

Briosi donates one million to the Health Authority

From Metalsistem also 20,000 face masks

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ROVERETO - It is a challenging period for the economy, but there are entrepreneurs who, nevertheless, wish to help people. This is the case of Antonello Briosi (in the picture), owner of Metalsistem, who has signed a check for one million euros for the Health Authority (for doctors, nurses, and social health workers, in the front line in the fight against the coronavirus) and has purchased 20,000 face masks to be donated to the nursing homes. A much more than welcome gift. «It was our duty to do so. - explains the industrialist from Rovereto - because we must all take responsibility for the global emergency which is also harshly affecting Trentino, and concretely meet the needs of our territory which has been hosting this company for half a century». The money, bear in mind, has certainly not been withheld from workers' salaries. «No, not at all! We informed our staff that we were doing this, including employee representative bodies and the trade unions. This money could have been distributed to the shareholders as dividends, and is not part of the compensation for workers. The workers have appreciated the donation, and we are pleased about this». That is one million euros for hospitals and 20 thousand face masks for rest homes, using funds that were allocated to the shareholders, and not to the employees of the company. «The amount was established by a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Fondazione Metalsistem and, I repeat, it is used to finance purchases of



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personal protection equipment and training activities for health personnel. We wanted to point out that the donation has a specific purpose. We talked about this with Paolo Bordon, General Manager of the Provincial Body for Health Services of Trento, and he was enthusiastic. The Board of Directors wanted to specify this, and that was very appreciated».

An honourable gesture. «It was simply a donation that was considered and evaluated by those who really have to check the values. We believe that we are donors of a valuable paper called money, but the real heroes are those who assist the people affected by the coronavirus. They risk their life and even bring the risk home, in their families, when they return home after their shift. Their risk is multiplied and they are heroes because they take this risk every day. That is why we do not think we have done something sensational, but we have simply put some money on the plate». A gesture of solidarity, therefore, which must not be considered a miracle, since, as Briosi says, it is «just» money. «If I look at the facts, and I really have to tell the truth, I stay safe at home. And I own a big house, I live in

the countryside, and so I can stay outdoor without complaining too much». However, it is a significant amount. «I realize it, but let us say that, as Metalsistem, we have raised the bar precisely in terms of the amount because the company is doing very well, the profits are significant, and therefore it seemed right and proper to share this with those who fight in the front line to save lives». Besides the one million euros, the Foundation has also donated 20,000 face masks, which are scarce in this period in the basic care and support structures. «From this point of view we have managed to find a privileged channel. They are protective masks taken from craftsmen in the Rovereto and Vallagarina area, and they will be distributed exclusively to the