



# Charity projects 2016

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](http://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](http://www.365giorni.org)) which supports the project described below related to disability in Uganda;
- the Association "**Alex Zanardi BIMBINGAMBA**" non-profit making organization NPA ([www.bimbingamba.com](http://www.bimbingamba.com)) which makes artificial limbs for children who have undergone amputations and do not have access to proper health care.

## **Disability is not synonymous with inability!**

### **Physiotherapy, corrective surgery, wheelchairs, treatments, food, school, work and social inclusion for disabled Ugandan children and teens**

The 2016 solidarity project of the Association of Groups "Insieme si può" ("Together we can") a non-profit making organization NPA/NGO ([www.365giorni.org](http://www.365giorni.org)) was connected to **people with disabilities in Uganda**, one of the poorest countries in the world, where cases of physical impairment are high (according to official estimates approximately 10% of the population). A better access to medical treatment, rehabilitation, food and education, particularly to children and teenagers was provided. We supported young people, ensured they receive vocational training, assisted them in finding a job, ensured they have access to social services and were included and could participate in family and community life:

- We have covered the expenses of corrective surgery for 25 children and teenagers with disabilities.
- We have purchased 20 tricycles and wheelchairs to aid 20 people with disabilities.
- We have purchased and delivered machinery for rehabilitation therapy and pay for the therapeutic recovery of 15 children and teens.
- We have payed for the training, monitoring and support in the work market for 8 young people with disabilities.
- We have supported 5 families with disabled relatives who need regular medical treatment and rehabilitation therapy to find jobs which generate income and make them self-sufficient.
- In the Kireka centre, will have refurbished the kitchen, creating a clean and fully accessible space for the 72 children with disabilities housed there.
- We have covered the costs of essential pharmaceuticals (particularly for epilepsy and mental health issues) for the young guests of the Kireka centre for a whole year and part of the annual overhead costs (support staff and foodstuff) for the Kiwanga reception centre for a total of 87 beneficiaries.
- We have purchased the material required to make 40 pairs of orthopedic shoes and 60 sets of crutches that will be manufactured at the centre for the guests of the Mubende Rehabilitation Centre.

This project was carried out by "Insieme si può" in collaboration with the Ugandan organisation ISP Uganda which has been committed with great transparency and enthusiasm over the

course of the years to improving the quality of life of the weaker members of society. Disability is not synonymous with inability. These children and teens will make their first physical and symbolic steps towards inclusion and dignity with freedom and a renewed sense of hope. They will embark on tiny yet impressive journeys which until now they believed to be impossible.

The Association “**Alex Zanardi BIMBINGAMBA**” non-profit making organization NPA ([www.bimbingamba.com](http://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.