

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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INTRODUCTION

Our Annual Report provides an overview of our work during 2018. The report provides a presentation of our organizational structure, an overview of our achievements in developed programs, projects and actions, a review of our financial balance and a special thanks to our partners and volunteers.

2018 was a year of growth. With a stronger organizational structure and an amazing team, we were able to start new projects and maximize our impact.

While we were able to maintain our ongoing projects, programs and actions we were also able to grow in number of students and improve the quality of our lessons. We had two education coordinators joining our team and make sure all of the material used in our lessons is aligned with Brazilian public schools. They have been helping and orienting our volunteers.

Our tutoring program grew from 10 to 30 students in one year. This implied more weekly hours of lessons provided and more volunteers involved at our organizations.

We closed our year with more than 50 children, teenagers and young adults participating on our organization, compared to 2017 when we had 20. Therefore, we succeeded to maximize our impact and optimize our resources while also increasing partnerships and donors.

In advance, we want to thank all our partners, volunteers and the people who support us. Without them Mais Caminhos would not be possible. We invite you to share with us a bit of this great year through our year report.

“It is filled with pride that we present our annual Balance for 2018. It's been a successful year where we exceeded our expectations. Thanks to our partners for supporting us and for the trust in our work. Thanks to our volunteers and staff members. We have been working harder than ever but all this dedication really showed its results. All these achievements are possible thanks to them.

More important, thank you to all the families of the community for believing in our work, for helping us and offering us their support and connections to make us grow. Congratulations to the children and teenagers for their great efforts and achievements. Your joy and love for this program is what motivates our work.” **Maria Dupuy de Lôme, General Manager at Mais Caminhos.**



Kids and volunteers of Mais Caminhos visiting the Maracanã Stadium



PROGRAMS

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

Our Complementary Education Program holds classes for children from the favelas Pavão-Pavãozinho and Cantagalo on the premises of Caminhos Language Centre in Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro.

Three times a week children aged 8 to 11 take over the classrooms and participate in three hour classes. 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 the children and help pave the path to a better life.



Students learning English at the Complementary Education Program



Birthday celebration at the CEP

During 2018 we made the decision to change our group of kids and lower the maximum age for admission to this program. In the favelas children mature at a young age, so this year we decided to lower the maximum age for the kids of our program from 12 to 11 years-old, making the new age range of our students 8 to 11.

We hosted a group 9 children. At the middle of the year we decided to split the group and continue with the younger students. The result was a smaller group, but better integrated with similar learning methods and who enjoyed the same kind of activities. 5 of the kids completed the year in the program. The others kept dropping out and coming again for several reasons. The older kids were invited to join our English program.



“I am grateful for this opportunity my son is having. We live in a favela and our reality is quite different. But with Mais Caminhos my son Victor is having a chance to have better education and to live something that I could not provide.

Victor loves the program and he is treated with much affection and respect. At the NGO my son has psychological support, English classes and many field trips. Victor is having a chance in life to have more knowledge. I as a mother just have to thank for it. And Victor loves being at Mais Caminhos.

My son used to be very shy and now he has changed completely. He is developing better in school and even the shyness no longer exists. Victor and me thank you for this opportunity. Mais Caminhos was an agent of transformation in our lives.” **Christiane, mother of a student.**



Kids having a snack with the teacher.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Mais Caminhos has decided to act as a “foster parent” to chosen families and include them in our family support program. 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.

DAVI

Davi is employed at Caminhos Language Centre as the Activities Coordinator. His job consists on organizing tours, football, hikes, beach volley and also capoeira. He is 24 years old and in his last year of university, studying electronic engineering. His life is divided between university, job and his family.

Thanks to Caminhos financial help during 2017, Davi was able to rent a new house in a nicer and safer area, closer to his university and his siblings’ school. During 2018, Davi struggled to keep his grades up at university while taking care of Thiago (10) and Luciana (17). It was an overwhelming year in which he even asked himself if he should continue or drop out of university.

