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FOR BEING A GOOD VOLUNTEER YOU NEED TO BE COMPROMISED, FLEXIBLE AND CAPABLE TO FACE THE DIFFERENT CHALLENGES YOU WILL FACE DURING YOUR EXPERIENCE.

SOME BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE: OPEN MINDEDNESS, SENSITIVITY, ATTITUDE TO COOPERATE, WILLINGNESS TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED, TOLERANCE AND STRONG MOTIVATION.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY THROUGH VOLUNTEERING IS A WAY TO PROVIDE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND TO GIVE TO YOURSELF A UNIQUE CHANCE OF SELF GROWTH.

ITALY MIGHT BE THE RIGHT PLACE TO ENGAGE YOURSELF IN AN IMPORTANT AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE OF YOUR LIFE.

AFSAI PLACEMENTS

Herein you can find a description of all AFSAI available hosting placements.

IMPORTANT

The descriptions provided give an overview of the activities held in each project and of those proposed to the volunteers. Please take into account that your choices will be only an indication and that changes might occur regarding the activities held in each project, since they are based on the needs of the people they work for. For Hosting placements available for different projects please contact us to get more details.

WHAT AFSAI OFFERS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

During the whole period of the voluntary service in Italy, AFSAI will support the volunteer through the National Co-ordination Office settled in Rome.

In particular it will:

- Guarantee regular contacts with the volunteers and their tutor (phone calls, mails...);
- Organize a welcome meeting (for long term volunteers);
- Visit volunteers at their hosting projects (meeting with the volunteers and the tutors);
- Intervene and support in case of problems;
- Organize a final evaluation moment;
- Provide technical information.

Available placements:

N.	PLACEMENTS	Available from	TARGET	GENDER	LOCATION
1	A.N.Fa.Mi.V.	January 2015	Disabled	F/M	Udine
2	APE Crocevia Dei Popoli	May 2015	Youth & Kids	F	Piombino (LI)
3	ASILO VALDESE	July 2015	Elderly	F/M	Luserna San Giovanni (TO)
4	ASSOCIAZIONE INSIEME SI PUO'	July 2015	Disabled	F/M	Reana Del Rojale (UD)
5	COOP.SOC.VILLA MARIA	July 2015	Disabled	F/M	Calliano or Rovereto (TN)
6	GRUPPO SENSIBILIZZAZIONE HANDICAP - GSH	May 2015	Disabled	F/M	Clés (TN)
7	RIFUGIO RE CARLO ALBERTO	April 2015	Elderly	F/M	Luserna San Giovanni (TO)
8	CSD – Asilo dei Vecchi	March 2015	Disabled/ Elderly	F/M	San Germano (TN)
9	VILLAGGIO SOS MOROSOLO	March 2015	Youth & Kids	F/M	Casciago (VA)
10	VILLA VILLACOLLE	March 2015	Kids & Family	F/M	Campore di Maissana (SP)

City	Udine		
Region	Friuli Venezia Giulia	Country	Italy

CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR

Family name (Mr/Ms)	Calligaris	First name	Edda
Position/function	Director		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A.N.Fa.Mi.V has been founded in 1984 as the Association of the Families of Minors with visual problems. Since 2008 it has become the National Association of Visual Impaired. The Association was created with the aim to support families who have children with visual problems, in order to help them in their education and self development. Nowadays the Association supports not only the families but also young and adult blind people.

A.N.Fa.Mi.V is settled in Udine, in the region of Friuli – Venezia Giulia, in North-East of Italy. The city has got 100.000 inhabitants and it is surrounded by hills and mountains, 120 metres above sea level. The beaches of the Adriatic Sea are just 40 km far.

Udine has some coffee shops, bars, shops. A bit outside, there are some clubs. During the summer, some festivals are organized in the villages around Udine.

Italy's northeastern corner is barely mentioned in most guidebooks and rarely visited even by Italians, however *Friuli-Venezia Giulia* is one of Italy's most versatile regions. You can find snow-capped mountains, warm sandy beaches, lagoons teeming with water birds, remote alpine hamlets, Roman ruins, palatial country villas, rocky coastal cliffs.

In A.N.Fa.Mi.V the volunteers will be involved in different kind of services offered by the organization:

- **Support for the families** of visually disabled people, also people with multi-disabilities (which can include mental ones), under and over 18 years of age;
- **“Centro Didattico Pre-Professionale”** for youth and/or adults with multi-disabilities (that could be mental too). It is a laboratory where the users can practice their skills, learn new ones, and feel a part of the working society;
- **“Centro di Sostegno Parascolastico”** where students are helped with their homework, plus any rehabilitation support is offered in order to let the young move towards an higher grade of independence;
- **Educazione della manualità**: domestic economy; manual work;
- **“Tempo Libero” (Free Time)**: sport activities with no competitiveness, as swimming, bicycle, ski touring, guided tours, music;
- **Training Activities for teachers, social workers and families**: courses on special topics concerning blindness and disabilities, especially the Braille (in writing and in reading), Orienteering,
- **Mobility and Practical Life**:
- Different activities on Sundays, visits to certain cities, manual works. Each one of the hosts has a specific program for him/herself to his particular needs.

A.N.Fa.Mi.V usually asks the volunteer to co-operate in the “Centro Didattico” and in the “Laboratorio Protetto” in order to support, together with the professional staff, the disabled people. During the time when the school holidays are, the trainee is asked to help out in the residential and supporting activities, mainly as a helper either in the community or rehabilitation activities.

Activities, either at the **“Centro Didattico PreProfessionale”** and at the **“Laboratorio protetto”**, start at 9.00h am with the pickup of the disabled from their homes, or from the bus or rail station, and finish at about 5.00h pm. when the disabled are taken back home. Lunch and recreation time is included. The volunteer helps the guests, according to their own needs. Support is alternatively offered to all the guests, in order to not create a dependence between the volunteer and one particular host, which could make the departure of the volunteer more painful for both of them. The **“Centro di Sostegno Parascolastico”** works mainly in the afternoon, often the volunteer helps the disabled as a support for their homework.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Volunteers will be hosted in a family, in a single or double room; as for the residential and the summer activities for short period of time, the accommodation will depend on the structure where those activities will be held. The accommodation in this case will be the same as the social workers and other volunteers.

2. “A.P.E. Crocevia dei Popoli” Association

City	Piombino 57025		
Region	Tuscany	Country	Italy

CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR

Family name (Mr/Ms)	Mr. Ridi	First name	Leonello
Position/function	Director		

Project Description

This project is available from 3 to 12 months for maximum 2 volunteers (preferable girls, but this is not compulsory).

A.P.E.-Crocevia dei Popoli (Association to Educate- Encounters of peoples)- is a volunteering association inscribed in the Register of Volunteering Organizations of Tuscany since 1992.

