



## ***What we do***

The Stephen's Dream Association was born in May 2004 with the aim of helping the many children with kidney diseases and their families, encouraging and promoting scientific research and a commitment to support the logistical needs, educational and psychological problems during and after the difficult period of hospitalization.

Here are the several activities in support :

1. Support for scientific research to cure and prevent diseases:
- 2 Volunteering at the hospital and psychological help to ensure social inclusion
- 3 Exchange of information, seminars and scholarships
- 4 PhD urological , Scholarships and Contracts for professional freelance medical wards of Nephrology
- 5 Awaken the solidarity through events, meetings and participation in social projects



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## **1 Support for scientific research to cure and prevent diseases:**

- **Research Project SNI:** Idiopathic Nephrotic syndrome of child – Prospective Protocol and Study of Genetic;
- **CARPEDIEM Project:** Cardio-Renal, Pediatric Dialysis Emergency Machine;
- **IRIS Project** (Italian Renal Infection Study)
- **Study of the Oxidative stress and vascular chronic disease** in children and young adults with renal transplantation: evaluation of immunopathological markers, genetic and biochemical

## **2 Volunteering at the hospital and psychological help to ensure social Inclusion**

- Starting point is the dialogue intended as a vehicle to enter, when we are allowed, in a multifaceted world, where different moods invite us to develop sensitivity to often not explicit requests , of understanding, relief.
- Beside play with the kids, talk to parents or just listen
- Clown Therapy



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## **3 The exchange of information and seminars**

- Meetings promotion in schools on issues of solidarity and nephrological diseases, especially in those schools where there are children who suffer from these diseases.  
We strongly believe that it is important to educate children from an early age to deal naturally the issues related to disease and hospitalization and also be able to support without any uncomfortable situations that may involve them closely.

## **4 PhD urological , Scholarships and Contracts for professional freelance medical wards of Nephrology**

- Scholarship for PhD in the School of Oncology and Surgical Oncology  
Research topic: "renal neoplasms associated with Von Hippel Lindan syndrome and tuberous sclerosis"
- Scholarship to the Graduate School of Medicine and the development of science programming in Science-address surgical, pediatric and experimental, 25 ° cycle.  
To carry out the following research topic: "Long-term results on urinary continence and sexual function in patients in the first year of life."
- Assistance of a psychologist; secretary for visits and appointments;  
participation of young nephrologists and nursing staff development courses and conferences



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## **5 Awareness to strengthen human solidarity through events, meetings and participation in social projects**

### **Events**

MINI OLYMPICS - THEATRICAL SHOWS - MARATHONS - GOLF TROPHY - CHRISTMAS PARTY -  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT - MARKETS of SOLIDARITY - BOATS SAILING RACES - SOLIDARITY DINNERS -  
CLASSIC & JAZZ CONCERTS - NATIONAL DAY of CHILDRENS'S RIGHTS - ART AND MUSIC EVENTS -  
SPRING FESTIVAL

### **Affordable and Free Houses - “The House for a Dream” Project**



The Association provides families an apartment near the Hospital of Padua and an apartment near the hospital in Bologna.

But the project forecasts the opening of other houses with free use

Often long periods of daily checks and post-transplant are seen with great effort on the part of children and parents who are away from their environment and their habits.

Through this project we try also to help the families to feel to home

Who is in trouble the dream of Stefano provides useful information on accommodation in hotels, shelters and schools near the Departments of Pediatric Nephrology and Urology of Padua and Bologna

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Beside the Stephen's Dream has....

**....funded:**

- travel expenses of a Ugandan girl to support urological surgery
- travel expenses and lodging of an English professor of medicine who, in collaboration with physicians of urology, has been able to realize three delicate surgeries

**..... bought:**

- 1 impedance analyzer
- 1 surgical lamp
- beds for parents who care for their children during hospitalization
- recreational material
- 1 ultrasound

**Thanks to the contributions of Banks, Corporations and Society it has bought:**

- 1 non-invasive bladder ultrasound
- 1 image analysis software for microscopy laboratory
- 2 Holter recording of blood pressure
- 1 television for the recreation room of the department

The Stephen's Dream has supported and continues to support families with economic distress followed by the nephrology and urology wards of Padua and Bologna.

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