



**Celebrations for the 10th anniversary of the Andrea Bocelli Foundation
come to a close held between Washington and New York
alongside our founder Andrea Bocelli**

*Meetings and initiatives to relive together the main projects and achievements of this
first decade with our mission of “empowering people and communities”*

The Andrea Bocelli Foundation (ABF) – strongly desired by the tenor and his family – will bring the celebrations, held between Washington and New York, to a close for its first 10 years of activity and more than 35 projects carried out in recent years, for people and communities in Italy and around the world.

Meetings and sharing opportunities were organized by the team with the objective of reaching out to the many friends, donors and volunteers who have helped us achieve our mission over the years.

The morning of December 14 marked an important milestone at the NASDAQ: this represents the return of ABF, after the prestigious “*Ringing the bell*” moment in 2017 in which our founder was the first Italian to have the honor of attending the opening of the markets and ringing the bell to mark the start of trading. This year, evocative images of ABF’s many projects, carried out in Italy and Haiti, were also broadcast for the entire day on the mega-screen that covers the facade of NASDAQ in Times Square.

“We celebrate this bridge between Italy and the United States, which is becoming increasingly sound and industrious, and which joins us in a symbolic embrace, in the name of solidarity,” said Chairman Stefano Aversa: *“It is a virtuous and prolific relationship, the one that connects ABF with the American people. This uniting of forces has helped the foundation grow considerably, with many accomplished projects at its back and over 43 million euros raised in these years, which will be used make the world a better place”*.

Maestro Andrea Bocelli stressed that *“topping off the celebrations for ABF’s anniversary in the United States proliferates the enthusiasm and the commitment to do better and better”*. Because – as our founder again reiterated – *“together we can always do more, continuing to engender trust, documenting achievements and nurturing that precious heritage of relationships that grows exponentially over time”*.

The Andrea Bocelli Foundation has funded the construction of 9 schools in Italy and Haiti, allowing over 3,500 students to gain access to education. It provides daily access to clean water to over 400,000 people and basic medical care in 5 of Haiti’s poorest and most remote communities.

ABF implements and promotes educational projects that use music as a further element for social inclusion and talent enhancement, in line with Goal 4.7 of the United Nations Agenda 2030, including through the innovative “Digital LAB” project that implements new technologies for education to support ABF schools and hospital schools.



Recently, the socio-educational-cultural project, the “ABF GlobaLAB”, was inaugurated: within some of the spaces of our headquarters in Florence, at the Complex of San Firenze, the foundation has created a vocational center, setting up workshops and moments for exchange for young people up to 25 years old, with international names from the world of business, entertainment, culture. On another front, in the center of Italy most affected by the 2016 earthquake, ABF has accepted a new challenge: after building three important schools in the Marche region, it is in fact taking on the role of project manager in the construction of a school project in San Ginesio, thus donating the technical project, as well as guiding the construction of the structure.