The association is based in a House called “**House Crocevia dei Popoli**”, that used to be an elementary school belonging to the Diocesan Caritas. The organization is located in Località Fiorentina, 5 kms far from the centre of the city of Piombino.

Piombino is an Italian town and “*comune*” of nearly 35,000 inhabitants in the province of Livorno (Tuscany). It lies on the border between the Ligurian Sea and the Tyrrhenian Sea, in front of Elba Island and at the Northern side of Maremma.

Piombino has schools, gymnasia (middle schools), lyceums (high schools), churches, banks, parks and squares. In the locality of Punta Falcone is an astronomical observatory, created in 1976.

Currently the **House Crocevia dei Popoli** (open since 1997) is both the base of APE - Crocevia dei Popoli Association and the Diocesan Caritas. (a Catholic organization promoting peace, development and Justice). Caritas as well as Crocevia Dei Popoli Association, **aim to make a difference in the lives of people living with poverty or injustice.** The House Crocevia dei Popoli is a Hosting house for disadvantaged people and a Centre of Education to Peace, Mondiality, Multiculturalism and New Lifestyles.

The House is administrated by the President of APE Crocevia dei Popoli (who currently is also the Director of the Caritas in Piombino) in cooperation with a Secretary and other local volunteers involved in all other local projects. The President of APE lives in the house with his family sharing living rooms and kitchen with the hosts of the House and the foreign volunteers.

ACTIVITIES

The volunteers will implement their service in **A.P.E.-Crocevia dei Popoli**.

Currently APE-Crocevia dei Popoli's main activities are run in close cooperation with the Diocesan Caritas. The most important activities we carry out are:

- ✓ **Education in schools (October-June).** We believe that education helps student develop their ability to continue learning about and applying principles for justice and peace. Our Education staff provide resources and presentations for schools, visit schools, introduce speakers, conduct leadership training days, and encourage action for a fair and just world.

- ✓ **Training of Italian volunteers attending the Regional and National Civil Service** for our organization and for the municipality of Piombino:
- ✓ **Training of social workers and volunteers** of Caritas and of Catholic civic pastoral;
- ✓ **We act also as the operating centre for the GREM** (Regional Group for Education for Multiculturalism and New Lifestyles)
- ✓ Sometimes we **host** single mothers with their kids and/or families with social or economical problems. In the past we have also hosted young women victims of the human trafficking phenomena;
- ✓ We also support Caritas in social and educational projects carried in the local prisons.

Currently our organization can host **2 volunteers** at the same time who will be involved in the following activities

- 1) **Educational activities** in elementary and middle schools (students from 6 up to 14 years old) only from October till June. The education activities will be focused on several topics such as: Citizenship, Immigration, Peace, Respect for “The Other”, Environment protection ect...
- 2) **Organization of Youth leisure activities** for local youngsters of the city of Piombino or other close cities;
- 3) **Listening Centre** for disadvantaged people (homeless, families with economic problems, youngsters coming for difficult urban areas or with difficult familiar background);
- 4) Dresses and food distribution to poor families or homeless people;
- 5) Any kind of Support activities for disadvantaged people;
- 6) Joint activities with the Municipality of Piombino for youth activities organized by local volunteers.

The volunteers will have the chance of being involved in some or all the mentioned activities, depending on the time of the year they arrive and their interests and personal attitudes. We will welcome also the volunteers’ own initiatives. Therefore if by any chance there will be volunteers who have any ideas for new activities we will try to give them the chances and the resources to implement them.

The association APE Crocevia Dei Popoli, in close cooperation with the Caritas, have worked together for many years hosting foreign volunteers. We have also worked with the European Voluntary Service programme (EVS by hosting volunteers from Germany, Spain, France, Austria, Brasil and Japan.

We believe that the foreign volunteers should be the real protagonists of their service with their doubts and their opinions. We wish they will be open to share their culture in order to establish positive human relationships with all those that they will meet during their experience in Italy.

Volunteers Profile

We would like to host volunteers (preferably girls, but this is not compulsory) who are open-minded, flexible, responsible, who are interested in social and/or education activities and like volunteering with disadvantaged people and like living in a familiar atmosphere.

As stated above, APE-Crocevia dei Popoli works in very close cooperation with the Caritas organization (a Catholic organization), we will not ask volunteers to be catholic or to attend mass for example, but we wish the volunteers would be respectful towards religions in general.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Board and Lodging:

The hosting House, Crocevia dei Popoli, is a nice building surrounded by a wide fenced garden, completely conceived to be used by groups of people The volunteers will share the spaces of the house with the others inhabitants of the house.

The house is structured in this way: on the first floor there are one room for the volunteers, a bathroom, (possibility of a kitchenette), a large living room conceived for meetings and trainings, a small and discreet chapel, a shared kitchen and a laundry. Close to that flat there is another smaller flat who hosts form time to time a disadvantaged family.

On the second floor there is another flat where the President and his family live.

The volunteers will be living in a shared room per 2 people and will have their own bathroom, while the kitchen and the living room will be shared with the other people of the whole building.

The volunteer will be also provided with food: 3 meals per day. Concerning food, the habit of the house is to eat seasonal products when possible, coming from the local territory: vegetables, fruits, fish, cheese ect. Moreover, we like purchasing products of the Fair and Solidarity Trade. .

Concerning the accommodation, the House is fully equipped with sheets, duvet, blankets, towels and there is also a common washing machine.

The volunteers are requested to be responsible to maintain the House clean and to tidy up their own private room. They are also requested to like the communitarian way of life of the House with many shared rooms.

Language course:

According to our experience, we suggest the volunteers to start a short course of Italian before leaving, only if possible. This could be useful for the first period in Italy. Anyway the hosting project considers the possibility to organize some private lessons of Italian, carried out by ex-teachers or friends of the Organization's local staff. In some time of the year, in Piombino a public school organizes language courses for free where, that can be joined also by our foreign volunteers.

Transports:

The House is not in the city centre and it is surrounded by green fields, but Piombino centre is reachable by buses, in about 10 minutes. To reach closer towns places. Volunteers might be provided with a bicycle to go around.

3.**ASILO VALDESE**

City	Luserna San Giovanni (TORINO)		
Region	PIEMONTE	Country	Italy

CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR

Family name (Mr/Ms)	RACCANELLO	First name	PAOLA
Position/function	Tutor		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The organization “**ASILO VALDESE**” is a member of the Valdese Church. It is a no profit organization which takes care of elderly people since more than 100 years. It is located in Luserna San Giovanni, near to Torino city.

Asilo Valdese hosts about 150 persons, 85 of them are no self sufficient. Asilo Valdese is authorized from the local sanitary organization – ASL (local health authority) and collaborates with it for not self –sufficient people’s assistance.

