**Covid-19 health emergency has not extinguished the energy of solidarity**

*Today local associations supported by Adriatic LNG presented their Christmas projects in Porto Tolle*

*Porto Tolle, December 16th, 2020* – Covid-19 health emergency has made daily life harder, increasing economic difficulties and the social exclusion of the most vulnerable people. However, this has not extinguished the energy of local voluntary associations, who were able to organize important solidarity projects this Christmas too, thanks to the support of Adriatic LNG.

The presentation of the initiatives has taken place this morning at the Council hall of the Municipality of Porto Tolle, and involved the mayor Roberto Pizzoli, the deputy mayor Silvana Mantovani, the president of “I Calabroni” association Beatrice Cattin, the president of “Luce sul Mare” association Franco Marangon and Giorgia Fonsatti on behalf of Adriatic LNG.

Unfortunately, the project “Star bene tra noi a Natale” will not involve the organization of the traditional convivial lunch dedicated to the elderly, this year. However, thanks to the commitment of the young volunteers of “I Calabroni” association and the support of Adriatic LNG, it will be possible to provide practical help to people who live alone or are facing situations of economic difficulty. As a matter of fact, in collaboration with the “Emporio della Solidarietà”, the Municipality of Porto Tolle and the “Cooperativa Goccia”, over 70 necessity food parcels will be donated to those most in need: from December 21st to 23rd volunteers will then carry out home delivery, in full compliance with hygiene and sanitation prevention measures.

*“I would like to thank Adriatic LNG for having supported for the 10th consecutive year such an important social project for our community* – stated Beatrice Cattin, the president of “I Calabroni” association. *Though it was not possible to organize our traditional convivial lunch, we still wanted to support our neighbours in difficulty. I would also like to thank all the volunteers involved in the project, and the Municipality of Porto Tolle for its constant support”.*

This Christmas will therefore be different than usual, but it will not certainly lack bright colours and the genuine joy of “Luce sul Mare” association. Within the project “Un ponte per…” supported by Adriatic LNG, teens indeed created hand-made small decorative objects made of fabric, wood, or recycled materials, helped by educators: presents will be delivered in the next days to the primary schools of Porto Tolle and then given to children as Christmas gifts.

*“This year more than ever, we believe it is important to help people who are facing a particularly difficult Christmas period, also due to Covid-19 pandemic* – stated Alfredo Balena of Adriatic LNG. *Our company has always actively participated in the life of the territory, facing with local community even the most difficult moments, side by side. I would like to thank the Municipality of Porto Tolle for collaboration and the associations volunteers, who play a primary social role with sensitivity and passion”.*

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