



In a school in which it is difficult, for many reasons, to grant teaching to children with educational or familiar difficulties, some parents, some families and some volunteers gave birth in Roè Volciano, starting from 2013, to the project “Pan di Zucchero”, in cooperation with Ai.Bi. In this project, for 3 afternoons of the week, children with difficulties in school or coming from families “at risk” are received and followed by social services of 3 Towns(Roè Volciano, Villanuova and Vobarno).

This center is managed by 3 professionals from Ai.Bi. and by a net of volunteers(for transport and support in activities), it receives children and adolescents, divided by age, allowing them to make homework and laboratorial activities.

Furthermore the responsible of the project helps the families in improving the relationship with school and social services.

The 18-20 children that in these 3 years attended the “Pan di Zucchero” center, have been promoted and not only: they improved relationship with teachers, with companions and familiar atmosphere.

There is a special moment that we would like to share: a child, already flunked at school, must learn the poem “L’Infinito” of Giacomo Leopardi. In the afternoon the educator studied with him the poem, the next day the boy came back to the center, recited the poem, and said “Thanks, I got 10 (“A”)!”

So, the joy of this boy, the good result after the work together with someone there for helping him, and the required self-confidence are the scope of this service: not only the results, but also the belonging and living in the Love even in the school.

This is why the project is called “Pan di Zucchero”(“Sugar bread”): represent the hope and the commitment in order to provide sugar for our sons and for every boy with scholastic and familiar difficulties, in other words the sweetness of a place where finding someone who takes care of you.

Mario Rigoni Stern wrote in his book “Il sergente della neve”: “to those who are talking about great challenges and are excited by them, I answer that there is no greater challenge than not losing anybody on the road, not leaving him behind”.

