

“ The will of one man,  
the future of many ,”



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## A FUTURE FOR JALIL



>> JALIL WORKING IN THE CITY FARM OF CARITAS PERUGIA

## A MESSAGE FOR YOU



Dear friend,

This year, the Valter Baldaccini Foundation turns ten years old, a significant milestone we are celebrating in many ways.

We did so by remembering the values, actions, and story of my father, Valter, with the screening of the documentary film "Valter Baldaccini, Life as an Example," which recounts his life through the words of those who knew him. To him, and to the fairy tale "Valter of Desires," we also dedicated our latest flower display, the floral carpet created in Cannara for Corpus Christi.

Furthermore, in this significant year, the "Family and Work" project has taken an important step forward: a valuable collaboration has begun with Caritas Perugia and its director, Father Marco Briziarelli. In this issue of "From the Roots," he will tell us about the work placement journey of a prisoner, which we are working on together.

Everything the Foundation achieves is possible only thanks to the support of those who are close to us every day. To you, who accompany us with love and trust, goes my most sincere thanks. The good we are building together in the world is also thanks to you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Beatrice Baldaccini  
President of the Valter Baldaccini Foundation



>> THE FLOWER ARTIST MASSIMILIANO WHILE MAKING THE PORTRAIT OF VALTER BALDACCINI

## JUSTICE, INCLUSION, AND REBIRTH

A conversation with Father Marco Briziarelli, director of Caritas Perugia



>> JALIL AND HIS RAM

The ram sees him from afar; he recognizes him now. He attracts his attention with a loud bleat, asking for some food and a cuddle. We are in Perugia at the City Farm - Integral Ecology Laboratory, the space managed by the San Lorenzo Charity Foundation, the operational

branch of the diocesan Caritas of Perugia-Città della Pieve. The protagonist of this story is Jalil, a 42-year-old man with an unfading smile. He's been in Italy for a long time, working as a warehouse worker, but he lost his job, and his life has become tangled.

Since January 2025, Jalil has been a beneficiary of the Valter Baldaccini Foundation's "Family and Work" project. This project, dedicated to job placement, has been active since 2017 and has evolved over the years. Today, it **supports a job placement program for people serving alternative sentences to prison.**

"The San Lorenzo Charity Foundation," Don Marco Briziarelli, director of Caritas Perugia, told us, "is the operational body of the Diocesan Caritas of Perugia - Città della Pieve."

The Foundation, through the CEI 8xmille Italia 2025 "Seeds of Charity" project, promotes community justice and restorative justice, with the aim of **creating opportunities that open paths to social reintegration, reduce the recidivism rate, and address prison overcrowding.**

*Together with the Valter Baldaccini Foundation, which supports this project by creating a job grant, we are helping to build a more inclusive society, offering employment opportunities and hope to those who have embarked on a journey of change."*

Jalil, who is currently on work-release, is now undertaking a



>> DON MARCO BRIZIARELLI, DIRECTOR OF CARITAS PERUGIA

special journey: he returns to prison every evening and works during the day as a groundskeeper and animal caretaker at the beautiful City Farm. *"His constant commitment and professionalism have allowed him to become a key figure in the project."*

Jalil's reintegration process had already begun in 2024, but this year the intervention of the **Valter Baldaccini Foundation** allowed his contract to be renewed with extended working hours.



>> JALIL TAKES CARE OF THE GREENERY AT CITY FARM

*"Today, in addition to work, Jalil can count on a home, made available by the Unitalsi association, a network of volunteers, and a personal and professional support program. His dedication is tangible: he participates in an Italian language course with excellent results, enthusiastically welcomes visiting schoolchildren, lovingly and passionately cares*

*for the greenery and animals, and dreams of family reunification.*

His wife and two children, with whom he is constantly in touch, live in Morocco. *"We will never*



>> JALIL WORKING IN THE GREENHOUSE

*forget the emotion in his eyes as he was able to sign the contract, writing his name himself.*

