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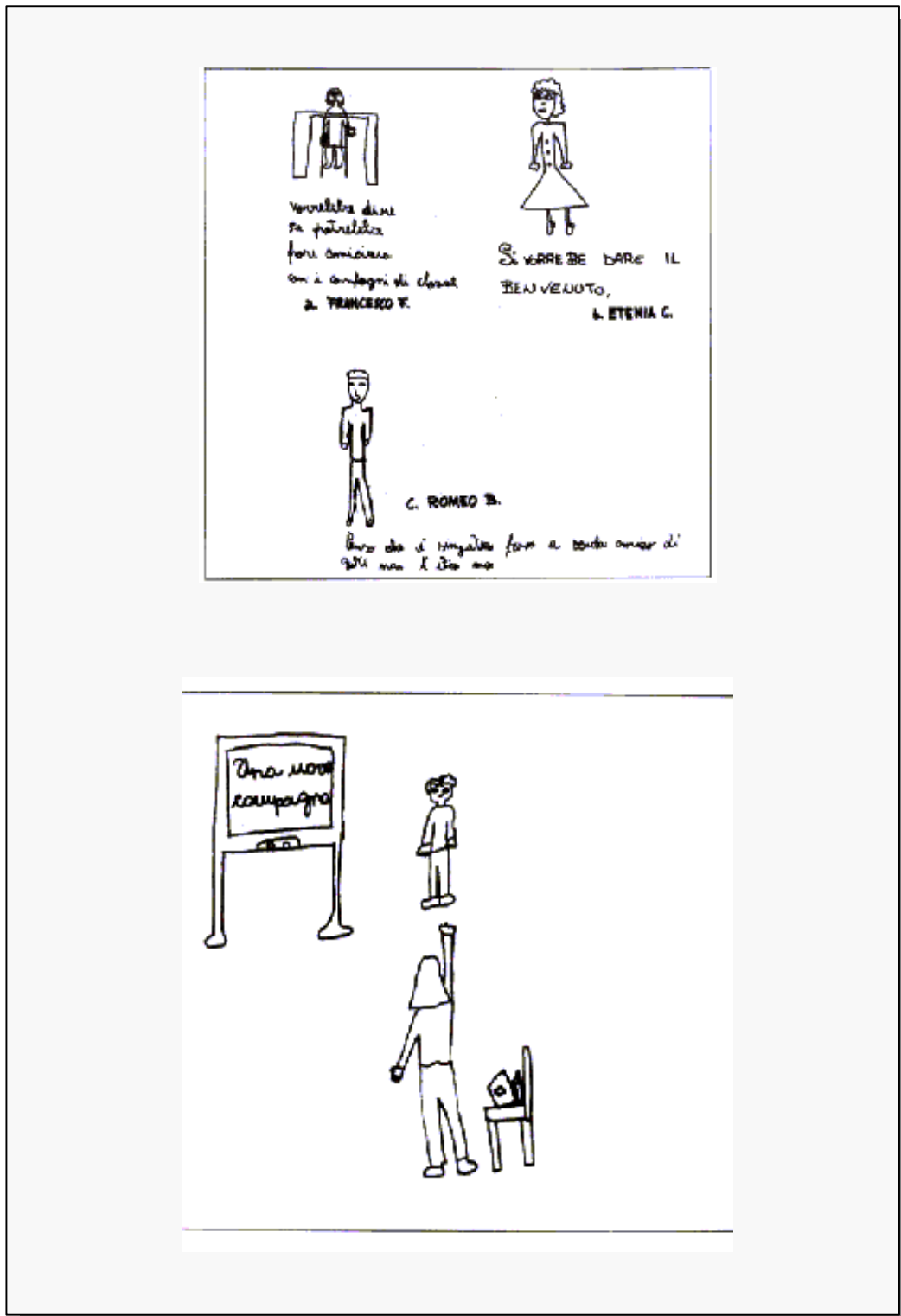
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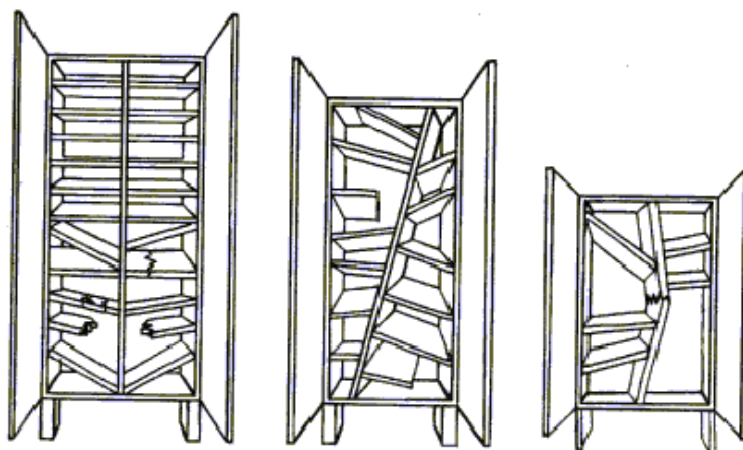


**“AT SCHOOL ON THE TRAILERS OF THOUGHTS”**



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## 1 Introduction

This document represents the Final Report of the Matching Grant Project N. 11986, named “FUTURO”, developed by the Rotary Club of Pomezia-Lavinium, supported by three other Clubs: Valencia Centro and L’Eliana in Spain and Corigliano-Rossano in Italy.

