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per il progresso della cardiologia

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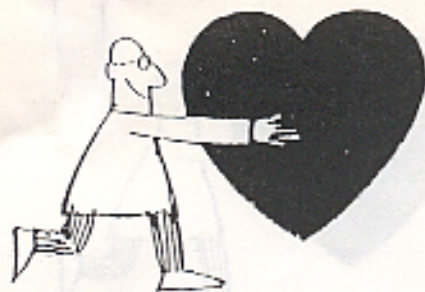
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The President of the Associazione Amici Del Cuore, Antonio Famularo, advises that as the Health Department's funds are running dry, doctors specializing in heart diseases, are more frequently seeking help for funds from associations like ours in order to purchase equipment and instruments that would enable them to perform their various tasks in a more efficient way, thus, alleviating the heavy burden from the already "sick" public hospital system.

I am very proud that our Association, to date, has donated to our community, machines and computerized equipment to the value of over \$2,000, this to try and make life a little easier for those heart patients and those doctors who are daily dedicated to the constant fight against cardiovascular diseases. Although 46% of the Australian population dies from related heart diseases, the figures for NSW are, somewhat higher and in the order of 50%, alarming figures that require strenuous and constant fight, if we are to be on top of the problem.

Only prompt, emergency help can be beneficial to patients who are experiencing extreme pathology. However, most drastic cases could be prevented by leading a healthy life, coupled by preventative diagnostic analysis. Our Association has pledged itself in helping as much as is reasonable possible, within its means.

One thing is, however inconprehensible, while the technology has evolved dramatically, resulting in much more costly equipment, the Government has not allocated further funds towards the public health system. Every citizen, I believe, deserves the best in health care from our health system, but if this fails, as is now the case, associations like ours could be there to function as a supplement "safety valve" just in case. I urge our community in participating fully with donations and by direct membership with our



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Association. We must be always vigilant as our common enemy, namely, heart diseases, are constantly ready to attack any one of us. I for one, was a victim of such an attack and consider myself lucky as I was promptly taken to hospital and diagnosed and my attack was subdued. Can we always be lucky? No one ever knows if and when it may strike, however we can be vigilant by, firstly living healthy lives, secondly by having periodic diagnostic tests. Your contribution to our Association today, could make a big difference, who knows, to whom, tomorrow.

For further information contact me on 02 9642.7933

Antonio Famularo

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Famularo'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.