One of our projects’ aim is try to satisfy elders’ needs in the Pinerolo area, through:

- Specialized centers fully equipped for the host of non-sufficient elder people;
- Equipped residences for non-sufficient elder people;
- Social assistance daily center;
- Social canteen for disadvantaged people living in the area near the organization;
- Laundry service for the elder people living in closer villages.

In Asilo Valdese’s structures different persons like doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, animators, kitchen and cleaning staff and administrative staff work together for the implementation of its services.

Asilo often benefits from the presence of some volunteers from local, national and international organizations.

Asilo Valdese is settled in Luserna San Giovanni, A village of 8.000 inhabitants, 462 meters high in the pre-mountain area. The village is settled in Valpellice area, an Alpine Valley in Torino’s province (The Valpelles territory is a pre-alpine and alpine area and its name comes from its river called Pellice)

In this valley which is close to the border of France 25.000 people are living, divided in 9 municipalities. Luserna San Giovanni is 50 km far away from Torino, 17 Km from Pinerolo and 200 Km from Milan.

During the year there are many different cultural events organized in the towns in the valley. Besides the religious aspects in the valley there are many cultural or voluntary associations which regularly propose their activities in the territory. Valpellice is part of the Olympics valleys, where the 2006 Olympic winter Game took place.

Hockey is a very popular sport and the local team plays in the national division. A new Ice hockey stadium was built in 2006 in Torre Pellice and there it is possible to organize sporting activities. Luserna San Giovanni has a modern sport center with swimming pool, gym and tennis courts. In the valley it is possible to do trekking and go for walks. In Torre Pellice there is also a cinema to enjoy leisure time.

Thanks to the international context historically connected with the Protestant reform of the waldensian valley, many visitors from European and non European countries come to visit this territory. This international aspect allows volunteers to achieve a faster adaption and integration in the territory.

The international volunteers presence has always been a very important way to avoid the elderly person social exclusion in their daily lives. This goal is achieved through the creation of individual relation between the volunteers and the hosts, the active collaboration during the recreational activities and an important support for the non self-sufficient people during the meals time.

During the project the volunteers will have the following learning opportunities:

- **Linguistic learning** opportunities through Italian language lessons;
- **Cultural Learning** opportunities through the participation in different cultural events/activities and through visiting different interesting cultural places of Valpellice and Torino areas.
- **Professional** learning opportunities. Inside Asilo the volunteer will be trained by a doctor, a nurse, a physiotherapist and an educator. They will provide volunteers with the necessary information about elderly main problems and he will show them the correct way to work with hosts.

The presence of volunteers will bring to Asilo Valdese's hosts the chance to live a unique intercultural experience. Moreover the new ideas and activities that the volunteer could bring and carry on will improve the quality of the whole Project.

Another important aspect is the mutual enrichment and fruitful exchange coming from the meeting of Asilo's staff with the international volunteers.

Volunteers will support the staff within the following areas: recreational lab, day centre, physiotherapy, basic assistance, as described as follows:

- **Recreational activities** (with social workers' supervision) : cooperation in the management of the group activities like music activities, games, manual labs. During these activities the volunteer can help the hosts to improve their interactive capacities through the development of interpersonal relations. Volunteers will have the possibility to propose new ideas and activities connected with their skills and interest.
- **Physiotherapy** (with the physiotherapists' supervision): collaboration in the organization of the soft gym group activities, help the not self sufficient hosts during the walks and during the soft gym in order to improve their physical skills;
- **Daily centre (with the service managers supervision):** collaboration in the different recreational activities (single or group ones) proposed in the daily centers. Going and come back with the hosts from their house to Asilo Valdese by a bus driven by a social worker.
- **Soft basic assistance** (with the coordinator and the staff supervision). Cooperation during the meals and tea time for non-sufficient hosts. Help the staff in preparing some hosts and order their beds.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The volunteers accommodation is located 800 m far from the centre. The house consist of 2 single bedrooms and 1 double bedroom, 1 bathroom with shower, 1 living room with TV and stereo. There is also a kitchen where the volunteers can cook his/her own food but if they want it is possible to have meals in Asilo as well.

In the house there is a washing machine for the volunteers, clothes but the bed-sheets are usually washed in the Asilo Valdese's laundry.

During the project, Asilo lands a bicycle for each volunteer who can use it for going to the centre and can use it also during his /her free time.

Additionally to a laundry services Asilo provides soaps for the cleaning of the house (but the volunteer has to clean the rooms in which he/she lives) and also soap for his/her personal care.

4. ASSOCIAZIONE INSIEME SI PUÓ – ONLUS

City	Reana del Rojale (Udine)		
Region	Friuli Venezia Giulia	Country	Italia

CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR

Family name (Mr/Ms)	CANTARUTTI	First name	Mr ALESSIO
Position/function	Volunteers Coordinator		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Association “Insieme si può ONLUS” runs a hosting house community for disabled (18 persons with psycho disease) with social-rieducational-rehabilitating purposes and a group in an apartment 4 people living together to experience the daily life and gain independence. Professional social workers and national volunteers work in the community in order to help the guests in the rehabilitation and in social interaction. The aim is to make the guests achieve independence in daily life and to support the guests' families. Actually the age of the hosts is between 26-59 and some of them have more than one handicap, with physical and psychical disabilities.

The daily centre is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 AM to 4.30 PM, while the residential centre gives a service 24 hours all year.

In the daily centre the hosts can do different activities which offer them the possibility to improve their capacity, through the maintenance and consolidation of the autonomy and personal care, and through the attention for social relations.

In the residential centre, beyond the activities and therapies run in the daily centre, the Association manages all the aspects connected with the hosts, hospitality, included the recreational activities during the weekend.

The structure is settled in a quite village, Reana del Rojale, 12 KM from Udine (100.000 inhabitants), on the moraniche hills. Reana del Rojale is in the middle of different naturalistic places (Alpi Giulie, Prealpi Friulane, Adriatic sea and beach places, city like Venice, country like Austria and Slovenia).

Its history is rooted in pre-historical times and in fact archaeological findings dating back to 9000 years before christ have been unearthed here, this past was then cancelled by the Roman presence.

In the area there is good public transport which guarantes good mobility.

The volunteers, as supporters of the staff, will be involved in different activities promoted in the centre addressed to the hosts. For some activities the presence and the support of the volunteer is more needed and important, especially for the following ones: swimming pool, hippo therapy, soft gym, psycomotor activities.

Every day the volunteer will be also involved (from Monday to Friday) in the organization of the bus transfers of the hosts: along with the driver, he\she has to take them home (evening) and to the centre (morning).