## 2 Description of Project

The Project has consisted in helping an Italian No-Profit Association, named FUTURO, devoted to rehabilitation of young people affected by handicap. This help was aimed to implement a Multimedia Infrastructure useful for training this unlucky people, affected by delays in learning processes, whose incidence is nowadays in the order of one young person over ten during the scholar period.

The Association FUTURO, constituted by professional volunteers, who dedicate their efforts in rehabilitating young handicapped people, is located in the area of Pomezia, south of Rome, ITALY. This Association has got institutional acknowledgments and is operating on the territory since 1991. The Association takes care of more than 50 children a year.

The Project “FUTURO”, which takes the name from the Association, is aimed to provide a Multimedia Infrastructure, which is useful for a clinic intervention on the young people affected by disturbance in learning, with under-evolution in the organisation of reasoning.

Unfortunately the Association FUTURO’s means are very rudimental: they would need to upgrade their means to better sustain their rehabilitation services.

The granted Multimedia Infrastructure is constituted by Personal Computers, VCR, Video Camera, HI-FI equipments and special Software for rehabilitation.

The financial envelop of the Project has been of 16 000 US \$.

### 2.1 Participating Entities

The Participating Entities for this Matching Grant Project have been:

The Rotary Clubs of:

- POMEZIA-LAVINIUM - Italy (Lazio)
- CORIGLIANO-ROSSANO - Italy (Calabria)
- VALENCIA-CENTRO - Spain
- L’ELIANA - Spain



In Annex 5 there is the Directory information of the Participating Clubs.

The financial contributions for the Project have been as follows:

- Club Pomezia                                    2000 \$
- Club Valencia                                   2000 \$
- Club L'Eliana                                   2000 \$
- Club Corigliano                                2000 \$
  
- The Rotary Foundation                    8000 \$

The Project Application was issued at the end of July 1999.

The Project Approval from RF Trustees was issued by 12 January 2000.

The four participating Clubs have decided to give their financial contributions to the RF and this was completed and communicated by the 10 of March 2000. It was agreed to have the Grant paid from the Rotary Foundation on a special bank account, purposely activated for the Project: the Bank account number 6130 of the CARIPLO – Cassa Di Risparmio delle Province Lombarde, Bank in Italy – Pomezia, ABI 06070 – CAB 22000.

The GRANT Payment of 16 000 US \$, was received by the end of May 2000.

The amount was converted in national currency on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2000 and the amount in Italian Liras was 34 105 100.

## **2.2 List of Purchased Items**

The List of purchased items to constitute the Multimedia Infrastructure is:

- 1) Three Pentium III PC with Scanner, CD-Writer, Laser and Desk Jet Printers
- 2) VCR, Video Camera, TV Color Set, 2 HI-FI sets with CD reader and mini-disk
- 3) Xerox Photocopy Machine
- 4) Contribution to the publishing of book "At school on the trailers of thoughts"
- 5) Rehabilitative Software ANASTASIS
- 6) A blinded door for room hosting the above material



### 3 Detailed Financial Accounting

The costs of the purchased items are listed in the following.

( 1 US dollar = 2131,5687 Italian Liras)

	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
	<b>Italian Liras</b>	<b>US dollars</b>
Three Pentium III PC with Scanner, CD-Writer, Laser and Desk Jet Printers	11801400	5536,4859
VCR, Video Camera, TV Color Set, 2 HI-FI sets with CD reader and m-disk	4880000	2289,3936
Xerox Photocopy Machine	3360000	1576,3039
Contribution to the publishing of book "At school on the trailers of thoughts"	7200000	3377,794
Rehabilitative Software ANASTASIS	2076000	973,93061
A blinded door for room hosting the above material	1800000	844,4485
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31117400</b>	<b>14598,357</b>

In Annex 1 there are the proofs of purchase of the above listed items.

The remaining funds of 1 468,98 US \$, excedence resulted of the favourable change from dollar to liras done in June 2000, are returned back to the Rotary Foundation. In Annex 3 there is a copy of the Bank transfer proof.

### 4 Assessment of the Project's effectiveness

As soon as the funding was expendable the Rotary Club POEMZIA LAVINIUM has started the purchase activities.

Due to the long time passed between the preventative offers from suppliers and the orders of purchase there were some offers which expired. Notwithstanding, we have tried to stick to the original budget and have driven the purchase in this sense.

First item to be purchased was the blinded door to make a safe room where locate the Multimedia Infrastructure.

The longest lead-time item to purchase has been the Contribution to the Book "At school on the trails of the thoughts". The Publishing of this book was possible only when we provided our contribution to the editor. The book was published very recently, so we have been in the position to finalise the project and issue the Final Report.



