

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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## INTRODUCTION

**Our Annual Report provides an overview of our work during 2016. The report covers the presentation of our new organizational structure, an overview of our achievements in developed programmes, projects and actions, a review of our financial balance and special thanks to our partners.**

This year, at Mais Caminhos we had to say goodbye to Diana who left the organization to develop new personal endeavors. We appreciate all of her hard work and devotion from the bottom of our hearts, her contribution will be remembered forever. We now welcome our new Social Programme Manager María Dupuy wishing her the best on this new beginning.

Following our new management and organizational development, we launched a new website for Mais Caminhos, better aligned with Caminhos organization and reflecting our new plan of action. Dividing our activities in Programmes, Projects and Actions.



*2016 Volunteer Team*





## PROGRAMMES

### COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

Through our Complementary Education Programme we hold classes for children from the favelas Pavão-Pavãozinho and Cantagalo in the premises of Caminhos Language Centre in Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro.

Four days a week children aged 8 to 12 take over the classrooms and participate in three hour classes. The programme includes English, Social-emotional learning (Positive Discipline) and Creativity (for instance theater, sports, games or any other physical activity). Since we want to develop our children's academic and life skills to the fullest we focus on teaching the same group of children for a lengthy period of time. Mais Caminhos believes that the right balance of academic and emotional development with creative and physical inputs is a great way to prepare our children for their future that we try to make a little brighter. Our international volunteers give their best to teach children from the favela in Rio de Janeiro and help pave the path to a better life.



*Kids from the Education Programme*

During 2016 we helped 11 children at our programme. All of them successfully completed the school year!

### FAMILY SUPPORT

Mais Caminhos has decided to act as a “foster parent” to the chosen families and include them in our family programme in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro. We support families, help them to pay their bills, find jobs and obtain a good education. In return, we value gratitude and the motivation to be able to make it independently in the future. We believe education is the key to this and therefore we expect the family's children to pursue a decent education. That means that we tie our offer to the condition that the children of the family study hard and take the opportunities that we can provide for them.

During the year of 2016, we helped two families, from one of them we received good return and we keep helping, but the other one hasn't the expected return.



## DAVI

We currently support the family of Davi who is employed at Caminhos Language center as Activities coordinator. He is 22 years old, on the second year of university, studying electronic engineering and takes care of his 3 younger siblings. This is a huge responsibility for a young man, which is the reason we have chosen to support him, financially and emotionally.



*Davi and his family.*

## LUCAS

In January 2016, as Lucas turned 18 years old he was “adopted” by Jorge. We did this to help him being able quitting his job and dedicating to his studies. Even this was an important part of our agreement, Lucas continued to work in McDonald’s full time and wasn't able to take care of his studies.

We also supported Lucas with English lessons at Caminhos, but he never did his homework.

In September 2016, Lucas dropped out of school because he wanted to have more time to work and play soccer. In November, Lucas said to quit his job and came back to ask for more support from Caminhos. Unfortunately we decided not to continue to help Lucas because he has shown not to follow our agreements.

Now, Lucas is still living with Jorge. But we as Mais Caminhos are no longer involved on his development.





## PROJECTS

### SUMMER PROGRAMME

From 5th January 2016 until Carnival we held the Summer Holiday Camp for the children of Mais Caminhos On-site Educational Programme. The children were invited to bring friends and family members with them to join the Camp. We had a total average of 14 kids.

The Holiday camp sessions were from tuesday to thursday afternoons. Kids had lunch at Mais Caminhos and then they participated in a variety of activities, including: physical activities; visiting museums; a trip to the Maracanã stadium; working with a local artist; a trip to the zoo; among others.

### BRAVEKIDS

BraveKids was launched as part of the Brave Festival in 2009 and has since grown to become an independent initiative. Its mission is to support socially disadvantaged young people from around the world through artistic experiences, which are destined to inspire their imagination and let them escape their daily routine while providing them with the right tools to fulfill their aspirations. Poor children from the favela in Rio de Janeiro have been selected as participants.

Mais Caminhos is very grateful to be a partner of Brave Kids since 2014 and proud to continuously participate in this great initiative. In the past years, the exchanges have been a success; our children connected with the world, learned many life skills and had a lot of fun! For many of our children these kinds of exchange programmes are their first journey ever and we know they return with an unforgettable experience that they will treasure for the rest of their lives.

During 2016 we were able to send 6 kids to Poland accompanied by their theatre teacher, Virginia. They did a great job on presenting a play representing the Brazilian tribes. We can proudly affirm that our kids stood out with their amazing presentation.



*Kids presentation at festival.*



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Scholarship programme offers motivated teens the chance to participate in professional vocational courses tailored to further fostering students' knowledge, or even the opportunity to attend a private school. Students selected for this programme have stood out through their exceptional motivation and amazing results. The extent to which we grant this scholarship depends on our means and on the student's performance. Education in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro is limited. It is our goal to change these limitation and barriers.

This year we helped Lucas, he started studying Logistics at a private institution and Mais Caminhos offered financial and emotional support. We completely covered the costs of his studies. Unfortunately Lucas did not succeed to obtain his degree. It was a tough decision to make, but we will not continue to support Lucas studies in this or other institution.

## PORTUGUESE FOR REFUGEES

The complex political situation in several African countries have taken us to action to help the refugees arriving in Rio de Janeiro. With great help from the Caminhos Language Centre we offer free Portuguese lessons to refugees wanting to improve their Portuguese skills and quality of life in Brazil.

We supported 5 refugees from Congo who successfully completed their Portuguese course. It was nice to have them at the language school, they added so much value to the courses with their joy and good sense of humor. 2 of the 5 refugees we helped are now employed.

