

Through ongoing employee volunteerism, clothing donations and philanthropic grantmaking, Levi Strauss & Co. (led by the team in Europe) has been addressing the refugee crisis by supporting local nonprofit organizations doing important work to bring awareness to this issue since end of 2016. Since its creation in 2001, the Porto Alegre Social Cooperative in Rovigo, Italy, has operated in several areas of the local welfare system, offering care and services to some of the most vulnerable people in society—the homeless, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and migrants and refugees. As part of the cooperative's work to provide professional training, the Porto Alegre tailoring and dressmaking workshop was created in 2017. By making clothes and other items from recycled and repurposed fabrics the cooperative's clients are able to gain work experience, while creating high-quality, handmade products. Levi Strauss & Co. is proud to support Porto Alegre's work to help migrants and refugees from all over the world integrate into Italian society. Through the partnership, many have gained practical skills through their work making one-of-a-kind denim bags, accessories, pillows and cushions from recycled and repurposed Levi's® jeans.

Link to the Cooperative's website: <https://portoalegrerovigo.com/> (only in Italian)