After maintaining conversations with Bart, Renato and Monica (old foster parents at Casa do Caminho orphanage) they found a temporary solution so that Davi is able to focus more on his studies during this year, and also have some time for himself.

Tiago, Davi's youngest brother is temporarily at Renato and Veronica’s house in Xerém. He is living there along with their three children and is enrolled in a good private school. He likes Xerém very much, even though he misses his brothers and sister.



Luciana is starting an apprenticeship program at Eco Caminhos for 1 year. She will learn about organic gardening, food, forests and biology. She will work in the mornings and during the afternoon she will get time to study with a tutor. In the evening she will attend school. During her program she will continue to have English lessons and she will be benefited with a stipend.

Davi is very relieved and satisfied with this solution and hopes this year he will be able to complete University. Tiago's stay is being funded with donations from Netherlands. Luciana's internship at Eco Caminhos is sponsored by a German-Brazilian couple, Marcus and Elisabette.



Davi and Lucas, at Caminhos Language, helping with our Summer program for the kids of the Favela.

TUTORING

Our tutoring program offers group tutoring sessions for kids from ages 7 to 18. We have volunteers helping the kids with specific school subjects, homework and accompanying their school development. The tutoring program happens at Caminhos Language centre from Monday to Friday during evenings.

Besides offering lessons at Caminhos Language School, this year we organized some field trips to continue to learn outside of the classroom. We held several English activities at enigma rooms and also visited different companies.

This program was a big success. In only one year we've been helping more than 30 children and teenagers in several school subjects. All of the children committed to our program succeeded in completing their school year with great grades.





Students visiting the Coca-Cola Company.



Kids celebrating their success at the enigma room.



Kids doing predictions about the results of FIFA World Cup.

"I joined the program thinking that by teaching English I could help these children a little bit in their lives, but the language was just a detail. We approached things much deeper than basic English. I knew that I would help them to become better adults, but I barely knew that in the end they would be teaching me a lot." **Julia, volunteer.**

"I first joined Mais Caminhos for the English lessons. After some time, I enrolled math lessons and I even got support for science and geography. The organization has helped me to pass my school year. My average grade before joining Mais Caminhos was 6, now my average grade is close to 8. I'm very happy with everything I've learned here and the chances they offered me." **João Vitor, student.**



PROJECTS

SUMMER PROGRAM

During January of 2018 Mais Caminhos held their annual summer camp for the children of the Pavão-Pavãozinho and Cantagalo communities. The Mais Caminhos summer program is considered by many of our children and volunteers to be our most fun program of the year, and this year was no exception!

Summer is an extremely vulnerable time for our students, as they are away from school and have a lot of free time in the favelas. In order to keep them out of trouble and continue to provide them with quality education and experiences outside of the favelas, our organization provides students with a free summer camp.

Summer camp sessions took place Tuesday through Thursday, from 1 PM until 6 or 7 PM, depending on our destination. The kids ate lunch together at the school and participated in activities ranging from games at the Lagoa and swimming at Copacabana beach, to tours of the Guanabara Bay on a boat and with a guide at Rio's Museum of Tomorrow.

In addition to keeping our current students out of trouble when they aren't in school, our summer program helps us recruit new students to enter our tutoring and Complementary Education Programmes throughout the year. While playing and having fun with students, volunteers help identify new students that would make a good match for our other programs.

While the total number of students varied on a day-to-day basis, on average we had 21 students attend our summer program every day. For several of these students, the summer program was a crucial first interaction with Mais Caminhos.

"It's the second time my kids participated in the Mais Caminhos Camp. They love it! I want to thank Mais Caminhos and all of the volunteers who commit to this program. They treat our children with lots of love and provide fun experiences for them during the holidays. They are wonderful." Karlem, mother of kids.



WINTER PROGRAM

During the month of July, we hosted our now traditional Winter Program. It has the same structure as the Summer Program except it runs for a shorter period. We provide a fun and safe environment for the kids during their school winter recess. It is a good way to keep contact and strengthen our relationship with the community and kids.



Kids at Lagoa at the end of the Winter Program.

