

## The Abandoned Street Kids of Brazil Trust

### Latest from Task Brasil

#### Casa Jimmy's 18th Anniversary Festivities

##### Volunteers Day

In October a multinational company nominated Task Brasil for the 3rd time in 10 years to celebrate Voluntary Day. They teamed up with the owner of a building company based in Parana state who, on his holiday with his team, travelled to Rio to repair Casa Jimmy. They rewired the house, refurbished the Arts studio and spare rooms as well as the playground, swimming pool, floor tiles, sports court and a lot more! We celebrated the occasion with a party which coincided with Casa Jimmy's 18th Anniversary and Children's Day!



On 28th October, 40 children celebrated Halloween at Casa Jimmy it was a lovely party, they had great fun dressing up, enjoying the items they prepared for the occasion during the week in the arts and crafts workshop. The children also had the opportunity to choose free items of clothes from the Bazaar to take home.

TASK BRASIL'S PROJECTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY WE SUPPORT RELY HEAVILY ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR KIND HEARTED SUPPORTERS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED AND SUPPORTED US OVER THE YEARS AND THROUGH OUT 2016!



**Christmas** — Virginete Leal, an accomplished and culinary expert will organize this year again a festive menu on a par with that a Bacchian Feast, for the enjoyment of Casa Jimmy's beneficiaries.

After the satisfactory luncheon, gifts and treats will be given out to the children.



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**London Marathon 2016**

This year our Team Task Brasil London Marathon raised nearly £15000, running 26 miles is no easy feat! Thank you to **Lauren Garrett, Eva McDonald, Steve Hickson, Damian Williams, Fior Sayer, Rosh Johnson, Mariana Santos, Becky Orford** and Task Brasil Trustee **Richard Fine**.



**Richard** completed the marathon in 3 hours and 46 minutes followed closely behind by **Lauren Garrett** who arrived at the finish line in 3 hours and 57 minutes. **Lauren** went on to be nominated in the 2016 Just Giving Awards.

**Volunteers in Brazil**

UK volunteers **Amaka Umunna** and **Nikki Schofield's** year placement at Casa Jimmy has sadly come to an end. We would like to take the time to thank them for their efforts. We look forward to the next UK volunteer's who will no doubt bring their own unique style to the Project.



Amaka Umunna



Nikki Schofield

**Amarilis Santiago** is our invaluable long term volunteer who continued giving the children at Casa Jimmy singing lessons once a week in 2016.



**Ride London** - A big thank you to **Keeley Davis, Geoff Allard, Chris Devrell, Arun Cooke, John Petrou, BJ Chong, George Nemilsovityy and Iain Mc Naught** who all took part in The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100. The 100-mile ride starts at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford, and continues through the streets of London and picturesque Surrey roads. With some leg testing climbs along the way. Before finishing along The Mall.



We are very grateful to **Marcelo and his team** who transformed Casa Jimmy overnight to be better able to give the kids a suitable space to develop! And the company and employees who worked so hard and employees who introduced Casa Jimmy to Marcelo!

**Escritorio de Advocacia Gouvea Vieira and Nilo Batista Advogados** and their valuable team continued to give their invaluable pro-bono assistance through out year.

**Alex Fine** who is 12 years old and the son of our trustee **Richard Fine** completed a Mini Marathon in Oxford to fundraise for us. The race was officially sponsored by BHF but Alex collected for Task Brasil.



Thank you to **Una Mckevitt** for helping us to recruit such fantastic runners. **Ben Drew** volunteered on the day to help Administrator **Nichola Robinson** to cheer on the runners alongside **the London School of Samba** who made us welcome as always at their presentation at Canary Wharf on the day. Ben will be running the marathon for Task Brasil Trust in 2017.





**Volunteers in the UK** — We are grateful to volunteers **Esther Bannerman** and **Daniel Hartshorn** for their time and help in the London office. **Esther and Daniel** helped us to send out our high volume 2015 newsletter postal mail out at Christmas. **Nikki Schofield** helped on our stall at Bermondsey Carnival. Despite the downpour of rain a great day was had by all. **Victor Azevedo** joined us at the London office as a volunteer.

