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Summer at the Procuratie Vecchie: Festa del Redentore 2023, free admission to the Home of The Human Safety Net in Venice on Sunday, July 16

- → Starting July 30, admission is free on the last Sunday of each month throughout 2023
- → Guided tours with fixed start times throughout the summer to discover the history of the Procuratie Vecchie and David Chipperfield's restoration

Venice – For summer 2023, the <u>Home of The Human Safety Net</u> in Venice is offering visitors a series of special initiatives to discover the Procuratie Vecchie in St. Mark's Square and the architecture of the building, restored under a project by David Chipperfield, winner of the 2023 Pritzker Architecture Prize. It will also be possible to discover the interactive exhibition <u>A World of Potential</u> on the third floor, offering the community a stimulating and inclusive space in which to get to know, express and train one's potential, in line with the spirit of The Human Safety Net Foundation.

This offering is aimed at a wide audience, from families to art lovers, who will also have free access to the open-shelf library, curated by the Bibliothèques Sans Frontières association, which houses over 3,000 books in five languages.

On Sunday, July 16, marking the day of the Festa del Redentore, the Home of The Human Safety Net will be open to all with free admission. A special opportunity to follow up on the fireworks show of the previous evening by visiting an exhibition inspired by this particular expression of beauty. "The Hungriest Eye. The Blossoming of Potential" by artist Arthur Duff allows visitors to see all of their strengths transformed into a unique artistic representation, thanks to an innovative laser system. Duff drew inspiration for this work from nineteenth-century Japanese woodcuts depicting fireworks, designed to astound and surprise the constantly hungry eye of the beholder. The terraces will be open, enabling visitors to enjoy the view of the city from the rooftops.

Furthermore, starting on Sunday, July 30, until the end of 2023, admission to the Home of The Human Safety Net will always be free for everyone on the last Sunday of each month, terraces included. An opportunity for the local community and people who choose Venice as their holiday destination to savour the timeless charme of the Procuratie Vecchie, now open to the public for the first time in 500 years. And there is more. The visit also offers an opportunity to immerse yourself in the interactive exhibition 'A World of Potential', an original journey to discover the best in oneself and in others, and to connect with the values, programmes, and the network of 'people helping people' that is The Human Safety Net.

Paid individual and group guided tours with fixed start times will continue throughout the summer, offering an opportunity to explore the Home of The Human Safety Net, the history and its evocative architecture as well as to discover how commitment to supporting the most vulnerable is a true common thread linking the past, present and future of the building. A mission dating back



to the 16th century, when the Procurators of St. Mark lived and worked at the Procuratie Vecchie, administering the city but also supporting the most fragile people, that is renewed today thanks to The Human Safety Net. The foundation's programmes support vulnerable families with children up to 6 years old and promote the economic integration of refugees. The tours start at 11 AM and 3 PM on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. They are confirmed 24 hours in advance and require a minimum of 5 participants. For information and reservations: visit@thehumansafetynet.org. The interactive exhibition 'A World of Potential', curated by Orna Cohen, co-founder of Dialogue Social Enterprise (DSE), and created by Migliore+Servetto, is open every day except Tuesday from 10:00 to 19:00 (last admission at 6:10 PM).

Finally, also during the summer, every Thursday The Home of The Human Safety Net is offering visits to the interactive exhibition 'A World of Potential' and the terraces free of charge to residents of the metropolitan city of Venice, students at Venetian universities up to the age of 26 years with a valid card, and holders of the Carta Venezia Unica City Pass.

The free openings of 'Summer at the Procuratie Vecchie' are an opportunity to relax at the Illy Café while admiring St. Mark's Square from one of the hundred oculi that mark the facade of the Procuratie Vecchie, have lunch with friends, or enjoy an aperitif with traditional Venetian *cicchetti* in a unique environment.

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THE HUMAN SAFETY NET

The Human Safety Net is a global movement of people helping people. Our mission is to unlock the potential of people living in vulnerable contexts so they can transform the lives of their families and communities. The Human Safety Net's programmes support vulnerable families with young children (aged 0-6) and help include refugees within society through work and enterprise. To do this, we join forces with non-governmental organisations and the private sector in Europe, Asia and South America. The engine of the Human Safety Net is a foundation established by Generali in 2017. It operates in 25 countries, with a network of 77 NGOs and social enterprises as partners. To date, we have reached over 263 thousand people. Its programmes contribute to five of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The "For Families" programme supports early childhood indicators (SDG 3 and 4); the "For Refugees" programme helps create sustainable jobs and communities (SDG 8 and 11), and, all programmes are based on the principle that we can only make a significant impact through collaborations between different countries and stakeholders (SDG 17). The Home of The Human Safety Net is in the heart of Venice, St. Mark's Square, at the Procuratie Vecchie.