The volunteer will be mainly involved in these activities:

- Activities connected with the development of the individual autonomy: the aim of all the centre activities is to improve and develop the autonomy of the hosts with regards to their autonomy in transport in the domestic activities, in the use of money in the interpersonal relations, in the determination of own choices and in the auto-determination in general;
- Activities connected with the personal care of the hosts (teeth brushing after the meal, having a shower after the sporta activities etc.);
- Activities connected to stimulate the physical capacities (hippo therapy, swimming, psychomotor activities, manual laborations: orthographic laboratory to development the linguistics skills and laboratory of foreigner languages to improve the knowledge and the intergration with other cultures);
- Activities connected with the eye-watching during breaks;
- Activities connected with the house setting and with the planning of the daily timetable (volunteers will be involved in the staff meetings for the planning of the week activities and in the organization of the common space to be used with hosts);
- Activities connected with the social activities run inside the centre and outside the centre (participate in the public meetings during exhibitions, participate in stage\theatre

- shows and in going out for movies or music concerts, trips to touristic places etc...);
- Activities connected with the theatre and cultural laboratories (after being an educative path, in the occasion of specific holidays the association organizes theatre and music shows in which it is welcome the active participation of the volunteers).

At the beginning the volunteer works with the supervision of the social workers, but volunteer will be also welcome to organize autonomously new activities, which can be proposed by the staff or by the volunteer itself. Moreover, the Association is open to the promotion of new activities and new projects connected to the volunteers personal experience.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Accommodation :

The association provides the volunteers a room with bathroom, that will be shared with other volunteers, in a separate apartment but located in the same structure.

The room is at the school floor of the daily centre and next to the Gruppo Appartamento, the kitchen is in a common space and for common use with the hosts of the Gruppo Appartamento, so it is fundamental to respect the timetable when to use it and to keep it tidy. In this way it is possible to create a good and responsible cohabitation.

Food

The volunteers can cook their own food.

Language training

An Italiano Language course is foreseen in a professional school of Udine, with the possibility to choose the course according on the communication level.

Training and support

The volunteers will have the chance to take part in some trainings and:

- Learn different working methods used by the social workers during the re-educational activities;
- Take part in the meeting organized for the social workers, the external professionals and the families;
- Have access to the technical documentation;
- Get information about all the different pathologies of the hosts and about the different re-educational methods used in the centre.

The volunteer will also have the chance to take part to the training course for social workers and the updating training addressed to the whole staff.

The association cooperates with other similar institutions in the area. These collaboration offers possibilities to join extra training for volunteers and social workers at the University of Udine.

5. COOPERATIVA SOCIALE VILLA MARIA

City	Rovereto (Trento)		
Region	Trentino Alto Adige	Paese	Italia

CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR

Family name (Mr/Ms)	Murdaca	Nome	Elisabetta
Position/function	Tutor		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The **Social cooperative Villa Maria** has its main office in Lenzima, a village of the municipality of Isera, settled approximately 9km away from the city of Rovereto, where the residential centre is placed. The other services of the cooperative are located in the municipalities of Rovereto and Volano, moreover a part of the activities promoted through the participation of local volunteering regard the entire area of Vallagarina.

The Social Cooperative "Villa Maria" was established on 10 June 1994 and started running the structure of Lenzima, previously run by nuns, on 1 January 1995, opening also to male hosts. At the present, the Cooperative provides services for psychophysical disability articulated on diverse structures spread over the territory of Vallagarina. Within its various services, the Cooperative provides work to more than 200 employees.

The social cooperative Villa Maria works on the basis of the principles of solidarity and mutual assistance, in order to provide the social-sanitary, cultural and educational services required to ensure the well-being of its hosts. The cooperative, specialized in the field of mental handicap uses the innovative tools to promote the social integration of the disabled people.

Residential centres

Based at Lenzima di Isera and Calliano, the residential centres provide residential hosting, 24 hours a day, also in temporary terms, to adults with medium-severe, severe and highly severe psycho-physical handicaps. The hosting activity is completed with rehabilitation, occupational and recreational activities; such activities are performed in order to strengthen and, whenever possible, improve remaining capacities in order to maintain each person's autonomy. At present the Residential Centres host 84 people with psychophysical handicaps.

The Lodging Communities

The 8 Lodging Communities, distributed over the territory and integrated in the urban context of Rovereto, foresee a hosting modality that is highly focused on personal and social autonomy in the context of a small group. The feeling of belonging and the co-responsibility of managing domestic everyday life, as well as the articulation of space and the opening to the territory, address general goals of such a service towards a socio-rehabilitation model type. At the moment, the Communities provide hosting to 57 residents, plus emergency hosting.

Name	Address (Rovereto)	Number of disabled hosts
Community Sole	Via Udine 41 a	7
Community Arcobaleno	Via Udine 41 b	7
Community Melograno	Via della Terra 19	8
Community Ca'Bella	Via Pasqui 59	7
Community Ca'Nova	Via Pasqui 61	7
Community La Sorgente	C.so Verona 36	7
Community Ulisse	Via Unione 2	7
Community Penelope	Via Unione 2	7

Occasionally, evening events are organized for the hosts of the Lodging Communities. During weekends and during festivities, the Lodging Community guarantees the service all day. These moments are dedicated to more structured recreational activities, such as: excursions, visits to friends and relatives, participation in socio-cultural local events, etc. Villa Maria also seeks to ensure moments of rest, where staying at home can be appreciated.

The Communities offer a 365-day per year guaranteed service, supplied by the support and

guidance from the social workers to the hosts during the day.

The operator is present as a support from the awakening and the morning hygiene up to the moment of sleep, in the evening. He/she supports each host in tidying up common and personal spaces and/or by directly intervening if it is necessary; he/she manages the preparation of meals and grocery shopping; he/she mediates relationships and/or conflicts; facilitates communication, guaranteeing to all people involved a space for self-expression; tutors and prevents possible hazards; organizes the weekly schedule on the basis of individual needs and each host's progress.

In the evening, the presence of the operator is expected, who should be ready to intervene whenever necessary. In case of disease of a host, the assistance of the Community is expected.

The working team of each Community is composed of ten operators whose work is subdivided in structured work-shifts; a responsible educator coordinates each team of operators and also engages in supporting the volunteers, together with the tutor.

The specific educational projects are shared with the Day Centres in order to guarantee coherency and continuity of the intervention.

As far as the educational and psychological aspects are concerned, the support of a psychologist of clinical area and of a psicopedagogue is available.

High autonomy community

Opened in 2005, the high autonomy community, called Mimosa, foresees the placement of two hosts with the partial presence – that is, at certain schedules – of the operators. The fundamental objectives reproduced what has been already described about the Lodging Community, with a further promotion of personal autonomy. The Community employs an high number of volunteers whose work is organized in a methodical way and uses a system of home automation to assist the hosts.

