

2008 has been another hectic year for Task Brasil. We have continued to run our projects in Rio, providing homes and the hope of a better future to some of the city's most vulnerable children and teenagers. We do all we can to ensure that the children and teenagers in our care receive the education and healthcare to which they are entitled. As you will see below, with the help of our dedicated supporters, staff and volunteers, we have made great strides forward in expanding the capacity of the charity, and we hope that you enjoy reading about what we have been up to!

Rio Projects

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Casa Jimmy



Casa Jimmy is committed to providing a loving and safe environment for children up to six years of age on arrival. Rio's authorities and local social services place the children in Casa Jimmy due to their families' neglect or abuse or poverty or if

the children do not have families. Since November 2007 six children have been adopted and a further twelve children have been reunited with their families.

This milestone year in Casa Jimmy's history saw a number of parties and festivities for the children. Christmas, New Year, Easter and Festa Julina (the Brazilian celebration of the harvest) were celebrated in the usual style. The tenth anniversary culminated in a massive party on a sweltering hot day in November. Attended by nearly two hundred children and adults, the party started off with a play by the theatre group from Igreja Vida Nova. A show of baton twirlers and clowns was followed by a street dance class for all the teenagers in attendance from Task Brasil's projects and those visiting. After an afternoon of musical chairs, games of pin the tail on the donkey, sack races and face painting a choir of up to fifty children from Primeira

Igreja Batista led everyone in a chorus of Happy Birthday to Casa Jimmy. The party was attended by supporters of Task Brasil from Cultura Inglesa, the British & Commonwealth Society, Wilson, Sons, Chevron, Igreja Vida Nova, British Airways, Primeira Igreja Batista and teenagers from the Nossa Senhora do Carmo project.

This year, four of the children have started school as well as attending Fundação Mudes, a learning through fun and play re-enforcement project. Some of the children also attend a weekly psychologist's session.

One of the sweetest moments this year happened in August when five year old Pamela met her eight year old brother Douglas for the first time (pictured). The children share a mother but were raised separately and were unaware of one another's existence. They are now living in Casa Jimmy and will stay together.

Casa Irlanda

In 2006, the Irish charity Homeless Child, which now forms part of the Mulryan Family Foundation, agreed to help fund the work of Task Brasil. The Mulryan Foundation has helped by using its expertise in construction to assist with the design and construction as well as funding the building of a new children's home, Casa Irlanda (pictured). Casa Irlanda has been specifically designed by local experts, with the participation of those involved in the project. Our aim is to provide a high quality home and access to educational opportunities for children living in situations of risk. Casa Irlanda will be a home for children aged from 6 to 12 years, and will work in conjunction with the other Task Brasil programmes which will now be able to look after children of all ages. Task Brasil were delighted to receive a visit from the Mulryan family in June, who commented as follows:-

"We had a truly wonderful experience visiting Casa Jimmy and meeting all of the children. It has been a real pleasure to be able to be fully involved in the design and construction of a new children's home and we cannot wait to go and visit the children in Casa Irlanda. By

developing and supporting this project, we hope to be able to help the children most in need of a loving and happy home. We would like to thank all of the staff at Task Brasil for their help and commitment to this exciting new project and long-lasting relationship."



Epsom College Farm

Forest House will celebrate its fourth anniversary in March next year, and Epsom College Farm's development continues apace. Since our last report the British & Commonwealth Society has helped us to introduce two pigs to the farm. The pigs will provide an opportunity to teach the boys more about animal husbandry and enhance the diversity of the farm. Furthermore, thanks to our friends at Audley Travel, we now have had a water filtration system installed by the natural spring and a filter installed in each house.

During 2008, in addition to the fruit and vegetable production that has taken place, the boys were involved with the raising of pigs, cows, chicken and fish on the farm. One of the main pastures at the farm has been improved by removing excess vegetation to increase its grazing capacity.

