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Foundation of Friends of Nursery Schools in Brazil



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President of our foundation Anita visits schools

Anita Lemoine and her husband Dominique visited all our schools in November during their vacation in Brazil. They are enthusiastic about how well the schools are organized.

The daily schedule is pretty much the same at all the schools: breakfast at 8:00 (which is not available at home for many children) and then pre-school lessons: learning letters, counting, colouring, singing, or crafting (sometimes with materials from famous artists).



At 11:30, children eat a hot meal, brush their teeth, sleep for a while, and then play and exercise. There is more focus than before on dance, theatre, capoeira, free movement, and on themes such as

friendship, identity, being proud of yourself and sexuality. From 17:00, the children are collected by their parents.



Anita and Dominique observed a profound sense of love and loyalty among the staff members, from teachers to kitchen staff, reflecting their deep commitment to the children, the school and the neighbourhood. The schools are perceived as safe havens of growth and development for the preschoolers. To maintain this secure and nurturing environment, access for parents and guardians is restricted. Anita: "I can honestly and proudly say: if you are lucky enough to be allowed to stay here for four years as a pre-schooler, you will have many more development opportunities for the future." A great example is Viviane

Cazais from the crèche ACEF. She attended the crèche as a toddler, has studied, and has gone from being a teacher to being a coordinator of the little school.



Crafting with Van Gogh!

Poverty and violence in Brazil

A UNICEF report published in April 2023 found that 78% of children under 18 in the state of Bahia including its capital Salvador, live in poverty, looking at nutrition, education, housing, sanitation, and information. Fortunately, food prices have come down after President

Lula took office, but hunger is still a real problem.

Violence in Salvador's *favelas* has unfortunately increased sharply. Rival gangs, mainly from Rio de Janeiro, are trying to take over from existing gangs over the distribution of drugs in certain districts of Salvador. Both poor and rich are afraid. During President Bolsonaro's time, arms sales were free. That has since been curtailed again, but many weapons have ended up with the gangs.

In Memoriam: Georgina Alves da Purificação

This spring, we received the sad news that Georgina Alves da Purificação suddenly died at the age of 61. She was the driving force behind the project LER (Livro Em Roda), the 'library on wheels'. As the regular reader, teacher, and inspirational storyteller, she stimulated the preschoolers' imagination and language development. Georgina will be greatly missed. Meanwhile, Juliana has been appointed to take on the role of storyteller.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Our schools are active on Facebook and Instagram. Follow them and stay up to date on projects throughout the year. Sharing with your friends is highly appreciated! On [our website](#) you will find links.

New school: Tia Lú

This year, the Foundation contributed to Escola Creche Tia Lú in the Pituaçu district of Salvador. This day care center was established in 1988. It accommodates 133 children in the age group of 1 to 5 years, focusing mainly on socially vulnerable children. There are several classrooms available, but they are

overcrowded. Our president Anita visited this school during her holiday in Brazil, met the team and viewed and confirmed that a donation for this project is very much in order. Our money will be used to build a new classroom and toilets.

SHARE YOUR CELEBRATION!

Again, this year, there were several friends who celebrated their love and requested donations for our preschoolers as gifts. Thank you for that, and hopefully these great examples will be followed!



Financial

This year, while our funding was more limited, we successfully directed our resources towards meaningful and impactful initiatives. Our investments included not only structural support for sustainable education but also tangible projects such as renovation of toilets, a new classroom, playground equipment and new uniforms. This year too, requests have been made and we have earmarked funds for these. Please continue to help us with a generous gift and/or a new donor so that we can again support the crèches with more than €20,000 next year!

Our preschoolers thank you so much for your donation!

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Financial account	2023	2022
	€	€
Donations received	19.124	21.092
Balance of other mutations	- 432	- 332
	18.692	20.761
Balance and previous reserve	19.740	15.239
To projects in Brazil	- 24.600	- 16.260
Reservation projects 2024	- 5.000	- 8.000
General reserve	- 6.000	- 6.000
Balance	2.832	5.740