



Joy despite difficulty

Vicente is the living example of the fact that, despite disability, one can be happy and make others happy too. After several operations he ended up wheel-chair bound, a fact that hasn't stopped him from enjoying an active life-style. A user of the home-assistance service in Jaén, managed by Clece, Vicente lives alone and has been through very hard times. "For me home assistance is everything, it is the greatest miracle to happen in my life", he emotionally assures. Yet in spite of his difficulties, Vicente is full of optimism and does not hesitate to take part in leisure activities and what's more, he makes an effort to help others.

It was in this way that he had the idea to get together with other people benefiting from the home-assistance service in his town of Jaén, and create what they themselves call, playfully, "The maimed club". All of them have some form of disability and nevertheless wish to continue enjoying what life has to offer them. They meet every morning in their village park and get away from what can be a tough routine for them. "We are always having a laugh, when we get together we leave all our grievances behind under the bed", explains Vicente with a smile. For all of them, their membership in the group has given them back the desire to fight, giving them joy in their daily life.