This year, one of the boys was baptised and made his first Holy Communion and confirmation whilst another boy made his first Holy Communion and confirmation. All of the boys participated enthusiastically on a computer course in the nearby village of Papucaia and one of the boys completed a bakery course in the nearby city of Cachoeiras de Macacu. In December 2007 we welcomed Leonardo to Forest House and in July 2008 we said goodbye to Glauco who left Forest House to go back to live with his family.

Once again Epsom College School in England has maintained its links with the project. They have helped to fund the project by donating funds raised by their pupils and activities at the school.



Casa Charlotte



Casa Charlotte provides a home to teenage mothers and their babies, who all benefit from the secure and loving environment that the home provides. We are proud to announce that Casa Charlotte project was selected in 2008 as one of the 57 projects across Brazil that Petrobras will recommend to its clients and customers' suppliers as being an excellent

project and deserving of their support. Nearly 6,500 NGO's applied to receive this recommendation, so our selection is fantastic news, and reflects the hard work and commitment of Task Brasil's team.

The Casa Charlotte project finally has its own house after residing in Casa Jimmy for many years. A property has been bought opposite Casa Roger Turner thanks to support and donations from Peter Hall (Hunter Hall), Accenture and Ballymore. Our focus at the moment is to raise funds for the complete renovation of the house to make it a secure and loving environment, and suitable to house pregnant girls as well as young mothers and their babies and toddlers.



Casa Charlotte is temporarily operating at Casa Jimmy providing a home for pregnant teenagers with their babies, with the project having capacity for up to five teenagers at any one time. With the opening of the new house this will increase to up to 15 or 20 pregnant teenagers and young mothers, teenagers and their children. **Funds are required towards refurbishment of the building and operational costs.**

Casa Roger Turner

Casa Roger Turner is Rio de Janeiro's first overnight shelter and day centre for teenage boys living on the street. It celebrated its second anniversary in style in April. Pride of place was taken by an HMS Liverpool shaped birthday-cake, generously organised by Captain Roger Turner with the special help of Mrs. Mandy Dobson and the British Defence Attaché Commander Dobson! The cake was created by the HMS Liverpool team who delivered it to us and joined in the party. The HMS Liverpool team spent the next few days doing invaluable maintenance work at the projects.



Work has just started at Casa Roger Turner on the repair of the roof, the building of two mezzanine floors to house a music room and an art and IT rooms for the boys, and to carry out works on electrical wiring throughout the house. This much needed work has only been made possible thanks to support from the Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust and the Trusthouse Charitable Trust.



Although it has just been under three years since Casa Roger Turner opened its doors to teenagers living on the streets, the progress made has been nothing short of amazing. Three of the boys are currently doing internships with a government initiative, RioUrbe. This youth work-placement programme is run by the government specifically for teenagers of low income or living in shelters, taking into account their histories and providing full training and support for the teenagers. A portion of their salary goes into a savings account for the boys and the rest they can spend towards items they plan in their monthly budget. The boys also attend school.

Sidney will start the final stage of his Secondary education in January and will be the first teenage boy from Task Brasil's projects to do so along with Paulo Ricardo, following in the footsteps of Daiana. After winning an athletics scholarship at the Maracana earlier in the year he has now chosen to make football his priority and trains almost every afternoon after work and before school!

Casa Jimena

The Casa Jimena project is housed close to Casa Jimmy with three bedrooms, increasing the capacity of the Stepping Stone programme. Daiana turned 21 in October and is continuing her studies to become a lawyer in January, after a six months break due to some personal problems. In her spare time Daiana has been continuing with her flip-flop making workshop to make pocket money for herself with the skills she learned in the projects. She is also working part time in a franchise store. Casa Jimena was also home for Debora and her daughter for six months earlier in the year.



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Case Studies

Lucas

Lucas arrived in Casa Jimmy in June 2006. The Street Approach Team were asked by his mother to take him out of a dangerous situation when she was living on the streets in Copacabana. She subsequently tried to get Lucas back but the Juvenile Judge and Public Prosecutors believed she was unable to care for him properly.

Lucas lived in Casa Jimmy for two years, an unusually long time because he had no birth certificate. He had to have medical exams to establish his date of birth, and had a lengthy wait for the results before the judge declared him

eligible for adoption in July. Lucas saw many of his friends leave Casa Jimmy to be reunited with their families or be adopted over the last two years.

