

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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INTRODUCTION

Our Annual Report provides an overview of our work during 2021.

This report provides a presentation of our organizational structure, an overview of our achievements in the programs, projects and actions we have developed, and a review of our financial balance.

Adapting to the new pandemic scenario was a very challenging process. The new health protocols and the new social, political and economic situation affected the community, our organization, our budget, and the participation of students and volunteers.

During the last two years many volunteers and friends from Caminhos ended up going back to their home countries. Public schools opened and closed several times, greatly impacting the routine of the students.

Students were challenged to create their own routine and follow up on what was happening at school. Mais Caminhos was of vital importance to keep them on track.

We are happy to celebrate that six of our students successfully continued to achieve higher education at university and five of our younger students got scholarships at top ranked schools.

After seeing the positive results, and the engagement of the students and families, we are more motivated than ever to expand our program during 2022 and to continue to help underprivileged Brazilian children and teenagers achieve their goals.

Maria Dupuy de Lome, Manager.



PROGRAMS

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

Our Complementary Education Programme holds classes for children aged 9 to 14 from the favelas Pavão-Pavãozinho and Cantagalo on the Caminhos Language Center site in Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro.

Two times a week children 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 longer period of time.

We have been working with the same group of kids for the last four years, and as they have grown, we have adapted the program to them.



Canoeing with our friends at Parley for the Oceans.



The kids enjoying our outdoor program.

Under the atypical circumstances of the COVID pandemic, we had a hard time maintaining the activities. Instead, we adopted our Complementary Education Program into two outdoor programs in partnership with other organizations.

During March, we had our kids participating in a Circus training in partnership with Na Matiha NGO. Throughout the month, the kids participated in different activities at their campus, including painting, dancing, acrobatics and the final event, a pool party!

In November, we partnered up with an environmental organization called Parley for the Oceans. They delivered some educational talks and fun activities like canoeing at Praia do Flamengo. The kids got to learn more about the oceans and meet very inspiring people!



TUTORING

Our Tutoring Programme offers group tutoring sessions for kids, teens and young adults from the age of 10 to 28 years old. We have volunteers helping the kids with specific school subjects, homework and accompanying their school and university development. Volunteer tutors act as role models for our kids. We aim to offer full support for whatever our kids and young adults want to achieve in their lives.

During 2021, we were able to continue to work with some of our students. The first semester we had to keep it online, but during the second semester we had over 10 students attending on site lessons. They learned English, Math and Portuguese.

“Thank you very much Mais Caminhos. The help from the Portuguese teacher Ilma was vital for me to succeed in my admission test to school. Even during the hardest times of the Pandemic, she was available to help me and this, together with my effort, made it possible for me to achieve good and quality education.” **Jessica, student.**



English Program held at Mais Caminhos

ENGLISH PROGRAM

For the third consecutive year we carried out our English Program.

During this year, we had the kids separated in four different levels. Beginners A and B and Intermediate A and B. This program offers lessons for students aged 12-16.

Lessons are carried out twice a week online and on site at Caminhos Language Center. For each class we have a professional English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher and a volunteer teaching assistant.

In 2021, 13 students succeeded in completing the school year. Due to the pandemic, some kids had a hard time committing to the program. It was very challenging to keep them focused after so many months out of their routine.

Given the current circumstances and what children were experiencing at home and in the favela, we believe the outcome of the program was great. Students are committed to Mais Caminhos and eager to learn. Families have shown a higher rate of involvement and we celebrate this and understand it as a key point to success.

“After many months surrounded by death and precariousness we intended to provide the kids an environment where they would enjoy being there, getting involved with the language by dealing with their preferences, listening to their music, watching their favorite shows and practicing the content they had to, in order to communicate what was being asked. The students have done greatly.” **Antonio, head teacher.**



PROJECTS

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2020, two of our top English students from the Complementary Education Programme were awarded a full scholarship to continue improving their English at Cultura Inglesa Institute. Cultura Inglesa is ranked as one of the top English schools in Brazil. The scholarship was fully covered by Mais Caminhos. Funds were donated by our former volunteer, Susan Brownlee Miller, and her husband, James Miller.

