

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION LA VILLETTA PER CUBA

PRESENTATION

Many men and women of all ages who love to create an active and concrete solidarity towards Cuba refer to the Association La Villetta per Cuba.

The Association La Villetta has no membership or fixed quotas for members, and it's enough to give it your commitment and willingness to participate to solidarity, our member are chosen without any distinction based on political beliefs, religious, union or otherwise.

Thanks to these principles and to the spirit of unity different reality of all walks of life and thought, and various other associations have been working with us.

La Villetta per Cuba is an association of solidarity, enrolled in the no-profit organization book as a national organization in fact it has its sites in Bologna, Naples, Italy, Terni, Piombino and other cities.

La Villetta succeed in shipping a container with the material that comes from the charity campaign we made in site every 6 months. This material it is collected through the solidarity of the Villetta' friends for Cuban people.

The Association promotes initiatives to let Italians experience Cuban culture every year.

The main areas of our work are:

1. Collection and delivery of medicines, medical and hospital equipments of any kind.
2. Collection and delivery of toys and other plays for kindergartens, nursery schools and children's hospitals.
3. Collection and delivery of educational materials, especially notebooks, pens, colors, etc., for schools of all kind.
4. Collection and delivery of new cloths (style lightweight, because Cuba has a tropical climate), including new shoes.
5. Organizing of subscriptions for the construction or renewal of small health facilities (clinics), in areas particularly in need. Interventions of restructuring and turnarounds of small school buildings.
6. Promotion and providing of twinning between Italian and Cuban cultural sites.
7. La Villetta contributed to the twinning between the Lazio region and the region Habana, between the municipality of Marzabotto and Bayamo, between Tivoli and

Santa Cruz del Norte, (Tivoli provided to the improvement of an hospital coverage, etc.).

The Association La Villetta per Cuba never lost the desire to be involved in solidarity with Cuba and it has been involved for years in the development of cultural relations with Cuba, because fundamentally, it believes that Cuba is an example for all people living in Latin America but not only, because Cuba has developed with very few means a society where human rights as the right to education, the right to health, the rights to intellectual and professional development, the brotherhood and the absence of racist attitudes have reached the maximum level.

La Villetta does not agree absolutely with the fact that Cuba has been penalizing for 52 years by an economical blockade and by all the forces of North Americans, and it shares instead the democratic progress that the island has been making every day to provide its citizens with an healthy social life and a life full of dignity where everyone develops its own personality.

Cuba can be considered the gem of Latin America, which shines with its own light that no one is allowed to turn off, especially those countries that, without any knowledge about the real history and the real identity of the island want to block its economic development and the independence and identity of Cuban people.

The association agree to the solidarity behavior that Cuba adopts towards the other countries of Latin America like sending professionalism throughout the area, and for instance, it has really appreciated the great help that Cuba gave to the people of Haiti affected by the earthquake.

La Villetta keeps well in mind the civic values that the Cuban people have reached during time by living in a society where racism does not reign and where the respect for human rights is the dominant rule.

What the Villetta wants to emphasize regarding the respect for human rights is that in Cuba there is no "distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, color, descent, national or ethnic origin with the proposal or with the intent to cancel or make unequal the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal basis, of human rights in any field of public life, including politics, economics, social or cultural life, as mentioned in the "International Convention on elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination" entered into force in 1969. Specifically, for what it refers to Article 1 of the Convention and where it is clear that this definition could be applied to many aspects that are commonly linked to the word race. And we can surely say that in Cuba, these rights are fully respected and that there is no racism in its society.

At the same time, there isn't discrimination against women in Cuba, as mentioned in the "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women," which came into force in 1981, no discrimination regarding all the aspects concerning marriage, family life and sexual revolution. More and more women in Cuba do the

same jobs as men, have equal rights, and are reaching more and more positions of job responsibility as men as well in the industrial as in political areas.

It can be said without any doubt that Cuba respects the childhood flawlessly, as mentioned in the various declarations on the rights of children, in fact Cuban people as no one else in the world, fond of children very careful and in a very accurate way, so that the infant mortality in Cuba has touched a minimum level, because it is kept into great consideration the health of mother and child from the early months of life of the newborns.

What they struggle more in Cuba is the assertion of their right to development as set out in the "Declaration of the Right to Development" adopted in 1986 by the General Assembly of the United Nations, which enshrines the right to participate, contribute, enjoy to economical, social, cultural and political development of all people, but at the same time, the United States forbid Cuba to do it.

Cuba to assert its point of view and the respect to its identity, uses its right of self-determination because it is the fundamental principle of international law and of various declarations of United Nations bodies.

Consequently, although Cuba is the backdrop of respect for human rights within its social life, the United States that have issued several declarations of human rights, do not respect them for what concerns Cuban people.

For this reason, we absolutely share the internal and international politics of Cuba because we think that it is not an imperialist politics but a politics of peace and solidarity towards the others.

This is the position of the Presidential department of La Villetta per Cuba.

The President Luciano Iacovino



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