Daily Centre

The Cooperative Villa Maria assures daily hosting in a complementing service, allowing access to both the hosts of the residential service (Community and Residential Centres) and those of the territory: the Daily Centre Foglie di Primavera (head office in Volano, 5km from Rovereto). The centres works more specifically on rehabilitation of the hosts' functions. The foreseen approach, due to the different characteristics of the hosts, concerns both the occupational and socio-educational fields. Within its structure, different activities are planned, which are always focused on a project level and run on an individual or group level; the approach is taken both on the level of competence acquisition and on the level of awareness and development of the functions of oneself. At the Daily Centre are mostly placed the hosts of the Hosting Communities.

Macrame, service of promotion and coordination of the voluntary service

The cooperative is also active at Macrame service of coordination of voluntary service run by four operators. The tutor of the international volunteers is an operator of this service.

Macramè works both within the Cooperative Villa Maria and on the territory, proposing various initiatives in collaboration with other disability-dealing services. It particularly deals with the search of new volunteers to insert in activities with disabled people, sustaining and supporting them when necessary. It promotes, with the help of the volunteers, leisure time activities directed at the disabled people present in the territory. It carries out activities of sensibilization, promotion and training on the theme of disability.

Proposed activities for volunteers:

The volunteer will participate in the educational activities organized in one or various service of the cooperative and will share part of his/her daily life with disabled people placed in the cooperative.

Depending on the service in which he/she will be involved in, the volunteer might assist hosts in educational, rehabilitation or free-time activities with the aim of creating, in synergy with the operators, a welcoming and familiar atmosphere for the guests. For example, numerous activities connected to the daily life of the users might be proposed to the volunteer, such as the possibility of cooking or proposing typical dishes of his/her country of origin, showing picture and newspapers and, if possible, sharing his/her own life habits with the hosts and the operators.

In the various service of the cooperative the volunteer might propose his/her hobbies or personal interests (painting, drawing, photography, sport activities, etc.) which might result as useful ideas to propose to the hosts in their free-time.

The Project's region has a population of 85,700 inhabitants and comprehends 17 municipalities, the largest one, Rovereto, with 35,136 inhabitants, more with 8,918 and Ala with 7,350. Rovereto is 15 minutes away from the city of Trento and approximately an hour from the city of Verona by train.

In the area, other social services are active like the ones offered by Cooperative Villa Maria who deal with psychophysical disability, mostly focused on the municipality of Rovereto.

During the great war, the region has been a place of lots of battles and today's landscape provides several reminders of them. In particular, there is the enormous Maria Dolns bell, fused with the bronze of the war cannons, which bells one hundred times every evening as a reminder of the peace that was won.

Rovereto is a very quiet town surrounded by the mountains. There are many vineyards and wineries, as well as some of the finest old castles. There are swimming pools, a cinema, bars and the new MART centre which includes a modern library, museum and theatre.

Rovereto's attractions are not as famous as other Italian big cities, but travelling to these places is relatively easy, thanks to the train network which connects Rovereto to Verona. Plus, the prices of the trains are extremely reasonable and most parts of Italy are reachable within a day journey.

It should also be noted that for winter and summer sport fans, Rovereto is the ideal place. The Dolomites mountains are only an hour away by car and many of Italy's best ski resorts are on Rovereto's door-step. Moreover, during summer, when lake Garda is open, there is the opportunity to enjoy the lake, windsurf as well as to mountain bike and hike in the lakes surrounds.

However, sport is not the only possible activity In Rovereto's area. Theatre lovers can also be satisfied by Rovereto's Zandonai theatre, which plays international art programs. There is the annual western and eastern international Dance Festival and the renowned Mozart Festival.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Working hours:

The principal part of the activities of the hosting communities will take place during 17.00 and 21.00 and will foresee: evening events, library, swimming pool, walks, activities of house management (recycling, dinner preparation, serving meals, grocery shopping,...).

At the daily centre and at the residential centres, the volunteer will be occupied during 9.00 and 17.00 and will support the various activities run by the educators and therapists.

Accommodation:

Volunteers will share a double room in a private apartment for volunteers.

Food:

Volunteers will have meals in the project and they will be able to buy extra food for other meals through a weekly food allowance provided by the Host Organization.

Language training:

Volunteers will receive language (formal or non-formal learning opportunities) throughout their stay, arranged by the hosting organization.

Training and support:

The mentor will meet regularly with volunteer to check on his/her progress and help to solve any problems. They will also ensure ongoing support for the volunteer.

6. GSH - GRUPPO SENSIBILIZZAZIONE HANDICAP

City	Cles (Trento)		
Region	Trentino Alto Adige	Country	Italy

CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR

Family name (Mr/Ms)	Ianes	First name	Ms. Flavia
Position/function	Volunteers Coordinator		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

At the origin of GSH foundation (in the '80s) there was a simple group of volunteers who decided to spend their time offering friendship and solidarity to people affected by disabilities. Nowadays GSH is a well structured organization which aims at improving the quality of life of disabled people and of their families, offering them different social services. Moreover GSH develops an important activity of networking among entities working in social sector in order to make local community and institutions more conscious about handicap issues and contributing to the improvement of social public policies.

The structure is settled in the village of Cles (Trento), in the northern Region of Trentino Alto Adige.

GSH is composed by a staff of 58 people, 15 of them are volunteers. It offers a big amount of different social and educational services in its structures and in the local community, such as:

- ✓ Residential centre,
- ✓ support for disabled students,
- ✓ individual professional trainings,
- ✓ educational individual trainings,
- ✓ working daily center,
- ✓ socio-educational center,
- ✓ library, psychological support.

Volunteers will be in particular involved in the activities developed in the socio educational centers, in the residential community, in some activities implemented in the community and during summer and winter holidays.

The Residential center is a residential service for disabled people, characterized by a familiar atmosphere. This service is opened to disabled people who have not the possibility to live in their own home, or who would like to acquire more independence in living in a community.

The Socio-educational centers (Il Quadrifoglio, Il Melograno and La Casa Rosa) are daily services which aim to develop the abilities of each disabled adult respecting his own capacities and his social integration.

After a first approach, necessary to know the structure of GSH and on the basis of their individual profile, aims, interests and skills, the volunteers will be gradually involved in the different activities developed into the socio-educational and residential centers: cognitive therapy, handcraft and creative workshops (supporting the guests in the creation of little objects, decorations, bonbonnière, special packaging), music workshops, activities fostering disabled people personal and domestic autonomy, pre-defined activities for single persons according to their individual educational project.