*His story is the symbol of rebirth possible when there is trust, care, and a welcoming community. Jalil is smiling again, he has returned to building his life on relationships. Jalil has returned to living with dignity."*

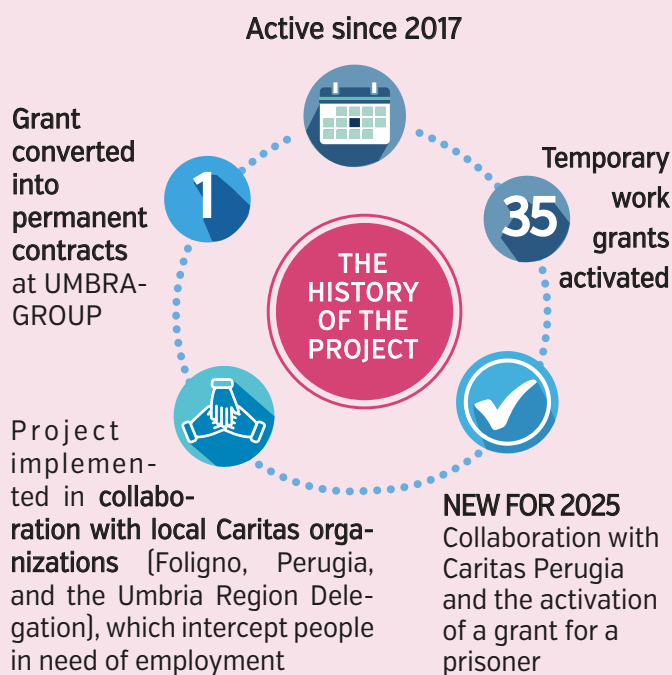
*"I would like to express my personal thanks to the Valter Baldaccini Foundation, to Beatrice Baldaccini, and to all the collaborators of UMBRA for this journey we are taking together, a generative network capable of including, giving hope, and bringing dreams back with concrete daily actions. When Providence becomes flesh and life is lived, a piece of Paradise descends among us".*

The photographs in this issue were taken by Francesca Boccabella.



*Together with the UMBRAGROUP Executives Group, we met Jalil and the many activities of Caritas Perugia on April 1, 2025, to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the company's founding.*

## THE "FAMILY AND WORK" PROJECT





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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## A DOCUMENTARY FILM TO TELL THE STORY OF VALTER BALDACCINI

A simple man of deep faith and clear vision: this is the portrait of Valter Baldaccini offered to us by "*Valter Baldaccini, life as an example*," the documentary film about his life, directed by Loretta Bonamente, produced by Strani Rumori Studio Multimedia, and made with the contribution of UMBRAGROUP.

Premiering on May 9, 2025, on the tenth anniversary of the Foundation that bears his name, the documentary film moved and thrilled the 600 people who filled the Sala Rossa of the Politeama Clarici Multisala in Foligno.



>> THE TEAM THAT WORKED ON THE DOCUMENTARY

In the documentary, Valter Baldaccini's story is told through eleven different voices. Some of the people who knew him recount his extraordinary nature: a genuine man, in love with life, with others, and with his homeland. Born in Cannara, after his father died, he was raised by three strong and loving women: his mother Rosa, his grandmother Vienna, and his aunt Apollonia. Over the years, he founded UMBRAGROUP, an internationally recognized brand in the aerospace and industrial markets, creating a multinational company where every employee was someone he knew, greeted, and listened to. Valter also made the Gospel his compass in his work. "Love your neighbor as yourself" was his rule of life. Married for over 40 years to his "great love," Mariangela, they had three children together: Antonio, Leonardo, and Beatrice. He brought solidarity to Africa and comfort to his community with the humility of one who knows that true wealth lies in affection, values, and the goodness we sow.

The next screenings of "*Valter Baldaccini, life as an example*" are scheduled for Saturday, **September 20, 2025, at 5 pm and 7 pm**, at the Ettore Thesoriere Theater in Cannara. Full details will soon be available on the Foundation's channels. We look forward to seeing you!