## Schools Support

**New Cangle Primary School**—On Friday 1st July a group of New Cangle's Year 5's pupils visited Haverhill High Street where the children distributed leaflets they had created themselves, detailing the work that Task Brasil does and used handmade donation boxes to collect money. They also displayed artwork and posters that they had created a, whilst wearing personalised 'New Cangle for Task Brasil' t-shirts especially created and kindly donated by Kiiwii Clothing. Some of the children even met the Mayor of Haverhill.

The following day, the children took part in a Colour Run. They chose to run 3km as they wanted a challenge around 20 laps in total!



**Jesse Gray Primary School** have been learning about life in Brazil. The Year 5/6 children created a display of their interpretation of Brazilian Landmarks and decided to open it as an exhibition to parents to raise funds for Task Brasil Trust.

**The Dragon School** hold an annual Christmas Sale with over 60 stalls and activities. The Dragon community have supported numerous worthy causes over the years and gave a very generous donation of £2,000 to Task Brasil again this year. For more information on this great event see [www.dragonsale.org](http://www.dragonsale.org)

**AIIESEC**—On the 1st of February the students at AIIESEC held a Brazilian night of Samba, Music and Brazilian delicacies at the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre. Co ordinated by Nora Asha Gurung. A great evening was had by all who attended. All ticket proceeds were donated.

We are also grateful to **Holy Trinity C.E. Primary School** and **Sheffield High School** for funds their students and staff raised for the projects!

## Own fundraisers

**Statesman Travel** employees braved the January weather in Richmond Park.

**Laura Fountain** and **Leah Taylor** took part in Run Richmond Park 5k to raise money for Task Brasil Trust in their company's first ever sponsored run. A big thank you to Laura, Leah and everyone at Statesman Travel for your ongoing support.

Statesman Travel once again pulled out all the stops for a hair-raising Halloween bake sale to remember. Office staff came together to donate prizes for the tombola raffle. All proceeds went towards their sponsored charities.



Leah and Laura



**The London School of Samba** — the UK's oldest samba school, held Quadra night on 11th December with a sponsored *Samba no Pé!* They raised over £1,200! **Omari Eccleston-Brown** who has been a member of the London School of Samba since 2014, said "It was a spectacular night! It was so great to have the whole school together, showing what a community we are and giving back to a country we love by doing something we all love: samba!

Lessons every Sunday from 6pm, more details at [www.lodonschoolofsamba.co.uk](http://www.lodonschoolofsamba.co.uk)

## Own Fundraisers (cont.)

**Eva Clarke** Task Brasil's very own super heroine, bionic woman Eva Clarke, raised a momentous \$15,749.28 for the charity setting a Guinness World Record for the most pull ups in 24 hours.



Days before her gruelling session, the children designed banners and recorded a motivational video along with the staff to spur her on. On hearing of her tremendous success the children of Casa Jimmy came together recording a special thank you.

Everyone at Task Brasil extends their warm thanks once again to Eva for her dedication and kindness to the charity. Congratulations Eva!



## DONATIONS

**Ryan Robson** from The International Schools Partnership London made a generous donation of £1000 in Memory of Duncan Innes.

**Vera Innes** raised £489.39 in a collection at the memorial service held in honour of **Duncan Innes** at the Saints Brides Church

**Eduardo Galvao** arranged the donation of a signed football shirt signed by Goalkeeper Paulo Victor of Flamengo Football Club in Rio.

**Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust** Our long term supporter donated £1000.

**Chris Hart** generously donated a number of compact new computers for the IT room at Casa Jimmy and maintained his support.

**Water Lane United Reformed Church** donated in 2016.

**Banco do Brasil Securities (UK)** £425 at the beginning of the year.

**Kevin Ord** from the United States very generously donated tickets for the Rio 2016 Olympic games for our staff in Rio.

We are grateful all of our **Sponsor a Child** supporters who year after year are an essential part of our progress enabling more and more children to have a better future though education! Special thanks to **everyone** who donated in 2016 & **Ken Graham, Richard and Jane Rutter, Virginia Ibarreta, Andrew Warren & Aidan Pope** for their continuous and invaluable support.