He found this very difficult, and his behaviour often worsened after the departure of one of his friends. We are delighted to report that Lucas was adopted in November by a Brazilian family and now has a new brother, one year older than him to play with. He is getting on very well with his new family.



Vanderson

Vanderson (pictured left with his friend Paulo Ricardo) grew up living in shelters and running away from home after disputes with his stepfather. He started living on the streets in Copacabana and, in 2006 when he was 13, met the Task Brasil Street Approach Team who were able to build up a relationship of trust and friendship with him. Vanderson started living at Casa Roger Turner in March 2007. Since then his life has changed completely, far from the difficulties of street life which he experienced when he was younger. He is in

the seventh series at school, studying at night time and he has started an internship with a local government initiative called RioUrbe in March where he receives a salary/allowance and is trained in office work. This is a fantastic achievement for someone with Vanderson's difficult background, and we are very proud of him. He is a really nice, responsible young man. His family situation is currently being evaluated to see whether he can go back to live with his mother now that he is older and has an income and can help more with his siblings.

Luciene

Luciene arrived in Casa Charlotte in May 2006 after a dispute in her family when she was seven months pregnant. Throughout her time in Casa Charlotte (temporarily based in Casa Jimmy) Luciene was often visited by the father of her child. She left Casa Charlotte to live with her father in January 2008 after their relationship improved. Her father allowed her to live with the father of Agatha. Sadly, he was very aggressive with Luciene, so she returned to Casa Charlotte in January 2008. In March 2008, as well as studying at night, Luciene,

like Vanderson, started an internship with a local government initiative called RioUrbe. Her daughter Agatha, a fantastic little girl who turned two in July, used to stay with the other children in Casa Jimmy while Luciene was working. Since turning 18 Luciene has moved out of Casa Jimmy and is living with her boyfriend who she hopes to marry. Her grandmother looks after Agatha while Luciene is at school or working in a Rio Shopping Centre. Luciene also visits her own father regularly.



Visitors

2008 was a busy year for visits. Both the Royal Navy and the American Navy made much appreciated visits in April, when the officers and crews of HMS Liverpool and USS George Washington carried out vital work in the projects. Many thanks to the British Consulate and the US Consulate in aiding us with the visits. April also saw a very welcome visit by some of the Trustees of Task Brasil, Lisa, Lady Charlotte, Duncan and Ligia. We have also been pleased to welcome a number of our child-sponsors who have visited and met the children during 2008.

A special thank you to June Parsons, Rainu Jansz, Nick Ashton and Monia Bignotti from British Airways/Action

for Street Children (AFSC) who visited in November. During their visit the team visited all of the Task Brasil projects as well as others in Rio and provided great entertainment for the children throughout the week.

A thank you to Peter & Brigitte Blackburn and their son Jonathan, a pupil of Epsom College School, who visited the farm this year, as well as to Keith McCall from Philadelphia, a friend of Task Brasil in America.

Jim Gamble, Chief Executive of CEOP Child Exploitation and Online Protection in the United Kingdom took time out as one of the lead speakers at World Congress against Child Exploitation, with

Gabrielle Shaw, to visit Casa Jimmy in November. Prudential do Brasil visited Casa Jimmy with a team of forty staff to paint the house and have a party with the kids in October. A big thank-you to them for a fun day.

Once again, Wilson, Sons has provided invaluable help to Casa Jimmy. A team of their staff-members volunteered in December entertaining the children while renovating and doing maintenance work to the house. Also, they also confirmed that the firm's support of Task Brasil would continue with a donation of the equivalent of £16,000 (US\$24,640; R\$50,000).

News

A big thank you to Julie Anderson of the US Consulate who is returning to the States, for her constant and full support throughout the last two years. Task Brasil is hugely appreciative of all the hard work that Julie and her husband Commander Mark Anderson have done. We are grateful for the support received from the US Navy.