Outdoor activities: Volunteers will be involved in supporting disabled people during outdoor activities like swimming and horsemanship, selling handicrafts made in the social educational centers during local markets and gardening in the biological garden. Moreover they will support the organization and management of entertainment activities: parties and events in the community where disabled people participate as a mean to foster their exchange and new kinds of learning opportunities; activities with other community groups like school groups, scout, summer youth camps.

Residential holidays: Volunteers would be involved in supporting disabled people during summer or winter residential holidays, experimenting community life and helping them in recreational

activities.

Finally, volunteers will be encouraged to give their contribution and suggestions for the organization of activities of promotion and consciousness of local community about issues linked to disability (local campaigns, special events..). Moreover, according to their skills, they will be invited to cooperate in the elaboration of different GSH editorial initiatives: Annual GSH Service Charter, The "Clessidra Project" and the scientific magazine "Spazi e modelli".

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Herein we describe principal practical aspects:

Pick up only available from TRENTO's train station (NOT from Verona's Airport).

Working hours and days off: Volunteers will work for 32-33 hours weekly and not more than 35 hours. They will have 2 days off: 1, for all volunteers, will be Sunday, the other free day (1) will be chosen from Monday to Friday, according to volunteer needs and interests.

On Saturdays, volunteers will be usually involved in supporting disabled people at the residential center or during entertainment activities (cultural ones like cinema, theatre, exhibition..), sport activities (swimming pool, horsemanship...) little trips and other outdoor group activities.

Accommodation: At GSH volunteers will be hosted in an independent wing of the Residential center, in comfortable single or double rooms. The kitchen will be in common with residential center's guests. We think that the Kitchen will be mostly used only for little snacks, because principal meals will be provided every day by the hosting organization.

Language training:

Volunteers will be provided of an Italian language course in a local language center or through a private teacher.

Food: GSH will provide three main meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) which will be served directly in the Residential Center. During the weekly activities volunteers working at the daily center will share lunch time with guests and eventually support them during meals. Special attention will be paid to the information concerning "alimentary special needs" included in volunteers application forms. All efforts will be done to take this information into serious account in preparing meals.

Local transports: Cles is easily connected by bus and trains to the neighborhood. Volunteers could easily use local buses and trains to travel from the little village of Cles to other villages and little towns of the Valley (Val di Non) and to the principal city of Trento, which is far about 45 Km. In welcoming training, GSH will give to volunteers all useful and practical information to let them get local transports autonomously.

7.**RIFUGIO RE CARLO ALBERTO**

City	Luserna San Giovanni (Torino)		
Region	Piemonte	Country	Italy
CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR			
Famil y name	Mr	GALETTI	First name MARCELLO
Position/functio n	Director		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			
<p>Regular activities in the host organisation</p> <p>The Rifugio Carlo Alberto was built in 1898 aiming to support and host ill elders coming from other health care centers. Nowadays Rifugio is run by the Valdese church with the help of volunteers and staff members.</p> <p>The Rifugio Re Carlo Alberto is made up by two main structures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The main one, which hosts 84, most of them non-self sufficient elders or affected by dementia, some disabled adults; ✓ The daily centre for 12 people affected by Alzheimer or dementia; ✓ A third minor structure is the Caffè Alzheimer, in Pinerolo town. <p>Local community</p> <p>The project is located in the village of Luserna San Giovanni, the biggest village (8.000 inhabitants) in the Pellices valley area. The Pellices valley borders to France. The nearest town is Pinerolo. The population of the valley is about 22.000 inhabitants, divided in 9 villages. There are a train station, a post office, banks, shops, sports centers and other services.</p> <p>The region of Piemonte is in a peripheral position but its relative proximity to the sea and to France and Switzerland have, over the centuries, led to the creation of an important commercial network which has favored its economic development. Piemonte is the largest region of continental Italy. Its density of 174 inhabitants per sq km. makes it the fifth most densely populated region in Italy, and slightly under the national average. The climate is prevalently continental, with high seasonal and daily ranges of temperature; the winters are long and cold and foggy on low ground; the summers are hot and sultry in the flat areas, cooler in the hills and mountains. Rainfall is highest in autumn and spring.</p> <p>Daily Center :</p> <p>The centre is open since February 2000 as a support for those families of people suffering of Alzheimer. The carried activities aim to develop and stimulate the guests' learning process and also to slow down the illness through the staff's support.</p> <p>The centre is open from Monday to Friday, from 8.45 am to 5.15 pm. The activities carried out are the following ones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft gym; • Cooking; • Personal care; • Creativity; • Workshops; • Gardening; • Assisted bath <p>The activities run in the centre aim to slow down the illness and to support the families in the daily life. The centre cooperates with the National Health System. Other social activities are organized in cooperation with other local care centers.</p> <p>Most of the daily work run by the social workers consists of approaching the elders and trying to give them as much input as possible.</p>			

In this way the volunteer will be able to acquire new skills and share them with the guests. He/she will participate to the staff activities, such as cooking, teaching, gardening, patchwork, drawing, and he/she will share his/her culture with the community.

The volunteer will stay in close contact with both staff and guests, building up a familiar and fruitful contest / relationship.

During his/her ICYE experience he/she will learn a lot about the Italian culture, participating also to the outdoor activities.

During their experiences in the Rifugio, the volunteers will learn as much as possible about the Italian culture through songs, games or cooking lessons which are constantly organized.

In the centre he/she will always find people who are used to interact with foreign volunteers. These people will help them to get closer and integrate not only within the centre but also in the community.

Many volunteers who did this experience in the past, have kept strong relationship with the local territory and with the people they got to know in the centre. Some of them regularly come to visit the area.

The ICYE volunteer will exclusively be involved in the activities that correspond to the recommendation of the European Commission in the field of VOLUNTARY SERVICE and will also be accompanied by the social workers of the centre. No volunteer is left alone with the guests without the presence of a social worker, ever. In case of going out with the guests volunteer will always be accompanied by at least one operator.

VOLUNTEER'S TASKS:

The volunteer will be involved in the daily center and in the residential center. During the first period of adaptation, he/she will test each activity to understand which one is most suitable to his/her skills and attitudes. This phase is very important in order to implement the project's goals and to overcome possible communication problems with the guests. According to this, any of the activities described below will be open to volunteer's suggestions.

Supporting recreational and rehabilitation activities

The volunteer will support staff members in the recreational and rehabilitation activities run inside and outside the centre. These activities are:

- Serving meals
- Gym
- Shopping
- Excursion to the nearby zone
- Music-therapy
- Exercises for the maintainance of the cognitive functions.

The volunteer's presence will contribute to stimulate guests to take part to such activities. He/she will also be able to suggest other new activities according to his/her culture, for example international cooking or traditional music and dance shows.