**Apanhador Só** — For the second year running the Brazilian Band Apanhador kindly donated a selection of clothes for the children at the project as well as non perishable foods including rice and beans. The group in conjunction with Santa Hostel put on shows for guests the proceeds of which were given to casa Jimmy's Project Crescer.



**Wizard School of English** — located in Cachambi, Rio de Janeiro continued their donation partnership with Task Brasil. Coordinated by Jessica Barbosa, the school presented Task Brasil and its beneficiaries with a vast selection of reading material as well as toys.

## WHO VISITED & SUPPORTED CASA JIMMY

**University of Northern Iowa** - Casa Jimmy was delighted to receive the visit of 16 students from the University of Northern Iowa, USA, in May, under the supervision of **Brian Warby**, PhD - Department of Political Science. The students repaired computers and created a band with the Kids to sing songs in English. They also helped with house maintenance and gardening. We give our heartfelt thanks to **Brian, his team and all the students** for their invaluable help and contribution for demonstrating the power of volunteerism in community projects.







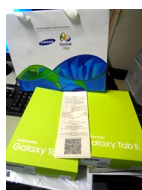
**Elin Ritter** — in January, Elin Ritter, CEO of **Posto9** Ethical Brazilian Fitness Fashion accompanied by Douglas Gomes Campos came to spend a day at the charity to see first hand the work done at Project Crescer and spend time with the beneficiaries.

Elin first embarked on her relationship with Task Brasil in 2015 , donating 5% of sales on her fitness line to Task Brasil Trust.

BBC News presenter **Martine Croxall** and her Portuguese teacher **Vera Fine** hosted a Brazil themed evening with caipirinha and salgadinhos. All proceeds from the evening were generously donated to Casa Jimmy. Vera visited Casa Jimmy at the end of last year.

**Nicole Dourado**—Local supporters and friends the Dourado family and **Adriana Telles** surprised the beneficiaries of Casa Jimmy once again with a fun packed day of games, treating the children to an assortment of sweets and chocolate as well as a bringing with them a kind and much appreciated donation of food and toys for the Project.

Nicole took to the helm co-coordinating team games and -conducting art activities her children participated children much to the delight of the football fanatics boys and girls alike.



**Mark Pfau** Mark who is involved in education for underprivileged youth in the United States visited Casa Jimmy on Saturday the 20th of August before leaving Rio de Janeiro. Mark donated 1 flat screen TV 32" and 2 tablets!. His donations will greatly improve the quality of the work we do towards the kids future! We are immensely grateful to Mark's generosity and support!

**Banco Do Brasil 's Gecex department** chose Task Brasil as their nominated charity in 2016. Employees donated non-perishable goods including cleaning products, and toiletries. They visit Casa Jimmy on 15th December.



**Gisella Ferreira**

Casa Jimmy happily welcomed some international visitors at the beginning of the year.



Giselle Ferreira, accompanied by a friend came from Los Angeles, brought a pre-carnival surprise of choreographed dance routines. Rising to the aerobic challenges with ease, the children had immense fun keeping up with our light-footed friends.

Giselle's relationship with Task Brasil started in 2012.

**Suzanne Brown Matt Waterson** is a long term Sponsor a Child supporter of Task Brasil. Susan visited the Project along with her partner Matt Waterson at the beginning of the year.

The pair were taken around Casa Jimmy witnessing first hand the various activities (which include art and IT lessons) that the charity offers the children. They also took the time to interact with the children to get a sense of how their experience at Casa Jimmy was.



**WE NEED YOU** in the UK, in the USA or in Brazil. Volunteers are an integral part of Task Brasil, present at every level of the organisation including: the trustees, office assistants and volunteers in our London office and at Casa Jimmy.

**APPLY NOW!** We hold 2 (two) positions available at Casa Jimmy in 2017-18. You Must Like Children, Have Experience with children, Have transferable skills, Be 22 years or older & Be willing to learn Portuguese.



**Camera Corps** - Whilst Camera Corps were in Brazil to cover the Olympic and Paralympic Games, **Megan Lloyd Johnson, Chris Taber, Steve Lintern and Joe Gee** visited Casa Jimmy to make a documentary film portraying Task Brasil Trust and our current projects. They also donated stationery and a football goal frame for Casa Jimmy's sports court.



