

## THE ASSOCIATION

The spontaneous aggregation of a group of parents that had their children treated as patients at the Neurosurgery Department of the G. Gaslini Institute in Genova created the “Association for the research about the child brain tumour” with a legal act provided by the notary public Mr. Carlo Cavagna, in Voghera, on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001.

The Association, that became no profit during 2008, has the aim to finance initiatives and specific research projects on child brain tumour to obtain effective and less harmful treatments than the ones currently in use.

The financed projects must particularly verify and carefully examine the possible genetic causes of some child tumours.

The final aim of this research will be to study and develop new important pharmacogenetic therapies as alternatives to the current chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments.

Despite progress achieved on child brain tumour care, the therapeutic results are not as satisfactory as for some other paediatric tumours.

Since the organ interested in this kind of tumours shows specific peculiarities, deep knowledge and related treatment of tumour appear very difficult without risking permanent damages.

After a starting period to organise, communicate and inform a wider public about the aim of the Association the number of Members-Volunteers has grown considerably.

Today, thanks to the numerous initiatives of the Members, the financial resources necessary to achieve the Association aims can be found.

The administration of the Association is totally performed by volunteers.