Developing social relationships

The volunteer will have individual contact with the guests, spending with them most of the time talking and listening to their special needs (for example: helping them to walk through the centre, playing cards and so on).

Helping in everyday life

The volunteer will support the social workers in preparing meals and the guests with special needs like cutting the meat, helping residence to drink water and eat, etc.

The volunteer will work about 7 hours every day from Monday to Friday, and will have 2 days off every week.

DAILY CENTRE

Volunteers can help guests in the morning in several ways (making coffee with them, helping them organizing the kitchen and the laundry or simply sitting and talking with them).

Volunteers are always "adopted" by the guests who may see in him or her dear relatives. This helps in creating a special relationship between the guests and the volunteers. Many guests in the past expressed that they miss the foreign volunteers during their occasional departure.

Volunteers help social workers in disembarking guests from the centre's means of transport (in case of trips and excursions). Volunteers also help in the organization of the daily activities. After more or less one month volunteers can propose new ideas and activities related but constantly under the supervision of operators.

At lunch time volunteers help guests in the preparation of the table and at about 12.20 help to distribute the meals to all the guests. After lunch volunteers help operators in keeping an eye on the guests and during their rests.

After that the volunteer collaborates in the preparation of afternoon activities such as: snacks, games, storytelling etc. The service ends when the volunteer bring the guests together with the operators, to their houses, by buses.

RESIDENTIAL CENTRE:

Volunteers start their service in the meals room and help bringing the meals to the guests. He/she also helps feeding those guests who have difficulties to eat by themselves. When the meals are over volunteers help in tidying up the meal room. Volunteers will talk to some residents or accompany them for a little walk both outside and inside the centre.

In these contexts the volunteer is more valuable as he/she is in direct contact with the guests. Volunteers help operators in the preparation of the daily activities and often take part in them too. After the break he/she stays with the residents and helps in preparing the animation of the afternoon activities and laboratories.

The volunteers can work in the morning or in the afternoon. Chores are usually similar, the only thing that changes is the time (lunch, dinner, breakfast, snack).

CAFFÈ ALZHEIMER

The Caffè Alzheimer is open one afternoon each month from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The purpose of the project is to open an Alzheimer Cafè in Pinerolo, called "ARC EN CIEL CAFE". This should be a social and meeting venue to foster the improvement of life for both people with Alzheimer disease and their relatives, during the initial phase of the disease. This is a place where it is possibile to take care of sick people and to inform, train and support their relatives or caregivers. It is a place where people who share the same problem can meet and be supported by experienced staff.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Working hours

The volunteer will work about 7 hours every day from Monday to Friday, and will have 2 days off every week. The weekly working time is 35 hours. In the centre, the daily working time is usually: 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. / 2.00 p.m – 5.00 pm. In the units the the daily working time is usually 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. / 2.00 p.m – 5.00 pm. or 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. / 2.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. The timetable will be set up according to the volunteer's skills/preferences and according to the activities proposed in the units or in the daily center.

Accommodation

The volunteer will have a single or double room with bathroom inside the project structure at the last floor which is an area reserved to the volunteers.

Food

The volunteer will have breakfast, lunch and dinner inside the project with the guests. Having lunch or dinner with the other people is seen as a good way to share and live together. The volunteer will be provided with a fridge in order to keep personal extra food and drinks.

Language training

The tutor will help the volunteer to choose and going to an Italian course in the Val Pellice area.

Training and support

The mentor is in daily contact with the volunteer. Sometimes excursions are proposed with all the other volunteers. In case of problems the mentor is always available since he lives in the same town.

City	San Germano Chisone (TO)		
Region	Piemonte	Country	Italy

CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR

Family name (Mr/Ms)	Gnone	First name	Mr Massimo
Position/function	tutor		

Project Description

The **Asilo dei vecchi** di San Germano (also called simply the “Asilo”) is a residence for the elderly owned by the Diaconia Valdese (www.diaconiavaldese.org), the social national organisation of the Waldensian Church (www.chiesavaldese.org), a reformed minority church in Italy.

The Asilo is located in a small village called San Germano Chisone, 1,800 inhabitants in Chisone valley. Torino (Turin), 800,000 inhabitants, is about 70 minutes away by bus. Pinerolo, 35,000 inhabitants, is 10 minutes away by bus.

The total hosting capacity of the Asilo consists of 94 elderly people, many of whom suffer from disabilities (non self-sufficient elderly and mentally disturbed people). The centre aims to limit the impact of the illness and to support the families of the seniors. The structure provides the guests with:

- **Physiotherapy and motor activity:** every person and her/his needs are evaluated by a doctor, a nurse and a physiotherapist, developing the right therapeutic project, which can include: guided walks in the garden and in the village; gymnastics for elderly; individual physiotherapy
- **Animation:** the main aim of these activities is to valorize the skills of the elderly person giving him/her the opportunity of socialize with the others. The small groups activities are cooking, reading (newspapers and books), sewing, games, painting. Every week larger group activities are organised else well: film projections, crossword puzzles... Excursions are also very important for the elderly's daily life.

Role and Tasks of the volunteers:

In Asilo dei Vecchi the volunteers have their own 'tutor' - a person who helps him/her with the integration process in the working place (task support). The tutor is one of the animators at the Asilo. Every volunteer has also his own “mentor” – a former volunteer helping him/her with the integration in the local community

Standard activities (coordinated by the staff)

- Collaborating in preparing meals and, in the case of non-self-sufficient residents, helping to administer/distribute drinks and food;
- Participating in existing entertainment and/or workshops (song, manual activities, photographs, painting, reading, gardening, etc.) oriented towards the structure's residents;
- Collaborating in the rehabilitative and therapeutic program (soft gym, gymnastics for the elderly, physiotherapy);
- Accompanying residents to external centers, and/or dispatching commissions (shopping);
- Accompanying residents on holidays, local trips, and residential holidays by the sea or in the mountains (also extended);
- Participating in team meetings;
- Participating in formative and monitoring/supervisory meetings, geared either towards volunteers or staff.

PRACTICAL ARRANGMENTS**Board and Lodging:**

Meals are generally taken at the canteen of the structure, together with the staff. Volunteers have fridge and microwave in their flat and in their free days / time can get the food from the canteen and heat it at home.

Accommodation:

International volunteers at Asilo dei Vecchi share an independent flat situated at a walking distance (5 minutes) from the centre, with one double room and a kitchen. The flat is located in the centre of San Germano, where the volunteers can find a post office, a bank and a bus station (10 minutes walk), with buses to Pinerolo (10 minutes) and Turin (70 minutes). In Pinerolo the volunteers can find cinemas, pubs and sport facilities (swimming-pool, tennis, etc.). The mountains around are wonderful and the volunteers can enjoy walks in the nature and trekking.

