

## **THE DAVIDE CIAVATTINI Association**

*For the treatment of children's tumours and leukaemia – ONLUS Non-profit*

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### ***Brief Association Background***

The Association was first put together by a group of parents, volunteers and health workers who felt the need to directly intervene and pledge their support to the public system and promote initiatives not covered by current health services in order to better serve the suffering children who struggle for life. It is an ONLUS (non-profit) organisation operating chiefly in the Haematology Unit at Rome's *Bambino Gesù* (baby Jesus) Paediatric Hospital which cares for and attends to children afflicted by leukaemia and other haematological diseases.

### ***Rules and Regulations***

The association's activities are governed by a statute in line with the legal provisions for ONLUS non-profit organisations. The bodies of the association are as follows:

The General Assembly of Members

The Directive Committee

The Scientific Committee

The internal structure of the association is organised the following way:

President: Giulio De Rossi

Vice President: Alessandro Pinci

Legal Counsel: Romano Longari - Lorenzo de Rossi

Treasurer: Luigi Ciavattini

Advisor assigned to secretary and to member relations: Annamaria Ardini  
Advisors assigned to family assistance and lodging: Italo Ciaralli - Francesca Rebecchini  
Advisor assigned to young patients and their families: Mario Filipponio  
Advisors assigned to public demonstrations: Anne Frédérique Lancelot - Grazia Piccinelli  
Advisor assigned to public relations: Sveva Serafini  
Scientific Committee: Prof. Giulio De Rossi  
Dott. Maurizio Caniglia  
Prof. Giancarlo Isacchi  
Dott. Alessandra Lombardi  
Dott. Ippolita Rana

### *Goals and Objectives*

As a non-profit ONLUS, the main objective of the association is not financial gain, but one that rather concerns social, scientific and cultural research, striving to join and reunite those who dedicate themselves, prevalently or exclusively, to the cure of leukaemia and other haematological diseases. More in detail, the association:

- promotes care, social assistance and psychological treatment for diseased children, as well as for their families, both during and after their admission to the hospital;
- supports research and surgery in the area of haematological diseases and infantile tumours;
- solicits competent agencies to lend their maximum support to the harsh reality of the above-mentioned types of diseases;
- carries out informative initiatives which divulgate the purpose of the association in order to awaken public opinion;
- promotes, also through other organisations, activities that aim to satisfy specific needs that arise while also adapting itself according to its supporters' specific area of activity;
- carries out surveys, supplies and expands upon the correspondent information, and keeps a constant update on topics of common interest which often promote and engender research and collaboration;
- promotes scientific integration and organising between personnel of various specialties (both inside and outside the medical field), and encourages the exchange of international therapeutic protocols;
- searches for new ways to intervene in the scholastic and recreational activities of children who are hospitalised;
- tailors all activities, **to the full extent possible, to accommodate total living assistance** promotes the purchase of scientific and diagnostic apparatuses, as well as the improvement of facilities designed to accommodate parents and children.

It should be noted that funds, contributions, donations and gifts from private citizens - from the state and from other public and private entities - are ultimately used to carry out social initiatives.

### *Activities*

- In 1998 the association contributed to the restructuring of the Bambino Gesù (Baby Jesus) Hospital Division of Haematology in order to make it more comfortable and functional.
- The association has since taken up locations in certain Rome apartments in order to assist non-resident families of diseased children who need the care of a nearby hospital.
- The association now has its own newsletter, done in collaboration with children and teachers, which showcases some of the ward's events, along with some of the association's various activities.
- The association sensitises public opinion by organising rallies and campaigns in order to collect the funds necessary to support its aims and activities.
- The association has established centres dedicated especially to haematological assistance and pain therapy.
- Family assistance-related activities are carried out with the constant help and participation of voluntary hospital representatives.

With the help of its volunteers, the association maintains a laboratory dedicated to the activities of the disabled along with their families, near the motor neuro-rehabilitation ward of the Bambino Gesù (Baby Jesus) Hospital in Palidoro.

### *Projects:*

The association has for some time dedicated itself to solving the housing problems faced by Rome's non-resident families who accompany young patients during their admittance to the Bambino Gesù Paediatric Hospital. Through sensitisation campaigns, funds are collected to establish comfortable lodgings for the families of diseased children. The association intends to eventually setup living assistance for its beneficiaries- especially for those who suffer from serious terminal conditions. The association strives to contribute its efforts to the summer residence of children undergoing therapy and their families, and to further participate in the steady **recreational assistance** of children admitted to the Hospital.

### *Referral Doctors*

Prof. Giulio De Rossi  
Dott. Carlo Baronci Dott.  
Maurizio Caviglia D.ssa Roberta  
Caruso D.ssa Alessandra  
Lombardi Dott. Matteo Luciani  
Dott. Crescenzo Mano D.ssa  
Rita Maria Pinto D.ssa  
Ippolita Rana  
D.ssa Livia Angiolini Russo