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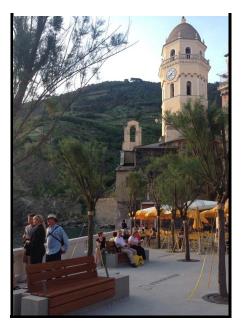
Dear friend of Save Vernazza,

It is such an exciting time for Save Vernazza: inaugurating the new Piazza Marconi recently was truly a joyful honor. As I was cutting the ribbon, surrounded by the children of Vernazza, I was thinking about what a long road to recovery we have been on AND what an incredible story of teamwork and support from people like YOU. So, consider yourself an integral part of Save Vernazza and feel good about the work we are accomplishing together!

Exciting news about what we have accomplished together: Piazza Marconi in Vernazza is reborn thanks to teamwork: "The piazza that love (re)built!"

A revitalized Piazza Marconi was officially inaugurated on May 25, 2015, exactly 3 ½ years after the October 25, 2011 disaster. The **Renaissance of Vernazza Project** is a symbol of the extraordinary cooperation and support Vernazza has received from institutions and people all over the world. Thank you Save Vernazza supporters for joining us to make this dream a reality! Come see the beautiful new piazza designed by Richard Rogers that love (re)built: new stone paving, landscape design, street furniture, and energy efficient lighting to increase safety and beauty for residents and visitors.

"Turisti nei Cian" (Tourists in the Wild) Voluntourism Excursions in third season



We are so pleased to enter our third Voluntourism season partnering with Busabout and TreadRight.

Since 2013, more than 450 participants have joined 50 excursions to help 20 different landowners. We are excited that 96% of the volunteers rated their experience as "Awesome"!



This year, Vernazzan Irene Di Martino is running the program and she has "recruited" more guides! Join us twice weekly from May to October with young Vernazzan guides who will take you into the hills high above the Mediterranean Sea to work with locals in their vineyards, olive groves, or gardens. This project gives travelers a once-in-a-lifetime experience with locals in the wild, away from the crowds in the village streets below.

Vernazza Volunteer Emergency Responders and Mountain Rescue Squad

Thanks to generous donations from YOU, Save Vernazza has donated a new portable

stretcher to the volunteer heroes of the Mountain Emergency Rescue Squad to save hikers who fall ill or have accidents when hiking through our beautiful, fragile territory.

Learn more about all of our projects at <u>www.SaveVernazza.com</u>.

We took a tragedy and transformed it with hope and hard work. Vernazza is a magical place, yet still threatened by landslides and increasing mass tourism. Your support inspires us to continue on our mission and we are so grateful for the generosity and good wishes we receive from people all over the world like you. Please consider a donation of any amount today to rebuild, restore, and preserve Vernazza's town and territory: Together we can make a difference.

Tanti saluti,

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Donate today!