Language opportunity (Language Course):

According to our experience, we suggest the volunteers to start a short course of Italian before leaving, only if possible. This could be useful for the first period in Italy. Anyway the hosting project considers the possibility to involve the volunteer in some eventual language course.



City		Casciago (VA)	
Region	Lombardia	Country	Italy
CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR			
Family name			First name
Position/function			
Project Description			
<p><u>SOS Children's Village Morosolo</u> is part of SOS Kinderdorf International, based in Innsbruck, that is the third private organization in the world for the assistance of children in need. It has a permanent seat at UNESCO and it is located in 134 countries with 539 Villages and 1154 services targeted to families, kindergartens, schools, vocational and medical centers. The children that SOS Kinderdorf helped are 300,000 and there are 10 Emergency Programs active.</p> <p><u>SOS Children's - Village in Morosolo</u> was founded in 1972 . It is a social cooperative operating in the field of Assistance and Prevention for Needy Families.</p> <p>The SOS Village in Morosolo is composed by residential and daily services as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 children's residential homes where live children from 0 to 12 years old; - 2 residential communities for prepubescent and teenagers (female and male from 14 to 17 years old);; - 2 residential houses for the autonomy of young people; - 1 residential house for Mom and Baby; - 1 residential Kindergarten (for children from 9months to 3 years old); - A daily center where we offer pre-school, canteen assistance, homework, and school tutoring for minors between 6 and 14 years old.. <p>We work for family reintegration, supporting the return of the children to the family of origin and keeping together groups of brothers. We take care of young pregnant women and/or mothers with their children (from 0 to 3 years old). Our preventive actions are implemented through projects and services in aid of families.</p> <p>All the minors in the residential services are assigned to SOS Children's Village Morosolo by the governmental Social Services and independently from their religious, or ethnical background, since the Village S.O.S. considers Solidarity as a basic value, and one of the main aims to develop more widely, together with Tolerance, Respect, and Knowledge of the Others.</p> <p>The SOS Children's Village also believes that hosting a volunteer all their aims and values can be reached through a process of approach to new and different people.</p> <p>In fact, this experience provides for both the volunteer and the children the opportunity to enrich themselves personally. The Village believes this can be an important intercultural experience, providing an environment where the volunteer and the children can grow up and live together.</p>			

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Herein we describe principal practical aspects:

Working hours and days off:

The volunteers will help and support the operators in the daily work. They will take the children/teenagers to school and help in the house chores in the morning; in the afternoon they will help the children/teenagers with their homework. They will work more or less from 9.00 to 13.00 in the morning, and then from 15.00 to 19.00 in the evening. Week ends are normally off.

Accommodation:

The volunteers will live in an apartment inside the project structure, and they will have a single room. The kitchen and bathroom are shared.

Language training:

Volunteers could be provided with an Italian language course in a local language center.

Food: The volunteers can cook their own meals in the flat where they live. The Village provides the food.

Territory: Casciago is a village with 4.000 inhabitants. It is surrounded by the Alps, and is by the Casciago Lake. From Casciago you can see the Monte Rosa. The economy of the region is based on the industry, mainly. The village is just 20 minutes away from the border with Switzerland, and one hour from Milan.

General Requirements: Basic Italian Language knowledge is absolutely required (at least A2 level upper than elementary). Volunteers must be able to understand given instructions at the hosting project and handle daily life situations.



City		Campore di Maissana (SP), a small village in the mountains, 25 km from the Ligurian Sea.	
Region	Liguria	Country	Italy
CONTACT PERSON - TUTOR			
Family name	Dalla Vittoria	First name	Valentina
Position/function	Educator		
Project Description			

Villa Villacolle is a house where lives a family that hosts small children (zero to five years old) abandoned by their families.

This is a unprofessional Casa Famiglia, on a voluntary basis. We are going to open an association during 2015, but right now there is only a family to manage the project. We are both educators with a long experience as social workers and we have two sons 12 and 13 years old.

Aims of the project:

The idea is that the best thing for children is to live in their families, but when this is not possible, another family can give them something close to what they need. We host children for short period (1 year maximum) while the social service help their family to solve their problems, or to find the long term solution for the kids.

Description of the tasks of the volunteer:

We look for volunteers that help in all the things that needs to be done in such a house:

- taking care of children (when there are children in our house),
- cleaning,
- cooking,
- taking care of the garden,
- preparing wood for the winter,
- feeding the horse,
- helping with honey bees.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Herein we describe principal practical aspects:

Working hours and days off:

We can arrange with the volunteers the best timetable for both us and them. We can be flexible, but usually we need help in the morning and in the afternoon, and sometimes in the evenings.

The volunteers could carry out the voluntary services from Monday to Friday, from 10:00 to 15:00 and then from 17.30 to 19.30. This timetable can change according to the needs of the children that we are hosting.

Accommodation:

We will provide an independent apartment in the village (very close to the project).

Food:

The volunteers can have their meals with us, we are vegetarians, but they will also have a kitchen in the apartment, so sometimes they can also cook and eat their own food at home.

Language Course

The government of Sestri Levante usually provides free language course for foreigners and immigrants.

Local Transportations:

There are few buses that drive to the closest town (Varese Ligure), and others that go to the town where there is the train station (Sestri Levante).

Internet access:

We do have an internet key in our home.

Territory:

Campore is a small village in the mountains (600 mt), 25 km from Sestri Levante on the sea side. There are very few people living here, and most of them are quite old. Varese Ligure is a more lively town and it is 10 km from here. This area is called the Biological Valley, there are no factories here, but a lot of nature.

More information on web :

http://www.comune.maissana.sp.it/185_English

<http://villavillacollecasafamiglia.blogspot.it/>

General Requirements: Since the village is small, calm and there are very few young people living hereby, we think it could be interesting to host two volunteers at the same time, and not only one. We look for volunteers who like a simple and quiet life and that want to join the daily life of an Italian family.

VOLUNTEER'S PREFERENCE LIST

PROJECT NAME	F/M	PREFERENCES
A.N.Fa.Mi.V	F/M	
APE - Crocevia Dei Popoli	F	
ASILO VALDESE	F/M	
ASSOCIAZIONE INSIEME SI PUO'	F/M	
Cooperativa Sociale VILLA MARIA	F/M	
GSH - GRUPPO SENSIBILIZZAZIONE HANDICAP	F/M	
RIFUGIO RE CARLO ALBERTO	F/M	
CSD – ASILO DEI VECCHI	F/M	
VILLAGGIO SOS MOROSOLO	F/M	
VILLA VILLACOLLE	F/M	

INFORMATION ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER

First Name	
Family Name	
Age	Sex
Country	

Please use a new page to explain your motivation for the preferences expressed: