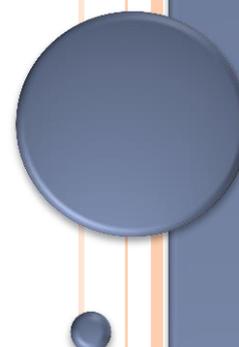




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Fondazione La Casa onlus is a non-profit organization created to support initiatives and projects to solve social and housing problems of the Italian and foreign families, facilitating their social inclusion.

It was founded in March 2001 by the Chamber of Commerce of Padua, the Ethics banking of Padua, the Italian Christian Workers' Associations (A.C.L.I.) of the Province of Padua, the Cooperative Nuovo Villaggio and the Diocese of Padua. Other members joined in recently.

As constituent members: the Provinces of Padua, Venice, Rovigo, The Veneto Region, the Venetian Province of the Order of Friars Minor of St. Anthony. As associate members: the Municipalities (in the Veneto Region) of Camposampiero, Vigonza, Costa di Rovigo, Conselve.

## MISSION

The Foundation works to tackle worklessness and homelessness, creating opportunities to social inclusion through employment and social housing for the most disadvantaged in our society.

Social policies promote employment, improve living and working conditions.

It collaborates with government agencies, private companies and the third sector by promoting a modern welfare system.

It stimulates co-operation and partnerships by promoting proper practices, research results, new applications.

It works in multidisciplinary teams and/or adopting a tailored case-management approach to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families better on a practice level.

It cooperates with ONG and PA of the territory, by specific agreement, for the management of social support to housing and working to facilitate social inclusion.

It is committed in research and development activities, as well as awareness-raising and advocacy through the promotion of local and EU networks and thematic project partnerships.

## RESOURCES

In recent years the social system has seen an increase in the number of vulnerable people. In the broadest sense, social vulnerability may depend from multiple factors: economic, social, health, housing, working situations.

FLC respond individually to the needs and requirements of people with full respect for the dignity of every individual with the aim of improving their quality of life by promoting: social reintegration through guidance, employment, training programs, social housing, building of resilient relationships.

FLC provides a wide range of supporting services in order to empower the disadvantaged groups and sensitize society aiming at combating unemployment and social exclusion.

FLC focuses on social needs that are not evident, that remain concealed, that are not dealt with or not to a sufficient degree. To do so, we try to embed an approach that analyses the situation beyond and seeks new relationships among relevant stakeholders. FLC is committed, in turn, to making a model of its proposals and to the replicability of its actions. FLC wants to innovate in order to improve people's quality of life and transform society.



### Care and support to vulnerable people

FLC takes care of each person in order to build a relationship of reciprocity that enables individual resources.



### Guidance

FLC strives to create inspiring environments where people can develop confidence to choose their own path in life, find fulfilment and determine their own future.



## Employment and training

FLC promotes interventions tailored to individual needs for the promotion of employment for vulnerable groups, and the need to ensure more inclusive labour markets. The aim is to help people who are at risk of permanent exclusion from the labour market (poorly qualified persons, long-term unemployed, people with disabilities, migrants, etc.) towards sustainable employment and integration in society.



## Low-requirement accommodations (social housing)

These are resources that, in different shapes and forms (short-term and medium-term assistance and housing), try to cater for the most basic needs –mainly overnight stay, food and safety - for people who are in a greater situation of defencelessness and self neglect.

This enables people to gain access to the resources and the care network who otherwise, for very different reasons –serious mental health problems, major self-neglect, dependency on alcohol and toxic substances, a situation of administrative irregularity – would sleep rough in the streets of our cities.



## Social relations

FLC supports people to develop their capacity to enter into relations with other members of the society.



## Generative welfare culture

FLC promotes the generative welfare. The concept is by Fondazione Zancan (an Italian foundation for social research) that gave this name to something that has a long life in social work logics. Basically it describes the act of asking something back when someone is helped by society.