The winter program lasted two weeks and we received an average of fourteen kids at our school. We served lunch every day and did several activities. Kids had the chance to participate at the Anima Mundi film festival, visit the museum of Life and go to the beach. We also had our beauty day in which we received volunteer hairdressers who cut our kids hair and on the last day we had a picnic in which we invited the children's family.

"I like Mais Caminhos very much. The best part of it are the "Tias" (volunteers). I also like all the activities. I made good friends at the program and I want to continue to participate as long as I can." **Vitor, student.**

REFUGEES

The complex political situation in several African and American countries have taken us to action to help the refugees around the world.

PORTUGUESE LESSONS

With great help from the Caminhos Language Centre and our volunteers, we offer free Portuguese lessons for refugees wanting to improve their Portuguese skills and quality of life in Brazil.

During 2018 we supported two ladies from Congo and Haiti with Portuguese lessons -- Ruth Mariama and Rose. Rose has succeeded to entering the university to study International Relations and Ruth is succeeding with her career on theatre and TV.

FAMILY SUPPORT

This year we also supported a Venezuelan family. Our neighbouring country is going through the biggest economic and political crisis of its history. Venezuela is experiencing critical shortages, prompting resulting in a humanitarian crisis. Food, medicine, money, electricity and water are all either rationed or unavailable, as Nicolas Maduro's government confronts deep recession and drought. People are starving of hunger, lack of medicine and even clean drinking water.

We've decided to financially support a few families we know directly. We have made sure the money was delivered in person to the family. The family consists of 2 elderly people, 5 adults and 6 children. With the money, the family was able to buy basic needs, such as food, medicine and medical treatment.



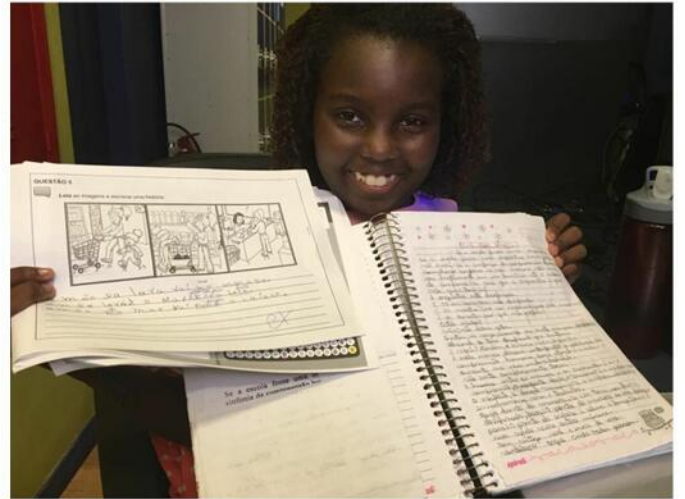
Emanuel and his wife Sandry with 3 children were able to travel to Peru with the money. They had to travel by land as the Venezuelan government is not emitting passports. In 2018 the authorities of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru allowed refugees from Venezuela through without passports.

It took them 7 days by bus and several border cues before the family could finally arrive in Peru. All of this with 3 children, of which one is a 9-month old baby. They arrived with nothing of their own, but are now both working and trying to build up an independent life. We will continue to support the family in 2019.

SPEECH DOCTOR (PHONOAUDIOLOGY)

Many of the kids in our program have learning difficulty because they need a speech doctor.

This year we started offering Phonoaudiology on Fridays. With the help of our volunteer, they improved their speech and they worked on alphabetization. We helped two kids during the whole year. They made great advances and this helped them to pass the school year.



Proud student showing how her writing improved.

ENGLISH ADVANCED LEARNERS

As a way to encourage our students to improve their English and also to recognize the effort they've been doing, we started a new activity. Every Friday, 3 or 4 teenager of our top English students had the chance to visit different tourist point in Rio. This way we engaged fun English conversations outside of the classroom.

Most of our students work and study so they don't usually have time to do these kind of fun activities. This opportunity was highly valued and appreciated by our students.



