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## A MESSAGE FOR YOU



Dear Friends,

*in this new issue of Dalle Radici we would like to tell you about two new projects that have been taking shape in recent months. These are two initiatives activated on an international level which, once again, are focused on women.*

*The first started a few weeks ago in Ukraine. Born from a collaboration with the Polytechnic University of Lviv and thanks to a contact from our Councilor Marco Moschini, it offers a training course aimed at job placement for a group of women who have fled areas that are being bombed.*

*The other project was activated in Burkina Faso, where, together with the Apostle Sisters of the Sacred Heart, we are supporting 24 distance adoptions. The situation in the country is incredibly difficult and they have asked us for help to build a small chicken coop for women to manage. As we experienced in Kenya with "Mutanu the pink garden", we know that this type of activity is precious for giving women independence and dignity and for this reason we decided to start this adventure.*

*Finally, we made space for the recent publication of the book containing the writings and speeches of Valter Baldaccini. It has been an important job for us. We were working on the book before the pandemic, and our director Fabio Luccioli will tell you the story. He moderated the presentation of the volume held at the Teatro San Carlo in Foligno on May 3rd, on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of Valter Baldaccini Foundation.*

*I hope you enjoy reading this news.  
A warm greeting.*

**Beatrice Baldaccini**  
President of the Valter Baldaccini  
Foundation

## PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN IN UKRAINE

The conflict between Ukraine and Russia, which we have been witnessing since February 2021, arose from tensions that have existed between the two countries since 2014, mainly linked to the disputed and occupied areas of Crimea and Donbass. In the last year and a half, the war has spread to the eastern and southern part of Ukraine, and, in recent weeks, bombings have intensified in the capital, Kiev.

This tragic situation has had disastrous humanitarian consequences. In addition to those who have lost their lives or been injured, over 7 million people have been displaced and the project we organized together with the Lviv Polytechnic

University was born precisely to try to help some of them and support their inclusion.



Among the people fleeing there are many women with children and the goal of our intervention is to help them recover from the economic and emotional losses

caused by displacement and to help them identify new job opportunities so they can financially support themselves and their children.

To do this, teachers at the Lviv Polytechnic University have structured an online training course for 100 women in difficulty who currently live in different areas of the country. They will have access to the course and will be monitored by some NGOs and non-profit organizations operating in the area. Currently, the project team is in the participant-selection phase of the process. These women will be supported in redefining their lives, disrupted by the enormous change suffered due to the war. They will receive help to enhance their skills and to structure, or to find, new job opportunities in the place where they have been forced to take refuge.

We spent a long time building this project and identifying a

trustworthy partner in the Ukrainian territory with whom we could build a relationship. After war broke out we responded immediately with a shipment of many necessities to the Polish border. Many donations arrived and were allocated to a project in Ukraine. Today we are happy to report these first, substantive steps to those who follow and support the Foundation with esteem, affection, and trust.

## A SMALL CHICKEN COOP IN BURKINA FASO

The balance sheet of our social project in Burkina Faso shows two wells, 33 emergency surgeries and 28 education and training courses for many Burkinabé boys and girls. This work began before the Valter Baldaccini Foundation existed: it was in fact Valter Baldaccini who fell deeply in love with this land and who personally dedicated himself to carrying out concrete aid actions for these people.

Today more than ten years have passed since the journey that led Valter Baldaccini to Burkina for the first time and the relationship with the Apostle Sisters of the Sacred Heart whose work in the area has never stopped. The Foundation is in fact active in the community with **24 educational courses thanks to a group of loyal donors**. This support allows a boy or girl to



attend school and be guaranteed at least one hot meal a day. Yes, because the problem of hunger in this country is unfortunately a sad truth.

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world, life expectancy is only 60 years, the literacy rate is very low and political instability is forcing many people to flee. At the end of 2022 there were two coups and armed terrorist groups, especially in the northern part of the country, destroy villages and kill civilians.

