



THE CELEBRITIES IN FLORENCE FOR THE ANDREA BOCELLI FOUNDATION

*Thanks to Celebrity Fight Night in Italy
ABF is launching a major new project in Haiti: "3.COM"*

The Andrea Bocelli Foundation along with the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Centre is the beneficiary of the first all-Italian edition of Celebrity Fight Night.

The foundation, created by the most famous tenor in the world, has chosen to devote to Haiti, and in particular to a new project, the proceeds of the event in Tuscany. Thanks to this further challenge will bring concrete help (more urgent than ever) aiming at giving a chance for redemption to hundreds of Haitian families.

The challenging fundraising that in these days has captured the international spotlights, will give shape to the ABF project named 3.COM, addressed to the Haitian territory: a Fourth World Country, where unfortunately, still, one child in two dies before the age of five, for elsewhere easily treatable diseases and malnutrition and where one out of two, has no access to educational facilities.

As a part of the intervention program "Break the Barriers", ABF is carrying out in the Caribbean Island, activities aimed at the **empowerment of people and communities**. At present the Foundation is transforming the three "street" schools of the Communities of Abricot, Croix des Bouquet and Kenscoff in really functional and safe structures.

With 3.COM the Foundation will take a step further, from the school towards the Community trying to meet their primary needs like **water, light, agricultural development and a roof for the poorest families**.

«3.COM marks for ABF an important step, both in terms of financial commitment and perhaps – most of all – in terms of moral commitment, with respect to the three communities that we are getting to know through our fieldwork, appreciating their strength and their incredible human capital » – underlines the President Laura Biancalani-. "When we started to work with the "Fondation St. Luc", an Institution working exclusively with Haitian staff, we had that goal, we hoped exactly to respond to real needs and to open a direct and constructive dialogue at the side of our partner".

Thanks therefore to 3.COM, developed in partnership with the *Fondation St. Luc* (represented in Italy by the *Fondazione Francesca Rava – NPH Italia Onlus*), the *Andrea Bocelli Foundation* wants to have a significant and lasting impact on the lives of the three

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communities.

This intervention model, inspired by the idea of Giorgio La Pira, of a city as a common house, where all the elements composing it are organically linked, wants to be a replicable model. A model where, starting from the school, people can find a stable, and significant point of reference for the development of the entire community.

THE PROJECT 3.COM IN NUMBERS

Thanks to the 3.COM project the schools and the relevant communities will benefit of:

Water wells or water towers and filtration systems that can provide clean drinking water to 10,000 people per day.

*Eco-sustainable solar **panels** for electricity production, and light, during night, to reinforce the idea that the school is a secure community center.*

2 - solar lights for each of the 800 families of our students to allow them to study at home during the hours of darkness

2 - supplies of fertilizer to each family helping them to improve, through adequate training, their agricultural capabilities and farming techniques, with the goal of increasing their knowhow and their income and resources.

Emergency grant of \$500 U.S. to each family of the relevant students of our three schools for the refurbishing of their houses and to provide them a more dignified living standard.

Local communities will be fully involved not only in the improvement of the buildings but also in their management through special committees; this will give:

- work to 113 people

- the involvement of 800 families of the three communities, especially the poorest ones, unable to support their children, in the study.

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