At the suggestion of Megan, Camera Corps have also been able to raise sufficient funds to help us to undertake vital maintenance and upgrade work on the facilities which are crucial to our work, as well as providing much needed funding for teaching staff. We are most grateful to have been nominated by them! **Audin Santiago** very kindly donated his time to drive the Camera Corps team whilst they were in Rio.



The donation has already had a substantial impact and enabled us to employ a psycho-educationalist. **Thiago**, who is a musicologist and already doing a great work with the children, is teaching them to play the guitar as well. Thiago is able to help diagnose signs of late development in the children that can then be addressed by liaising with their schools and family. In addition, the donation has enabled us to employ a replacement sports instructor and also to carry out much needed repairs to the swimming pool on the grounds of Casa Jimmy.

## Activities in Casa Jimmy

Various workshops take place all year round. One of the most recent consisted of the youngsters (11-17) making a geography presentation all about the cause and effect of the urban and rural exodus in Brazil. On another occasion the kids researched and presented to the group about the different sports at the Paralympic Games in 2016. Also the 6-10 year olds have benefited greatly by addressing developmental traits such as shyness, verbal communication skills, teamwork, respect for others and individual development.



- \* **Project Stepping Stone** advises and supports past residents in addition to current beneficiaries and their families. This enables our beneficiaries to maintain continuous access to local support networks, assisting an inclusive family life in a home and avoiding in the worst case, a return to living on the streets.
- \* **Project Crescer** reaches Rio's poorest and most disadvantaged children and supports their growth through formal and informal education. It provides out-of-school workshops in a variety of subjects including English, IT, income-generating skills, communication and introductory finance which equip young people with the necessary tools to have better prospects and thrive in life.



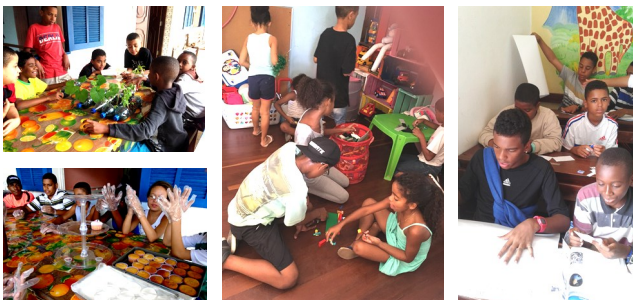


### Carnival 2016

Carnival always proves to be a fun and exciting time and this year was no different. UK volunteer, Nikki Schofield, put her artistic prowess to work getting the children to make and paint masks. During their English lessons with Nikki they learnt carnival related vocabulary as well as a little bit about London's Notting Hill Carnival, the UK's answer to Rio Carnival.

### Our team at Casa Jimmy:

- Alessandra Silva do Nascimento — Social Worker
- Jacqueline Inacio da Silva — Sports Instructor
- Josefa Pereira dos Santos — Cook
- Marcelle de Sá Barreto Ojeda — Teaching Assistant.
- Marcia Maceno G. de Araujo — Social Worker & Legal Representative
- Michele Rocha Goncalves — Project's Pedagogue
- Monica Basilio de Souza — General cleaning assistance
- Thiago da Fonseca Vieira — Psych-educationalist
- Virginete Leal Araujo — Operations and Administrative Assistance
- Amarilis Santiago — Singing Teacher (Volunteer once a week)



**Cidadania** - The 'cidadania' workshops explore important subject matters with subjects ranging from various health to social issues.



In light of the recent spate of Dengue, Zika and chikungunya outbreaks the team at Casa Jimmy held a workshop on the mosquito borne infectious diseases to raise awareness amongst the children, some of which had already fallen victim to or have had family members and friends who had contracted the diseases.

The workshop was well received by the children who in turn explored creative ways to promote their understanding of the diseases via posters.

**Hair workshop** - Pamela, also known by her you tube name 'La negra Loca, is a beauty blogger, professional educator and motivational speaker who brought her unique teaching methods to the project.