In 2021, Susan committed to continue to sponsor these kids and they attended for the whole school year at Cultura Inglesa. Their attendance rate is 100% and grades are above 9.

“This opportunity had a great impact on our lives. Thank you Mais Caminhos, Susan and family for your generosity. Before knowing Mais Caminhos we wouldn't even dream about our kids having access to this kind of education. God bless you all!” **Cristiane, mother of a student.**



Two of our kids are continuing their English course at Cultura Inglesa



CAMINHOS IN ACTION

Caminhos in Action are one-day or weekly projects in which we collaborate 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.

BASIC FOOD BASKETS

During 2021, many of the families of our students continued to struggle to have some stability. Many families faced food insecurity. At Mais Caminhos, we decided to continue to dedicate our efforts and resources to the distribution of Basic Food Baskets to families in these communities.

With help from our volunteers and partners, we organized campaigns to collect food, raise money to buy food and supplies, and organize the distribution of baskets.

Throughout the year, we distributed 132 Basic Food Baskets. Each Basic Basket contained 12kg of non-perishable products such as: rice, beans, flour, cooking oil, powdered milk and 6-7kg of fresh organic fruits and vegetables (made possible thanks to a partnership with a local vegetable supplier called Organicos InBox).

Basic Food Baskets also contained cleaning and hygiene kits such as bleach, detergent, alcohol 70%, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and sanitary pads.

“The Basic Food Basket was of great help. I am currently unemployed and my whole family was struggling to pay bills and buy food with only one minimum wage. The Basic Food Basket was a blessing to our home.” **Josefa, mother of a student.**



Families receiving Food Baskets.



CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

During December, we always organize a campaign to raise funds to buy food, Christmas boxes and school material for our kids, teens and young adults.

With some help from our neighbors and volunteers in 2021, we delivered 40 Christmas baskets containing 520kg+ of food, presents and school material.

A big thank you to our volunteer, Samuel Spong from the UK, who dedicated his efforts by donating all the funds he raised during the London Marathon 2021.



SPONSORS/PARTNERS



FINANCE OVERVIEW

DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Fundação Avante Educação Brasil and partners (AEB)	R\$54,027.00		
Donations Davi (AEB)	R\$7,108.00		
Donations Private Donors	R\$23,350.00		
Donations Cash	R\$1,000.00		
Positive Balance 2020	R\$544.00		
Admin salary		R\$39,000.00	
Complementary Education Program		R\$1,725.00	
COVID- Food Emergency Fund		R\$11,456.00	
English Program		R\$8,450.00	
Scholarship		R\$15,168.00	
Family Support (Davi)		R\$7,108.00	
Other/Admin Costs		R\$2,935.00	
Total	R\$86,029.00	R\$85,842.00	R\$187.00

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



2022

By the end of 2021, the pandemic has gradually stopped its advance. Most of the population in Rio de Janeiro is now vaccinated and we are ready to dream and achieve greater things during 2022.

The last two years were years of resilience. We had to overcome big challenges. But we continued to prove to our students that even during the hardest and most challenging times, Mais Caminhos will be there for them, and that we will always continue to work hard to help them achieve their goals.

As Caminhos Language Center is expanding, at Mais Caminhos we expect to host more students at our program and deliver more lessons.

We already have 60 students registered for our program and our volunteer team is growing!



THANKS

We want to thank our students for persisting and continuing to attend lessons during 2021. Mais Caminhos showed during these last 2 years that even under the hardest circumstances, we will always be here to help our students.

Special thanks to all of our friends and supporters who did not hesitate to donate to our Crowdfunding Campaign and helped us to put food on the tables of all of the Caminhos students' families during this pandemic.

Thank you all for being part of our journey!

