



Charity projects 2015

Once again, we offered special registrations at an increased price, the difference of which has gone to three associations:

- the **Südtiroler Sporthilfe** (www.sporthilfe.it) which supports real sporting talents, young people who can not afford to finance their competitions;
- the Association of Groups of Belluno "**Insieme si può**" ("Together we can") a non-profit making organization NPA/NGO (www.365giorni.org) which supported the projects described below in the sector of professional training in Kampala (Uganda);
- the Association "**Alex Zanardi BIMBINGAMBA**" non-profit making organization NPA (www.bimbingamba.com) which makes artificial limbs for children who have undergone amputations and do not have access to proper health care.

Professional training in Kampala (Uganda)

The charity project proposed for 2015 by the **Association of Groups "Insieme si può" NPA/NGO** (www.365giorni.org) is linked to professional training in Uganda. The Ugandan boys and girls who have benefited from this project come from very difficult social and financial backgrounds.

What has been done for them and with them thanks to this project?

They have attended theoretical and practical workshops held by highly qualified staff – from hairdressers to beauticians, professional photographers to digital editors, fashion and design experts – who have taught them tricks of the trade to be used not only in businesses and companies, but also in their local context. 90 young people took part in these schemes, while another 74 participated in courses and workshops for the development of their own vocational training (mechanics, carpentry, welding, woodworking, building and tailoring) and carried out apprenticeships or work schemes in companies.

We have chosen the stories of two girls, Rose Mary and Lydia, to tell you how their lives and those of their families can change for the better – and for good.

Rose Mary is 20 years old. She is an orphan and lives with her 4 younger siblings and sick grandmother. The family would be destitute now, if Rose Mary had not been given the opportunity to attend the tailoring course in which she showcased excellent skills and great dedication. She now works in a company and can afford treatment for her grandmother, rent and food for her family, and the school fees for one of her sisters. She also manages to put aside a little money every month in order to purchase a sewing machine and, hopefully one day, set up her own company.

Lydia is 21 years old. She is an orphan and comes from a very poor family, but was able to attend the hair-dressing course and did an apprenticeship in a beauty salon which then employed her. With the money she earns, Lydia can support herself and pay for her brother to attend school and also pay for his books. She has already managed to purchase the tools of her trade and will set up her own business in June this year.

Thank you on behalf of all these young people, because their present and their future now paint a very different picture.

The Association “**Alex Zanardi BIMBINGAMBA**” non-profit making organization NPA (www.bimbingamba.com) makes artificial limbs for children who have undergone amputations and do not have access to proper health care. These children come from all over the world and have lost one or more limbs as a result of accidents, illness or injuries from explosives or firearms in war zones.

BIMBINGAMBA Association operates thanks to R.T.M. Ortopedia and Centro di Riabilitazione Casalino, the close collaboration of Dr. Claudio Costa’s Clinica Mobile nel Mondo, the physiotherapist Claudio Panizzi and Studio Ferri & Associati di Bologna.

Throughout their stay in Italy the children also receive logistical assistance. So far more than 100 child amputees have been treated.

The Association is also actively involved in the BIMBINGAMBA – Sport project, designed to get children with amputations or spinal injuries into the sport of handbike.

Furthermore the Maratona dles Dolomites-Enel started a charity collaboration with **Action Medical Research**, an UK-wide **charity funding vital research to help sick and disabled babies and children**. They have been funding medical breakthroughs since they began in 1952 and almost everyone has been touched in some way by their ground breaking work like the first polio vaccines in the UK, ultrasound in pregnancy and the rubella vaccine. **The research they have funded has helped save thousands of children’s lives and changed many more.**

Every pound raised has helped fund studies that could one day help children like Monroe, who at one week old lost his battle against the serious bowel condition, necrotising enterocolitis, Iona, who at five was diagnosed with brain cancer and little Joshua who had a rare and incurable condition, Jeune syndrome, and needed a ventilator to help him breathe.