Employment Activities



Retail - Promotion Activity

What can be done more?

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Proposals

Open garden days – invite visitors in
train gardening seminars, other
educational activities

Innovation days – invite experts and
local players to come up with ideas
about further development and
other activities.

Recipe book – use of herbs

Alternative health services

Phytotherapy activities – Offer
services and promote their products

Water-therapy services





Alternative therapy activities

Invite volunteers to engage the disabled people in new ways of therapy, activities (dancing, singing, etc.)

Invite youth organisations to perform – teach – engage the disabled people

Introducing pet therapy

Exchange of experience among the Caritas staff engaged in different activities

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- Invite students and young people to come up with innovative ideas on lavender products
- Season-specific activities

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*General
proposals*

- Develop the IT skills of disabled people.
 - Students and young people as volunteers?
- Improve promotion and dissemination – Volunteers?
- Create a website