This small project improved greatly the life quality of the refugees and we intend to keep on helping more of them during next year.



*Congo Refugees engaging with students at school.*



## CAMINHOS IN ACTION

Caminhos in Action are Daily actions in which we collaborate together with our volunteers and motivated students from all over the world and go directly to the favelas to help with specific projects. Entering the communities and helping with these tasks is extremely rewarding and always a huge success for our team as well as for the communities living conditions and the problems their communities face. For this reason we try to be a partner to the communities, see where we can help them and ask them to reach out to us whenever they require help. This year we have organized the following Caminhos in Action:

- Paint Solar Meninos de Luz
- Blood donation (2x)
- Cleaning of a Dog Shelter
- Clean / Organize library Solar Meninos de Luz
- Olympic Games
- Christmas Celebration with Kids from the programme



*Students painting Solar Meninos de Luz.*





## SPONSORS/PARTNERS



The **Caminhos Language Centre** is the largest and most popular Portuguese language school in Rio de Janeiro. They offer high quality Portuguese courses whilst maintaining a friendly, relaxed and fun environment. Their Brazilian teachers are carefully selected university graduates. Their methodology is based on the communicative approach and they pride themselves on having unique course material.



Hilaine, Bart, Roger, Nico and Lucas decided to head to Brazil to set up **Eco Caminhos**. They are idealists with copious experience in social projects, engineering, management, entrepreneurship and educating brazilian youth. They know what it takes to set up a project in Brazil as they have lived and worked in Brazil for 8 years. They enjoy sticking their hands in the dirt, connecting with people and exchanging knowledge.



**Brave Kids'** mission is to bring together children from all over the world in an atmosphere of friendship and respect for each other's cultures. They do so by joining children together in artistic experiences aimed to inspire them to imagine a better future for themselves and their communities, and to provide them with tools to help reach their aspirations.



**EduMais** is a project registered at Solar Meninos de Luz, a civil and philanthropic organization in Rio de Janeiro's south zone. EduMais offers extra curricular and complementary educational programs for underprivileged children and youth of the Pavão-Pavãozinho and Cantagalo communities in Rio de Janeiro.





**Solar Meninos de Luz's** mission is to transform the lives of children and adolescents in the vulnerable social situations of Cantagalo and Pavão-Pavãozinho communities through preventive actions providing them education and universal humanitarian values.



**Art & Social Transformation** is an International Program that offers a platform for artistic development, teamwork, and international experience. Art & Social Transformation focuses primarily, but not exclusively, to young artists in areas of risk and low income aged 14 to 18 years old.



The **Fundação Avante Educação Brasil (SAEB Foundation)** aims to pursue a South America where disadvantaged children can build up decent lives by offering quality education and all that is required to achieve this goal.



**YFU** is a non-profit international educational organization with national organizations in more than 50 different countries. Over 260,000 students and host families have benefited from the support and expertise of YFU. Since its beginning, they have been united by the belief that full cultural immersion is an effective means to gain the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly multicultural, competitive global society.



## FINANCE OVERVIEW

DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Caminhos Language Centre* (AEB)	R\$60.000,00		
Deme 4 Life (AEB)	R\$28.400,00		
Donations Davi (AEB)	R\$23.419,00		
Indigogog Campaign	R\$2.830,00		
Donation Anonymous	R\$2.577,00		
Cash Donation (Students)	R\$3.200,00		
Salary		R\$21.000,00	
Transport		R\$1.169,00	
Airplane Tickets + Passport (Bravekids)		R\$11.000,00	
School & Course Fee		R\$17.784,00	
Entrance Fee		R\$4.817,00	
Food & Drinks		R\$8.579,00	
Activities		R\$4.817,00	
Supplies		R\$1.923,00	
iPads		R\$16.965,00	
Davi		R\$14.400,00	
Caminhos in Action		R\$6.612,00	
Admin		R\$800,00	
Other		R\$6.000,00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>R\$120.426,00</b>	<b>R\$115.866,00</b>	<b>R\$4.560,00</b>

\* Caminhos Language Centre also ensures the following costs: rent, support staff, electra, internet, cleaning, promotion, marketing, etc.





2017

2016 was a year of success, changes and challenges. For 2017 we plan to continue with all the ongoing programmes, Projects and Actions. Striving to maximize the impact of our social programme by optimizing our resources.

Our summer programme (January 2017) will hold up to 30 kids. Our regular programme will go from 10 to 12 kids. Hoping that we can continue to grow and help more underprivileged kids from the local communities.

We are also starting a new programme of school support for kids from 12 to 15 years old. Aiming to work specifically on academic and emotional support.

Our new organizational structure will help us to grow on a more sustainable way by having one manager, 3 coordinators and more than 10 volunteers working on Mais Caminhos.

We commit to develop a newsletter and we intend for 2017 to develop a better engagement between Caminhos Language students and our social programme.



*Kids and volunteers during the Summer Program*



## THANKS

We would like to give Big thanks to Caminhos Language Centre. Our main sponsor, the ones that make our social program possible. Special thanks to Jascha and Bart, for the constant guidance and support. Thanks to the Caminhos team, for supporting us on everything we need, the reception team, the professors and all the staff. Thanks for keeping our energies high and always a positive mood! More important, thanks for all the love and energy you all put into your work, which reflects into the positive vibe always present at Caminhos!

Special thanks to Deme Foundation for the donation of 10 Ipad. This donation allowed us to start our technology and Computers skills project, including Level Up Village, Tamar Project, Biomes Project and Minecraft.

Finally, this year we had the privilege of working with some awesome volunteers. We would like to give a big shout out to all of them – a huge thank you! Congratulations on your awesome job!



*Classroom for the Complementary Education Programme*

