

STATEMENT FOR FONDAZIONE LANG ITALIA OCTOBER 2 EVENT

October 2, 2012

Dear Tiziano and Colleagues of Fondazione Lang Italia,

On behalf of Venture Philanthropy Partners (VPP) and the *Leap of Reason* Initiative, I offer my warmest wishes for the success of the Lang Centre's program presenting strategic philanthropy for "Third Sector" operators. I regret I am unable to be with you today in Milan for Fondazione Lang Italia's first action toward realizing its vision to "improve the quality of life of future generations by identifying solutions that create new opportunities for others, through the commitment and capacity of each of us to best use the resources and talent we have."

Since we first met in Washington, DC, in March of this year, my team and I have been impressed by the careful thought, focus, and clarity of your efforts to advance strategic philanthropy and apply an investment model to a strategic support in childhood and integrated medicine in Italy's philanthropic and charitable worlds. We look forward to supporting your bold initiative, your efforts to advance VPP's philanthropic investment approach, and the high performance messages of our *Leap of Reason* book and materials in Italy.

I am personally honored to have been asked to join the impressive and talented leaders you have brought to your Advisory Board and management team, and look forward to being a member of this distinguished group.

My very best wishes for a successful program.



Mario Morino