



**Andrea Bocelli Foundation and Francesca Rava Foundation - NPH Italy Onlus between Haiti and Emilia, for children affected by the earthquake In Lajatico at the Theatre of Silence fundraising for a center for disabled children in the province of Modena**

During the two evenings of July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Lajatico, the Andrea Bocelli Foundation has decided to support the projects of the Francesca Rava Foundation - NPH Italy Onlus in aid of the population affected by the earthquake in Emilia, in particular the construction of two houses at the Centro Lucciola Stuffione of Roverino in the province of Modena, which offers treatment and assistance to some 30 children with multiple disabilities, now forced to carry out their activities under the tents. The project is urgent, the 2 wooden houses of about 100 square meters, are part of a complex of three, to be completed in Autumn to accommodate the activities before the arrival of cold.

Andrea Bocelli and Veronica Berti have long supported the activities of the Francesca Rava Foundation - NPH Italy Onlus in particular in the fourth world country of Haiti, where Father Rick Frechette has been working, at the fore front, for twenty five years as director of NPH projects on the island.

In particular Andrea sang for the Francesca Rava Foundation in Ancona in 2008 for the realization of the Casa dei Piccoli Angeli, the first rehabilitation center for disabled children in the country; in 2010 he sang in the Duomo of Milan for the construction of the new NPH House for children orphaned or in desperate need because of the terrible earthquake of two years ago, during which the timely intervention of Andrea and Veronica made it possible to take immediately medicines, equipment and food to the NPH Saint Damien Pediatric Hospital, for days the only one operating on the island.

Andrea wanted to meet the children of the NPH orphanage House Dominican Republic (many children of illegal immigrants from neighboring Haiti) and made them go up with him on stage to raise awareness of the work of NPH.

The new Andrea Bocelli Foundation has decided to continue its support, through the Francesca Rava Foundation, to the work of Father Rick, as part of the commitment of its program "Break the Barriers", fight against poverty.

In Lajatico there will be volunteers from the Francesca Rava Foundation - NPH Italy Onlus that alongside ABF volunteers will answer questions of interested parties and collect the contributions of those who want to help with Andrea, the children of Emilia.

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Donations can be made directly to the volunteers or on the accounts of the respective foundations.

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