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The Comitato Maria Letizia Verga is an italian non-profit association established in the 1980s by parents and doctors committed to the contest against leukaemia. The driving force behind it was and is Giovanni Verga, father of Maria Letizia, who died of leukaemia when she was just four years old.

Over the last 43 years the Comitato – based in the San Gerardo Hospital in Monza, near Milan – has carried out countless activities, focusing on scientific research and clinical cure of infant leukaemia, activities that have made it possible to cure more than 2000 children, turning the research and cure centre in Monza into a medical excellence in Italy and throughout the world. All this was achieved thanks to the alliance between parents, medical staff and researchers, all of whom have unceasingly worked for this goal.

The Comitato, with his history, has been the strongest source of inspiration for the "Timosha's Smile" founders, who are learning from its forty years of experience and from the suggestions coming from its members.

As soon as the "Timosha's Smile" hospital project will reach its final achievement, it will be possible to organize periods of training for the medical staff at the "Centro Maria Letizia Verga for Infant Leukaemia Research and Cure", in order to transfer knowledge and experience to the doctors and nurses of the new hospital and enable them to treat Ukrainian children with cancer according to the highest European standards.

Your faithfully,

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