CAMINHOS IN ACTION

Caminhos in Action are daily events in which we collaborate together with our volunteers and motivated students from all over the world and go directly to the communities to help with specific projects. Entering the communities and helping with these tasks is extremely rewarding and always a great activity for our team. 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 Actions:

GARDEN FOR CANTAGALO

We know how important it is to take care of our environment and raise awareness about taking care of our public spaces. Together with Harmonicanto, a partner organization where some of our students attend music lessons. We helped them build a fruits and vegetables garden and to paint and clean some public areas of the favela. This mobilization involved over 20 volunteers.



New garden at Cantagalo community.

BEACH CLEAN UP

In partnership with Mango Tree Hostel and as part of the International action "Clean Up the World" we organized a clean-up at Ipanema Beach. We started early in the morning sharing a nutritive breakfast with our volunteers and then headed to the Ipanema beach where we collected trash until midday. This action aimed to raise awareness about the importance of preservation of the beach

WINTER CAMPAIGN

Winter can be pretty rough for people living on the streets or people who can't afford warm clothes. Because of that, Mais Caminhos organized a campaign to collect, coats, Jackets, scarves and blankets for the people who need it the most. Students from the language school and volunteers collaborated and we were able to collect lots of clothes to distribute before winter.

FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS

In partnership with Caminhos Language, the Mango tree hostel and the Rio Times Newspaper, we organized an action to cook and distribute 250 meals to people living on the streets. We had the help of more than 30 volunteers, many of them coming from the American consulate and Caminhos Language Centre.



CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Every year for Christmas we run a campaign to collect gifts, school materials and clothes to give to our children. During 2018 Mais Caminhos grew a lot and we closed the year with 45 children registered on our program. In order to be able to offer school supplies to all of them, we had to run a big campaign.

We got a generous donation from Red Line charity and from other private donors who got together to make this happen. Jansport Brasil also helped to make this happen by offering a discounted price on their bags.

The outcome was a great end of the year party at Caminhos with over 80 people. Among them, staff members, partners, volunteers, kids and their families. Amazing way to celebrate the hard work of our students and volunteers and share this with our community.



Kids and families we gifted during the Christmas campaign.



VOLUNTEERS

Our programs, projects and actions depend on the amazing work of our volunteers. During the year we get to know lots of people, who come and spend days, weeks or even months with us. Each of them leave their work on us and give our kids unforgettable memories.

Mais Caminhos is more than a team, it's a family. We develop strong bonds with our volunteers motivated by our goals and values. We work together to empower a generation of amazing kids. Moved by love and by the strong belief that our efforts have a transformational impact in these kids' lives and in ourselves.

We want to thank all the volunteers who came from abroad and committed to our organization and helped us achieve our goals. Also, we need to thank those who continue to help us from abroad. Big thanks also to our local long term volunteers, who have been helping us for over a year putting great effort in their jobs. Last but not least, we want to thank every volunteer that helped us in our Caminhos in Action activities. We hope that all of them enjoyed spending time with us doing our activities and we hope to continue to work together during 2019.

“Working as a volunteer at Mais Caminhos was a beautiful and transformational experience. I taught math and the students taught me that anything is possible when one has the will and when one has the right incentive. Mais Caminhos is more than a space to learn English or any other subject, it is a real space of social transformation, where children are cared for and loved with a serious and personalized attention.” **Isabela, volunteer.**



A few volunteers with some of the children from Mais Caminhos.



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.



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.





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.



Harmonicanto is an NGO that operates in the Cantagalo Community. They work with art workshops, vegetable garden, reading incentive, music (singing, flute and initiation to percussion), pedagogical games and school reinforcement daily.



PasseiDireto.com is an academic network for university students whose mission is to connect students from all over Brazil. Since 2012, Passeidireto.com already concentrates over 7 million students and is present in more than 2,500 universities. Through the site and our applications, students can connect with each other, follow specific courses, share study materials, and take questions with each other.



