

Left and above, the project that took second place, by the studio RARE Office of Berlin, Arch. Barbara Di Gregorio & Partners.

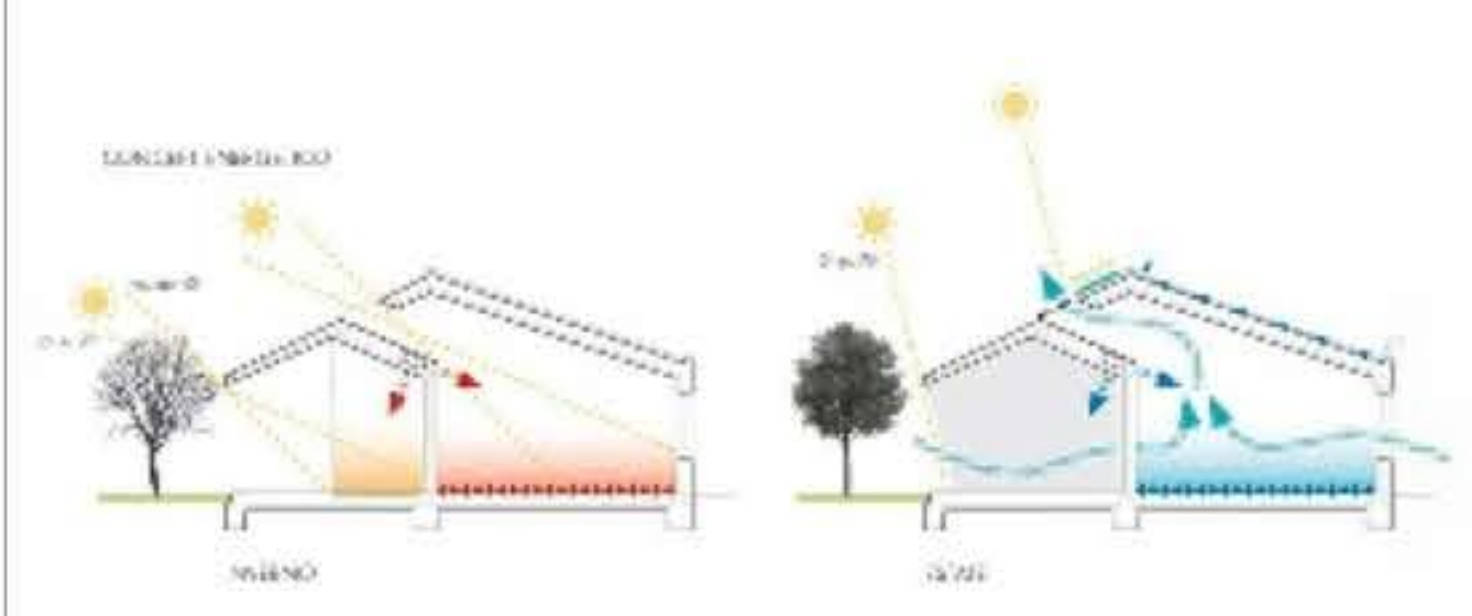


# ARCHITECTURE FOR SOLIDARITY



winners have been announced in the competition LAD PROJECT FOR WONDERLAD, for the design of a CENTER for children with serious illnesses and their FAMILIES

The international architecture competition *Lad Project for WonderLad*, organized by Lad Onlus and ANCE Catania to construct in Catania (thanks to the financial support of Fondazione Vodafone Italia and Enel Cuore Onlus and the contribution of Fondazione BNL, while LineaLight has supplied all the lighting systems free of charge) a day and night facility for children with serious illnesses and their families, has reached a conclusion. The three winning projects, selected from 104 works submitted from all over Europe, were chosen by a jury formed by: Arturo Dell'Acqua Bellavitis (Dean of the School of Design at the Milan Polytechnic and President of the



Panels from the winning project in the competition *Lad Project for WonderLad*, by the Florence-based studio Frontini Terrana Architects. The project interprets two main themes, hospitality and the figurative organization of the domestic environment, while the inspiration comes from the classic Sicilian *masseria* farmhouse (also known as *'baglio'*): a space based on the volumetric and functional subdivisions around an open zone, bringing sunlight in the cold months and offering coolness in summer, organizing flows and life in the entire complex.

Fondazione Museo del Design della Triennale di Milano); Gilda Bojardi (Editor of *Interni*); Magda Di Rienzo (psychotherapist in charge of the Psychotherapy Service of the Developmental Age of the Istituto di Ortofonia, Rome); Antonio R. Riviero (Past Vice-President of the International Union of Architects); Gabriella Sardella (Director of the Urban Planning Office of the City of Catania); Stefano Seita (designer of *CasaOz*, Turin); Ewa Struzynska (Director of the IUA Work Program "Architecture & Children"); Fani Vavili (President of IUA Hellenic Section - IUA Public Health Program). The winning project - which will be built on an area of 1800 sq.m. inside a zone of 12,000 sq.m. made available by the City of Catania - was submitted by the Florence-based studio Frontini Terrana Architects, with its team of young architects, engineers and urban designers. "The project by

Frontini Terrana Architects was convincing thanks to its expressive force combined with great simplicity, low environmental impact and limited management costs: it will be a passive building for near-zero energy consumption," says the architect Emilio Randazzo, in charge of the competition, while Cinzia Favara Sacco (President of Lad Onlus) emphasized that the center "will be organized in three macro-zones: the WonderLad House, for reception, administration, recreation spaces and the kitchen with dining room; the WonderLad Room, with six residences for families and an autonomous space; and WonderLad Social, a multifunctional, versatile space for all kinds of initiatives." The announcement of the winners took place during the course of an event organized at the Sheraton Hotel in Catania, with an exhibit of the top 25 selected projects. Besides seeing



their work built, the winners receive a prize of 10,000 euros, while prizes of 2000 and 1000 euros went, respectively, to the second and third prize winners. You can find out how to support the Lad Onlus project at the official website: [www.ladonlus.org](http://www.ladonlus.org) (A.P.)

Above and at the center, panels from the third-place project, by the architect Luisa Tindara Rosselli.