Today, the Multimedia Infrastructure is available c/o the Offices of the Local Unit of Neuro-Psychiatry for Children, part of the Local Sanitary Unit – ROMA-H, located in Pomezia, square Aldo Moro, n. 4.

In Annex 4 there is the FUTURO's declaration of reception of the Multimedia Infrastructure.

This infrastructure is going to be used by the Psychologists of the Association FUTURO in the course of this scholar year.

The expected advantages coming from the availability of this infrastructure are described in the following.

A first consideration is that an effective neuro-psychological rehabilitation requires the centrality of one's own territory. People with mental retardation or other cognitive disorders must have specialist services with therapeutic helps, near their own place of residence and of education. In fact, good results can be obtained only when there are continuous and constructive co-operations between technicians, teachers, social operators, and volunteers working in the area where handicapped people live.

The availability of a Multimedia Infrastructure allows the establishment of an innovative group cognitive therapy with computer resources. This is an enhancement for the grey reality of health services in the south of Rome. It is, hence, possible to project new rehabilitative approaches with specific remedial programs for young people having mental retardation or learning disabilities, especially if substantiated by an under evolution in the organisation of reasoning.

The informatic material allows training children with learning prototypes throughout simplified procedures, step by step, which support their reasoning with the scaffolding method. The audio-visual material allows training children on their actions: act and think on the actions is a way to proceed which eases the right development of thinking process. The musical tools allow undertaking music-therapy treatments and easy the integration of cognitive interventions with the aspects linked to relaxing and bioenergetics.

The book "At school on the trailers of thoughts" represents a suggestion of methods and practices to develop protocols of rehabilitation for young people affected by retardation in learning. It will constitute a significant support in sustaining and promoting such rehabilitative initiatives in the territory and abroad.

## **5 How Clubs participated to the Project**

The Four Clubs have sustained the Project during the proposal phase and have delegated the POMEZIA Club (one of the two Clubs within the Project Country) for the management of the purchasing activities.



The Rotary Club of POMEZIA has informed the Club of Project Progress and has provided them with this Final Report for approval in advance of despatching it to the Rotary Foundation.

## 6 Photographs of the Project

A number of photographs have been taken to show the items subject of the granting. Labels have been printed out showing the RI gearwheel and the Foundation logo, and they have been put on the items subject of the granting.

A big label has been also put on the blinded door, which gives access to the room hosting the Multimedia Infrastructure.

Further, photographs showing Rotarians of the Club POMEZIA and Project Beneficiaries together, are given for publicity or promotional purposes.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2001 the Multimedia Infrastructure has been inaugurated with the participation of 2080 District Governor, Mr. R. De Zuani, Club Pomezia-Lavinium President Mr. G. Moroni and other Rotarians and Representatives of Pomezia Administration and Association Futuro.

In Annex 2 there are the photos described above.

## 7 Acknowledgments

We wish to thank all who contributed to the final success of the project, and in particular:

- The Rotary Foundation, who permitted to launch this project. Special thanks are directed to Mrs Sabine Schuller, whose invaluable support was essential to the success of the project;
- The Co-sponsor Club of Valencia and the Supporting Clubs of L'Elia and Corigliano-Rossano;
- The President of Association "FUTURO", Mrs. Antonella De Biase and Dr. Roberto Miletto from the same Association.





## **Annex 1: Proofs of Purchase**

Hereinafter are given the proofs of purchase of the listed items:

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## Annex 2: Photographs of the Project

Hereinafter is the list of Pictures given in Annex 2.

- Pic. 1: The Way in to the Multimedia Infrastructure
- Pic. 2: The Blinded door of the Room
- Pic. 3: A view of the PCs and peripherals
- Pic. 4: A view of the Hi-Fi Sets and the Photocopy Machine
- Pic. 5: Children at work with Teachers
- Pic. 6: Children at work supervised by the Doctors
- Pic. 7: An overview of the room
- Pic. 8: Rotary Club Pomezia-Lavinium representatives (from the left A. Varchetta, M. Caporale) and Association FUTURO representatives (A. De Biase, R. Miletto)
- Pic. 9: The Cover page of the Book “At School on the trails of thoughts”
- Pic. 10: Rotary Club Pomezia-Lavinium representatives (from the right G. Moroni, current President of Club Pomezia-Lavinium and R. De Zuani, current District Governor of 2080 District)
- Pic. 11: A moment of the Inauguration (from the left G. Moroni, current President of Club Pomezia-Lavinium, M. Randone, 2080 District MG Responsible, A. Varchetta, former President of Club Pomezia-Lavinium, R. De Zuani, 2080 District Governor, R. Miletto from Association Futuro)



## **Annex 3: Return of funds not used**

- Proof of Bank Transfer of funds not used to the Rotary Foundation.



## **Annex 4: Reception declaration by Association FUTURO**

- Letter of Reception of the Multimedia Infrastrucutre by the Association Futuro.



### Annex 5: Directory of Project

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