Atados is a social platform that connects people and organizations, facilitating the engagement in the most diverse possibilities of volunteering. The strengthening of this network and the mobilization of volunteers increase the impact of organizations and transform people and communities.





Trans-Continental Migration Inc. (TCM) is an independent consulting company based in Canada's National Capital Region. TCM provides immigration and citizenship services to companies and individuals worldwide to facilitate their movement across international borders.

Besides offering their assistance for our students, they donated technological supplies for Mais Caminhos.



Pack for a Purpose is a charitable organization that encourages travellers to devote five pounds' worth of their luggage weight allowance to school supplies, medical equipment and other necessities that can be donated to locals in need. During this year they connected us with amazing travellers and providing valuable school material for our kids.



FINANCE OVERVIEW

DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Caminhos Language Centre*	R\$37,218.00		
Donations Davi (AEB)	R\$23,131.00		
Online Crowdfunding	R\$3,400.00		
Donations Refugees	R\$21,744.00		
Donations Other	R\$12,868.00		
Donations Cash	R\$2,092.00		
Salary		R\$29,900.00	
Complementary Education Programme		R\$2,450.00	
Summer Programme		R\$4,505.00	
Refugees		R\$21,939.00	
Winter Programme		R\$2,000.00	
Caminhos in Action		R\$6,144.00	
Family Support (Davi)		R\$31,915.00	
Tutoring		R\$1,600.00	
Other/Admin		R\$0.00	
Total	R\$100,453.00	R\$100,453.00	R\$0.00

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



2019

2018 was a year of growth. We were able to strengthen our relation with the community and as a consequence of that, more and more children started to come and register at our program. Our program grew from 28 to 45 students and from 12 to 25 volunteers. We were able to offer English lessons, school reinforcement and our afterschool program.

We definitely succeeded to maximize our impact and optimize our resources while also increasing partnerships and donors. More importantly, we made sure quality on our lessons and programs was maintained and improved.

For 2019 we intend to continue to grow and implement new programs. We aim to increase student rotations. Hoping that we can continue to grow and help more underprivileged children from the local communities while maintaining our personalized attention and being accessible to our students.

Our summer program (January 2019) will hold up to 25 children. Our regular Complementary Education Program will continue to hold 10 children. We intend to continue with the Tutoring Program and be able to host more than 30 children and provide these teenagers with academic and emotional support. By the beginning of 2019 we will be starting a new partnership that will allow us to open an Intensive English course for teenagers. Also, we intend to work together with Eco Caminhos in order to develop an internship program for kids at the farm.

We will continue with the family support and intend to be able to offer scholarships to new students.



Volunteers with kids at Lagoa.



THANKS

We would like to thank our sponsors, partners, volunteers, team members and all the families and kids. Big thanks to Caminhos Language Centre, our main sponsor. Thanks to the Caminhos team for offering support on everything we need. Thanks to the teachers, the reception team and staff. Their positive energy and goodwill make our daily work easy.

Thanks to our donors, sponsors and partners for contributing and helping us to achieve our goals. Your constant support allows us to dream higher.

To our volunteers and team members. “Alone we are strong, together we are stronger.” Thanks for being the pillars of this project and making it happen. Huge thanks and congratulations on your incredible job!

Finally, thanks to our students and families of the project. Thanks for trusting us and for believing in our work. Thanks for all the help you've offered during the year and for the support. Thanks for the trust and patience and all the kind words of encouragement.



Kids of Mais Caminhos having lunch in front of the school.

Thanks to our students and congratulations for their commitment and achievements. We are proud of you. Thanks for inspiring us to be better people and for showing us that a better world is possible.

“I would like to thank all of our partners. I am happy that we can help so many kids in a fun and smart way. I’m happy that with Caminhos we can achieve such an impact with smart management, good organizational skills, devoted volunteers and connecting people and the community.

We use the resources in a smart way and generate a big impact. We are not only helping the underprivileged kids and families but also contributing by raising awareness and conscience to our students and community.” **Jascha Lewkowitz, Director at Caminhos Language Centre.**

