



## TOMMASINO'S STORY

*Many people do not know that even children can be affected by cancer and some forms are so malignant that can hardly be treated.*

*Tommaso Bacciotti, born in 1997, was afflicted with a rare and particularly aggressive form of brain tumor, the pineal-blastoma. It appeared when he was only 9 months old.*

*"Tommasino" went through intensive chemotherapy treatments at the Meyer Hospital in Florence, and a few neurosurgical interventions, both in this hospital and abroad, which allowed to reduce the tumor and keep it under control for just about a year. Unfortunately, in September 1999 it was back and sadly Tommasino passed away on the 19th of December.*

*Moved by such great loss, his parents, Barbara and Paolo, decided to funnel the many donations collected after Tommaso's death to a permanent endowment, creating a non-profit organization named after him, devoted to research and treatment of children's tumors, and to assistance towards families which are facing this difficult challenge.*

*Such experiences do not happen often and are extremely intense. Tommasino was, as all children, full of energy and desire to live: his parents do not want to lose his spirit. They feel that this incredibly positive force should bring together other sensitive people concerned about the problem and willing to give their contribution.*

*Tommasino has been an amazing beautiful presence and this Foundation wants to bring joy. The best response ever to the departure of a dear one is to draw energy from him. And to be constructive instead of being just commiserative and sympathetic.*

## PROJECTS OF THE FONDAZIONE TOMMASINO BACCIOTTI

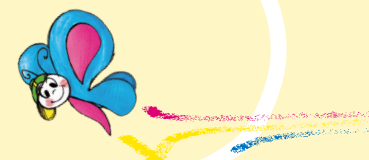
The Foundation's initiatives are directed towards **research and treatment of tumors in children**, but special care is given to hospitality to families of little patients.

- Thanks to the **Tommasino Housing and Hospitality Program for Families** of the Meyer Hospital the Foundation offers free lodging nearby, in separate apartments, bearing all costs of rents and utilities, providing monthly the hosted families with various kind of groceries and supporting them with constant help for their specific needs.

The goal is to recreate an environment that is as familiar as possible and "normal" situations which may help children and adults to cope with the illness and find the indispensable strength and spirit to face and defeat it.

Cooperating closely with the Meyer Hospital, the Foundation supports psychologically the family members, engages children in social, fun and creative activities in its playrooms, organizes dinners with entertainment for the purpose of sharing among all hosted families, and also small trips and guided tours in and outside Florence.

- The Foundation supports **research programs**, funding grants for pediatric oncologists and lab technicians, and contributing to buy important equipment to treat childhood cancers in hospitals.
- Thanks to the consistent **collaboration of the Tommasino Bacciotti Foundation with the Don Gnocchi Centre and the Meyer Hospital**, a new Department of Pediatric Rehabilitation has opened, allowing little patients to complete their care program in Florence without having to change city again.



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## How to support the Foundation's initiatives:

### through a donation

via bank transfer - made out to  
**Fondazione Tommasino Bacciotti**

- **Banca Cambiano 1884**  
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### donating the **5x1000**

in your Italian income tax return by entering the  
Tommasino Bacciotti Foundation's tax id number:

**94078280487**

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Christenings, First Communion, Confirmations,  
Weddings, Graduations and other events and  
holidays. This way you'll make our association and  
our objectives known to others.

Thank you from the bottom of our heart!

*Barbara and Paolo*



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Supporting research, treatment,  
assistance and dissemination  
of information on brain  
tumors in children



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