

## **“I BAMBINI DELLE FATE” PROGRAM**

### **- “Officina in Blu” PROJECT -**

Rialti S.p.A., pursuing its interest in undertaking a path into the field of Corporate Social Responsibility, has become since June 2019 official promoter of one of the projects carried out by “I Bambini delle Fate” taking place in the Varese province.

In particular Rialti is supporting a project called “Officina in blu”, in collaboration with the “Associazione Officina”, located in the Varese province.

The social enterprise “I Bambini delle Fate” arises from the story of an entrepreneur, Franco, and his autistic son, Andrea. ‘The Autism brook into Franco and Andrea Antonello’s lives some years ago, through the words of a medic, when Andrea was two and a half years old. The diagnosis: Autism. The family was shook by an earthquake, says Franco. An earthquake which is not temporary but lasts during our and our sons entire lives, even after us. The shock is great and life starts to change, taking a different path, opening new scenarios and perspectives which were completely unknown before. Franco begins to realize the extent of the so-called “Social Universe” and the related problems and weak points, trying to explore new possibilities and solutions. He, being an entrepreneur since always, can’t accept that this reality is forced to rely on other’s charity or on spot contributions, which cannot guarantee a suitable and stable support to whom in need. He has an idea: to combine the entrepreneurial and the social realities to pursue three main objectives: to support the integration of autistic people, to sustain their families through on-field projects and to organise fundraisings to collect the money needed in order to run integration projects. From this idea the foundation “I Bambini delle Fate” was created in 2005 in Castelfranco Veneto. The foundation is now supporting 44 associations, institutions and hospitals in 12 different regions: Veneto, Trentino Alto Adige, Lombardia, Piemonte, Emilia Romagna, Toscana, Abruzzo, Lazio Puglia e Sicilia.’

The project specifically interesting the province of Varese consists in the institution of a synergic net among realities existing on the field, with the aim of exchanging knowledge and competences, developing and reinforcing existing services and promoting new ones in favour of children and kids affected by the Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.

It is with great pleasure and esteem towards the work performed by this association that we kindly invite you to take a look to the annex and to the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVG-LXs0nkw>