Task Brasil attended Founder's Day at the British School, which was a massive success with the teenagers. Our organic lemonade and manioc cake made with ingredients from the farm were a sell out! As well as a variety of jewellery, flip flops, embroidered towels we sold brownies, cookies and paintings donated courtesy of Lucy Beney. We are grateful to Lucy Beney and Jenny Byers who have been of invaluable assistance and a constant support to the projects in 2008.

Task Brasil is delighted that a group of ladies from the

Chevron Spouse Community have offered to volunteer with the children and teenagers of the projects from January 2009 onwards. Cultura Inglesa have found a great way to help charities by offering our teenagers, trainees and staff the chance to learn English for free at one of their highly-regarded schools, for which we are very grateful.

Audley Travel, in association with Blumar Travel, their partners in Rio, has begun to include Task Brasil's projects on their itineraries for tourists visiting Rio. This will raise awareness of the projects here in Brazil and we are looking forward to visits from clients of Audley Travel in the near future. The aim of this programme is to bring further support to Task Brasil's projects and children.

Mark McCullough, has chosen to help Casa Jimmy as his Eagle Scout project for 2009. Mark's project will involve raising funds and leading a team to redevelop

our recreation area at Casa Jimmy. The work will involve repainting the area and the boundary lines for football and the basketball court, as well as setting up football goals.

In the US, Farofa Nation, a Miami based T-shirt concern, has approached Task Brasil Inc to offer fundraising support. The initial aim is to donate funds to Task Brasil generated by the sale of T-shirts. In future, Farofa Nation have expressed an interest in using designs from Task Brasil's children's drawings and paintings and, secondly, in organising graphic and fashion design workshops when they are in Rio, to help the young people in Task Brasil's care learn a professional skill they may use towards seeking employment in the future.

Thanks also to Pattie Drew for donating paintings that have done so much to brighten up the lives of the children at Casa Jimmy!

Donations

Task Brasil relies upon the generosity of our kind supporters so, as always, we would like to thank each and every one of you who has supported us throughout 2008, whether by organizing or contributing towards fundraising events or by supporting our Child Sponsorship programme. Our special thanks go to Jimmy Page, William Salomon and EMBL for their very valuable donations during the year. Our great gratitude goes to Jorge Eduardo Gouvêa Vieira and his team of solicitors as well as Ana Cristina Grau Gameleira Werneck, Rodolfo Castrioto de Figueiredo Mello, João Bernardo Kappen and Luciano Saldanha.

We are also very grateful to Duncan Innes, one of our long term supporters, for raising funds for us by completing the Three Peaks Challenge. A big thank-you also to Cultura Inglesa for the campaign that it ran in August to provide clothes and baby products for us. Also in Rio, Fundação Progresso have donated hundreds of kilos of food from various concerts held during the year. To attend these shows each member of the audience has to bring along a kilo of food which then gets donated to Casa Jimmy! Banco Rio de Alimentos has donated sanitary products, and a large amount of clothes have been donated locally, coming via word of mouth and from various friends of Task Brasil in Rio de Janeiro. As always, we need to say a massive "thank-you" to Wilson, Sons in Rio for their donation of computers and their constant support. We're also hugely grateful to the British & Commonwealth Society in Rio for their support over the last few years and specifically for the pigs at Epsom College Farm.

We are also grateful for the support received from The Britannia School of English, Bruno Lages, Animalia, Maiko, Silvia Costa, Roy Moed, Nina and Chris and Lula Zeppeliano and his friends.

We are very grateful to Jimmy Page, James Taylor, Cindy Bond, Gibson Guitars, Pat Cash and Emily Cash for their help and generosity in enabling us to provide auction items for this year's EMBL Ball. In 2008 Cindy Bond, Gibson Guitars, Johnnie Allen and Anne Callingham have again contributed generously towards the work of Task Brasil and we are grateful for their continuing valuable support as well as for that of Phil Collins, and Adrian Smith from Iron Maiden. Thanks to their donations, and those of many others, MissionFish (the charitable arm of eBay) will be helping us to run an auction of items donated by celebrities in the New Year. We would like to thank all those who have contributed towards this as well as our trustee Nathalie Smith who has done so much to make this possible.