## STRATEGIC ALLIANCES



FLC sustains alliances as an opportunity for creating spaces for dialogue. Thanks to the resources that we are provided with by companies and private foundations (human, economic and/or material), we have increased the sustainability of our projects and promoted a more inclusive and supportive society.

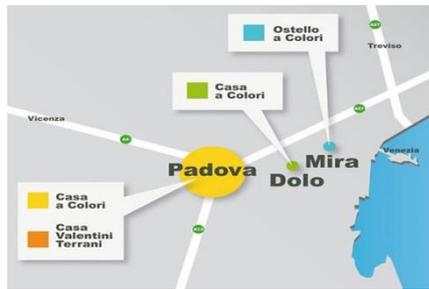
**Beneficiaries:** people who come to the FLC to ask for help, to be assisted

**Local public bodies:** they are the institutional referents. FLC constantly collaborates with them for the resolution of cases and the definition of specific solutions

**NGOs & CSOs:** FLC works with several organizations throughout the country that aim at responding to the problem of diverse social distresses. With these organization it is frequent the exchange of knowledge and best practices in occasion of meetings, seminars, conferences, training courses, and deployment of projects

**European organizations:** in recent years FLC has expanded its collaborations on different themes of social issues with organizations of the European countries. These partnerships allows the exchange of best practices for a sustainable welfare and stimulate FLC research and innovation activities

## NUMBERS THAT TELL ..



## Social housing

Foundation La Casa takes care of persons in housing problems, offering spaces in which individuals and families can meet their needs and rest. In its idea, the house is the place from which the fundamental relationships with the community originate. The service is designed to help homeless to stabilize their lives through assertive supportive housing and working services.

The service is activated at the request of the Municipalities, Offices of Social Protection, Health Units, Prefectures, Civil Protection, according to the emergency faced.

The houses denominated “Colorful houses” are in the Veneto region and are nr. 4.

<b>2012</b>	Casa a Colori - Padova	Casa Valentini Terrani - Padova	Casa a Colori - Dolo	Ostello a Colori - Mira
Parents with minor children	66	—	38	—
Couples	6	—	20	—
Singles	20	4	54	20

<b>2013</b>	Casa a Colori - Padova	Casa Valentini Terrani - Padova	Casa a Colori - Dolo	Ostello a Colori - Mira
Parents with minor children	71	33	—	—
Couples	1	4	—	8
Singles	19	26	—	—

## Job services

Together with the partner Cooperative New Village, accredited to deliver job services in the Region Veneto, the Foundation supports job seekers with career information and guidance services.

Operators ensure relevant and complete information about employment opportunities, the main features of the labor market, the tools to facilitate the research for a job and the range of services available in the network of the public and private job agencies.

Services	2012	2013
Face-to-face Interview skills coaching	40	61
Recruitment interviews	12	15
Job placements	6	15
Internships	4	3

## Projects

In the last two years Foundation La casa has been developing (as organizer or partner) local and national projects.

Work together, work for a scope, work better.

By way of example, we may list the following:

2012 - **EUROPEAN FUND FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS** – Project title: “The dwelling as a service – exchange of good practices for the welfare of the person” – Aim: Encouraging the exchange of good practices in Europe among operators of welfare policies.

2011 - 2012 - **EUROPEAN FUND FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS** - Project title: “Social real estate” Aim: Activating an integrated social intermediation to housing through services that promote real paths to social inclusion of people in poor housing conditions.

2014 – **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PADUA** – Project title: Old houses for new lifes. Aim: The project aims at investigating which are the social distresses that lead to social exclusion and to the loss of the house. Furthermore, it makes a review of the local social housing policies.

2013 – **FOUNDATION SAN ZENO** – Project title: A home for separated fathers. Aims: the project aims at supporting separated fathers in economic disease in finding a temporary suitable house that allows them to meet and stay with their sons/daughters.

In 2013 **FOUNDATION LA CASA** has published an interesting research called “Living Padua” about the social situation of the people resident in Padua.



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