

The commitment of the Francesca Rava Foundation - N.P.H. Italy for children in need

The Francesca Rava Foundation was born in 2000 as the outcome of the proof of faith and love left by Francesca in her short but intense life and it aims at perpetuating the tender look with which she loved to turn to the poorest, the neediest and the youngest. *"Francesca worked extremely hard in KPMG, but every year, without fail, she found time to help others. I feel I have inherited her energy, her love for children has become mine"*, explains Mariavittoria Rava, Chairman of the Foundation.

The Foundation helps children in need in Italy and across the world by child sponsorship, fundraising projects, activities raising awareness of children's rights and volunteering programs. It is the Italian representative of N.P.H. - Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our little Brothers and Sisters), an international charitable organization that has been saving orphans and abandoned children in Latin America since 1954. The Foundation also represents in Italy the St. Luc Foundation of Haiti.

In **Italy** the Foundation is active with volunteers providing medical rescue aid to refugees, particularly to children and to pregnant women, on board of the Italian Navy; it helps families and youngsters who cannot afford adequate health services through the "In farmacia per i bambini" initiative; in collaboration with KPMG, it fights against the abandonment of infants with the "Ninna Ho" project (www.ninnaho.org); it is also rebuilding schools for the children of Central Italy affected by the earthquake and, to date, it has already delivered 6.

The principles of our work. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization recognized by the Italian State, it believes in the value of the efficient use of resources (<5% of expenditures) and in the value of transparency: its financial statements are audited and its accounting process is analytical. The Foundation is independent of any political or religious party, and it counts on the help of private donors and firms and on qualified volunteers who donate their time and their professionalism. The fundraising activities target well-defined projects with clearly stated objectives and the Foundation is committed to realize them in the short-term to the children's benefit and respecting donors.

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