We would like to list and thank the following supporters of Task Brasil for the support and donations received during 2008:

Both MoneyGram and The Hogben Family Trust for their contributions to salaries for the educadores of Casa Roger Turner; The Triodos Foundation and The Schroder Charitable Trust for their donations towards the psychiatrist's salary at Casa Roger Turner; The Listen Project, who has chosen Casa Roger Turner as one of the beneficiaries of its fundraising campaigns, and from whom Task Brasil has requested funding over five years for four workshop instructors; Epsom College who continue to make a substantial donation towards the running costs of Epsom College Farm; Discovering Latin America for contributing generously towards the costs of Casa Roger Turner; Task Brasil Inc. who donated US\$4,700 (£3055) from funds raised in the US towards the operational costs of our projects in Rio; The Paget Trust has continued its valuable help towards the running costs of our projects; The Rufford

Maurice Laing Trust has helped with the funding of a workshop instructor at Casa Roger Turner; The Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust has contributed towards the costs of repair work at Casa Roger Turner; The Consortium for Street Children for their assistance with paying for a numeracy teacher to work at Casa Charlotte and Casa Roger Turner; Catherine Fitzgerald-Phillips and her friends in Dungarvan in Eire, who organised a concert that raised funds for Casa Irlanda and Casa Jimmy; Dreams Can who have also continued their support by raising funds for Casa Jimmy through our Child Sponsorship Programme; Audley Travel for the funds to install a water filter at Epsom College Farm; the US Navy for their recent generous donation of US\$ 1,441.85 (£937.20); AT&T Foundation in the US who, through the good offices of AT&T EMEA's Sean Clowry, made a generous donation towards the running costs of Casa Roger Turner. Janine Dance kindly donated funds to buy Christmas presents for the children at Casa Jimmy; ABC Trust, who once again shared the proceeds from the sale of Jimmy Page screens with us; Richard Munday and his friends at the Sheildaig Sunday Club have continued their long tradition of supporting our projects. The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation who have contributed towards the costs of repair work at Casa Roger Turner; Robert Walker, Ceri Jackson, Joel Carter and Helen Winstanley also helped us by fundraising and at our projects in Rio, Donna Dutsch who has kindly offered to buy shoes for all the children in Casa Jimmy, to Banco do Brasil Securities and Fern Hill for making a donation to us rather than sending out Christmas cards, and finally all those who are not mentioned here but who helped us to achieve our goal to help many street children and teenagers in need.

Volunteers

As always, 2008 was a busy year for our supporters. Task Brasil has been lucky enough to benefit from the hard work and generosity of many people during the year. Andrea Grainger, returned after a one year volunteer's placement for another two year placement with the support of Viatores Christi in Ireland, and has continued to provide invaluable support to the projects in Rio. Massive thanks to the volunteers who completed their placements at the projects this year Daniel, Catherine, Lola, Jonathan, Jessica, and Jack, who have now all returned to England.



Casa Jimmy bids a sad farewell to Kellee Ryan, their weekly dance teacher, who is returning to the States. The children will miss the Monday morning renditions of the Birdie dance and the Hokey Cokey! Thank you for the endless enjoyment and donations.

In the UK we have benefited greatly from the help of volunteers over the year. In the office, Amanda Brescia, Ricardo Cavalcanti, Chiara Vivaldi, Rebecca Stone, Barbara Taylor, and Mihai Petrosianu have provided invaluable assistance. Christine Walker and David Sarras have continued their long tradition of supporting the work of the charity, and James Rorrison once again dedicated time to Task Brasil and helped us with urgently needed repairs to our computers and providing us with IT support in Brasil and the UK, so we'd like to take this opportunity to record our gratitude to all of them as well as to all the other volunteers who have helped over the year at various events and activities.

Natasha Rawdon-Jones took part in a sponsored silence, whilst her brother Nick, together with Leandro Brisola climbed Mont Blanc! Our long-standing supporter Deborah Shepherd organised a sponsored



cycle around the Isle of Cumbrae. Congratulations to Christopher McGarry, one of the year's youngest fundraisers, who did brilliantly to complete the full 10.25 miles around the island. Former Trustee Duncan Innes and long standing supporter Dirk Reichling did fantastic work by organizing teams and completing the arduous Three Peaks challenge.