Pamela's invitation was borne out of an amalgamation of various factors, the chief one being to combat the negative stereotypes of beauty promoted within Brazilian society regarding people of Afro-Brazilian ancestry. In light of Black Consciousness Day which took place a short while before her visit and the fact that many of the children attending the project are of Afro-Brazilian descent, Pamela, in her inimitable style, mounted a hair/turban workshop addressing some of the aesthetic challenges faced by the children and created a positive ambience of self esteem amongst the beneficiaries.

**Mother's Day Celebration** — At the beginning of May Task Brasil laid on a coffee morning at Casa Jimmy for the beneficiaries, their mothers and guardians to celebrate 'O Dia das Mães' (Mother's Day).

The children put on a song and dance repertoire for their mothers and guardians and who were served a selection of snacks.

It also proved a welcome opportunity for the staff at Casa Jimmy to further strengthen their relationship with the beneficiaries' mothers and guardians.



**Casa Charlotte** We are renting our amazing 1920's house in Lapa neighbourhood, Rio de Janeiro. The house is divided into two self contained flats up to 9 bedrooms. It can accommodate individuals or groups. It is clean, sunny close to the metro & buses, downtown, shops, beaches, Lapa, and lots more...

**Stay with us in Rio!** You will love it and make a huge difference to the many kids lives who attend Casa Jimmy. Its of low income families.

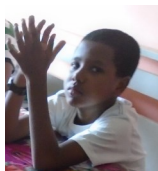
Call or email us for more information.



## Case Studies

**Project Crescer** Yan da Silva Almeida enrolled in Project Crescer in April 2012, at 9 years of age. At the time of registration his mother reported that, Yan was a child with reading difficulties, had no concentration at school and experienced great difficulty in creating bonds of friendship with other children. Upon assessment Yan was forwarded to the public service network.

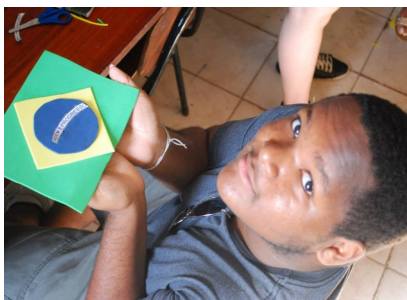
Yan currently interacts well with other children at school and at Casa Jimmy. He has been improving at school, we have followed his progress through her school report card.



Yan's Sister Thays, started in the project in March 2013, at the age of 6 and was a very quiet child. She has since made significant progress in social development and takes part in all activities. At school she has good grades and is very well behaved.

### Aims for 2017

- ◆ Expand Casa Jimmy so Project Crescer can cater for kids 6 to 18 years old 7 days per week from 7 to 7pm.
- ◆ Offer Task Brasil's ex-residents and their families, through Project Stepping Stone, additional support to meet their daily needs, in order to keep them away from the streets.
- ◆ Offer the Casa Jimmy beneficiaries swimming lessons.
- ◆ Increase the number of events, donations and monthly sponsors to boost Task Brasil's regular income.
- ◆ Increase the income raised through fundraising campaigns.



**ADOPTION** Former beneficiary PS was born in 2008 and entered Casa Jimmy in 2010 at the age of two and went on to be adopted the same year.

On the 6th of June 2016 the family visited and saw the kids attending the various workshops.

The workshops combine learning skills for the future and gives the chance to have fun at the same time. PS is now studying at private school and is a well adjusted, polite and delightful boy. Today the family speaks very highly of our organisation's past and present projects.

### How you can help!

We very much need funds toward the extension of Casa Jimmy to operate 7 days a week from 7am to 7pm to allow parents to go to work knowing that their kids are safe and learning skills for their future! We aim to secure £500,000 over 5 years, in addition to our other fundraising efforts — *Every bit helps!*

It is very easy to donate! Simply log on to major fundraising websites such as justgiving or CAF. Alternatively,

- ✓ **Donate a prize** for a raffle — raffling meals;
- ✓ **Run a fundraising event** - we may be able to help with contacts of dancers and musicians;
- ✓ **Run the London Marathon or RideLondon-Surrey100 or the 10k** for us or ask your friend or family;
- ✓ **Nominate Task Brasil** as your chosen charity at work, school, church or other groups you belong to.
- ✓ **Join our Sponsor a Child** programme.



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