In this context, Sister Philomène Kiendrébégo, our contact person, asked us for help in giving the community of Bousè a small sign of dignity and hope:

**"Help us build a chicken coop, it would be salvation for us"**. So, in recent months we evaluated what was possible to do and between fence remodeling, recounting chickens and quantifying the feed necessary for breeding we managed to kick off this new project.

Having a chicken coop for this community is a real asset, a new beginning. Hens are a secure source of livelihood, they produce eggs that can be eaten immediately, or chicks can be raised which will later be consumed or sold. Women will take care of this chicken coop and thanks to this small job they will have the opportunity to regain part of their dignity and slowly walk towards autonomy.

Due to the complex situation in the country, communicating with Sister Philomène is not always easy, but we hope to be able to tell you soon about the progress and provide updates regarding this new project.



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*Since 2015, the Valter Baldaccini Foundation has been committed to preserving the life testimony, values and actions of Valter Baldaccini, a Christian man and enlightened entrepreneur. Every day it supports those who are most in difficulty by carrying out projects in three areas: family, education and work, in the area and around the world.*

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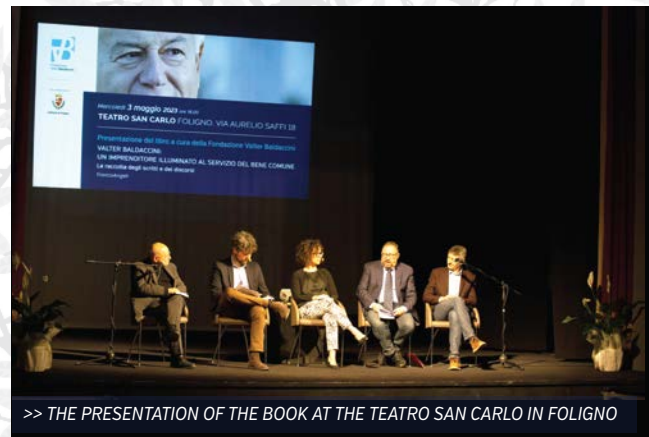
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# A BOOK SPREADING THE THOUGHTS OF VALTER BALDACCINI

By Fabio Luccioli

A man of the past, present, and future. This was and is Valter Baldaccini, an enlightened entrepreneur, a man of faith and great humanitarian. It's a difficult task to outline, in a few lines, Valter's ability to plant deep roots in the family, in the working world and in society. We can know him better and understand his greatness, in the book "Valter Baldaccini: an enlightened entrepreneur at the service of the common good", a book published by Franco Angeli and born thanks to the work done by the Foundation that bears the name of the entrepreneur from Cannara. After Ottaviano Turrioni's "Valter Baldaccini. A great man, a great friend" (Morlacchi Editore, 2019), this is the second text published about him in the past four years.



>> THE PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK AT THE TEATRO SAN CARLO IN FOLLIGNO

Perhaps, this time it would be appropriate to say, "by him". Yes, because the last volume presents, in chronological order, the writings, thoughts and reflections of Valter Baldaccini. His letters and notes clearly show how his vision has extraordinary relevance today. It is a written, spiritual legacy which as one reads the pages, reveals the effectiveness and brilliance of good business practices and human empathy we can develop in every aspect of our life: from factory work to relationships with friends and family, passing through to the world of volunteerism and social action. For Valter Baldaccini the person was at the center of everything. In fact, Valter Baldaccini was an authentic forerunner of the "civil economy" which is talked about so much today. The book was presented last May at the "San Carlo" theater in Foligno. It was a pleasant and crowded afternoon, where many memories resurfaced, as well as endless ideas given by those who attended starting with our president Beatrice and continuing with Bishop Domenico Sorrentino's presentation. Professor Marco Moschini - who deserves credit for having had the intuition not to leave Valter's writings "in a drawer" - oversaw the conclusions of the book and, in a certain sense, also of the meeting. The figure of Valter Baldaccini "seeker and creator of meaning" was instead told by Professor Giampietro Parolin, who worked on the book's introduction: a text which, like Valter's writings, deserves not to be left in a drawer. It must be opened, leafed through, and read with all its nuances.