**Supporters can now select
Task Brasil to receive part or all of the profits from
items sold on eBay!**

In the summer Rogerio Correa and his friends very generously offered to raise funds for Task Brasil by donating the proceeds from a performance of the classic bossanova musical "Poor Little Rich Girl". The London School of Samba continues to support Task Brasil by helping to collect donations when they perform. Long-standing child sponsor, UK volunteer and soon to be placement volunteer Barbara Taylor arranged Quiz Nights as part of her fundraising drive, our supporter in Antwerp, Marianne van Oord organised a fundraising night at her son Cees'

school, Peter Finnigan organised e-Bay sales for us, Shelia Robertson arranged for us to benefit from the 2008 International Bazaar in Luxembourg which was attended by representatives of the international community, ex-placement volunteer Eleanor Gurney organised a Brazilian night at Lucy Cavendish College in Cambridge, and in the US Elizabeth Lourenco organized a football tournament for Task Brasil. In October this year ex-placement volunteer Dan Markham raised funds for Task Brasil by completing the gruelling ToughGuy challenge. The event is

designed to teach juvenile offenders the value of team work and of participation in worthwhile activities as well as raising funds for charities. These pictures give an idea of the arduous nature of the challenge, and Dan describes the event as consisting of "challenging military style, endurance assault course complete with swamps, fields of fire, electric shocks, 10 foot jumps into freezing lakes and many other ingenious 'exercises' designed to test and torture every human fibre and sinew", so well done to Dan for his efforts in completing the event for us!



£1,000 (US\$1540) was donated to Task Brasil from proceeds of the Two4Six sponsored walk organised by the Inner Wheel and Rotary Clubs of Buxton. On a drizzly day in June sponsored walkers set off on the Buxton Inner Wheel and Rotary Club's 'Two4Six' Walk around the Goyt Valley in the Peak District. Our thanks to Linda Harry for helping to organize the walk!

When organising your birthday, wedding or anniversary celebrations next year, consider nominating Task Brasil to benefit!

"...a big thank you for the pictures you've sent over the past few years showing the ceiling fans, water filters etc installed at Casa Jimmy that I have supplied from your wish list. It really is lovely and totally unexpected to receive these pictures but is a truly lovely touch. It is really appreciated that Task Brasil interacts back with it's supporters to such a degree, it makes you feel really involved. Thanks once again." Janine Dance, Task Brasil supporter.



"...the experience of living and working at Casa Jimmy has been life-changing for me, and I will always be grateful...I have fallen in love with Brazilian culture and Rio...you offer a chance to embrace Rio life with all its contradictions and challenges... I know I will come back to Brazil and I hope to have the opportunity to work with Task Brasil again in the future. Thank you." Jessica Pamphlett, ex-placement volunteer.

Volunteers cont'd



In contrast to last year WOMAD 2008 was dry! Our team of volunteers (Christine, Hilary, Rachael, Jane, Jade and Chiara) did a magnificent job selling jewellery, havaianas and T-shirts, enlisting new child sponsors and filling collecting boxes at concerts by Brazilian artists. The girls even managed to find time to enjoy themselves and listen to some of the wide range of live music being played on the various stages over the four day event.

WOMAD 2009

If you are interested in helping us please contact the London office on 020 7 735 5545!

Task Brasil has been very lucky to benefit from the efforts of supporters running all over the world this year! We're very grateful to everyone who took the time to train for and compete in their events. The London Marathon takes place each year in April, and this year we were supported by our marathon squad consisting of Previn Jagutpal, Imelda Maguire, Joanna

Diss, Linda Dennis, Angel Gurria, Marjolein Snippe, Paulino Barros, Leigh Manton, Kathleen Rockefeller, and Ben Carter. The last four runners were part of a team from AT&T organized by Sean Clowry. This year the London Marathon raised over £14,000 (US\$21,560) net for the work of Task Brasil! Also in London, Kevin Tredrea, Ruth Wayman and Richard

Ashby took part in the 2008 BUPA Great Capital Run. Thanks also to John Parkinson for completing the Great Scottish run through the streets of Glasgow, whilst Jonathan Stuart completed the Rio Marathon prior to commencing his placement with Task Brasil.

The staff and pupils of Epsom College School continue to do a great deal to support our work. Thanks to them, led by Father Paul Thompson and his colleague Ann Davies, Task Brasil is one of the charities lucky enough to benefit from their fundraising activities over the year. We are also very grateful to

our long-standing supporter Fanny Rush who has done great work helping to maintain our contact with the school, and was brave enough to address the whole school at the beginning of the academic year!

Space won't allow us to mention all of our supporters and volunteers individually, so a huge thank-you to all of you who have helped us over the past year. Your contributions have played a vital part in keeping our projects running, and we hope that you will be just as inspired and energetic in 2009!

If you have any fundraising ideas, please let the Task Brasil Office in London know and we will do all we can to support you in your efforts!

Make Helping Task Brasil your New Year's Resolution!

Whether you are in the UK, Europe, Brazil or North America, there are so many ways you can become involved in supporting the children of Task Brasil, from sponsoring a child, taking part in an eco-tour on Epsom College Farm, volunteering in the houses in Brazil, to organising fundraising events, or selling items on eBay. Supporters can now select Task Brasil to receive part or all of the profits from items sold on eBay. We are always looking for new volunteers with diverse skills, so if you would like to offer some of your time either in Brazil or the UK, please contact us.

Sponsor a child and, make a real difference to their life. Just £15 or \$25 a month feeds a child for a month. You will receive regular updates about the child's progress and about how your money is being used.

Leave a legacy. Remember Rio's street children in your will.

Run a marathon. Raise money for Task Brasil in the 2009 London Marathon, or any other marathon or sponsored event.

Corporate partnership. Support Task Brasil's work through your company's activities or by fundraising with your colleagues.

Schools & Churches. Nominate Task Brasil as the chosen charity for your fundraising events throughout the year.

Give now! If you'd like to make a donation now, simply fill out the form attached, visit our website and click on "get involved" or call the office.

If you are supporting Task Brasil from the USA, please send donations or sponsor a child monthly through our online PayPal account. We are a federally registered US non-profit with 501(c)(3) status. For further information please contact us on info@taskbrasil.org.

Lovely greetings cards featuring designs by the children available from our website!

Trustees & Staff

During the year Duncan Innes resigned as a Trustee of Task Brasil. We would like to thank Duncan for the invaluable support and guidance that he provided to the Charity whilst in office, and for his continuing support for our work. In the UK office Rodrigo Voss, our long serving Finance and

Administration Manager and Portia Asquith, our Volunteer and Events Coordinator, left task Brasil for pastures new. We wish them all the best for the future and offer our thanks for all the help and support that they have provided to the charity. We would also like to thank Sophie Keith who has renewed her long-

standing association with Task Brasil and agreed to help in the London office on a temporary basis. We would also like to welcome Evelyn Harrison to the Task Brasil Team. Evelyn has recently joined the London Office as our new UK Fundraising Office Manager.

Ecotour



Thanks to its dedicated participants, Geoffrey, Jack and Jonathan, the 2008 Ecotour enabled us to push the farm's development one step further by planting 120 new banana trees. We found the perfect spot to do this on a fertile and well exposed gentle slope on the edge of the virgin forest. The work was very challenging as usual, but the reward, visiting the lush, exotic and rich Mata Atlântica forest and the marvellous city of Rio, made it all worthwhile. On the menu at the farm this year will be organic duck and piratitanga fish from the farm and, as always,

a great choice of tropical fruit.

In 2009, you could come and dance a Green Samba in February, undertake the Banana Adventure in July or Plant Ahead in the Tropics in October! The Ecotours are an unforgettable and unique charity holiday that only Task Brasil can offer.

Please check our website or contact the London office if you are interested in joining the Ecotour in 2009!

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