

Newsletter 2017

Casa Jimmy

82 children and teenagers from the surrounding poor neighbourhoods have attended Casa Jimmy in 2017. They are offered a range of different educational lessons and activities to progress their learning.

Their time table consists of Maths, Portuguese, reading History and Geography, I.T., English, Arts and Crafts, Sports Activities, Dance, Music and Social Skills. If any of the current volunteers have a specific skill then we can also add this to the young people's learning programme. All the major holiday days are celebrated with a party which is always a popular day throughout Casa Jimmy.



Events

2017 Virgin London Marathon

Our runners Ben Drew, Lowri Brown, Brett Fisher, Christopher Bird, Paola Vasconcelos raised a total of £6,252.15 on Sunday the 23rd of April.



The London Marathon kicked off in Blackheath, South East London, through Woolwich, Greenwich, Isle of Dogs, Tower of London and London Bridge before finishing at The Mall past Buckingham Palace. 26.2 miles long. Task Brasil Trust's staff and volunteers cheered on the runners alongside The London School of Samba who kindly invite us to join them every year. Thank you to Nikki Schofield for volunteering annually for the past 3 years.



Ride London 2017 - Tracing the track through London and Surrey which was made famous during the 2012 Olympics, this 100-mile route is the London Marathon for cycling. Starting in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, then following a 100-mile route on closed roads through the capital and into Surrey. A big thank you to all of our riders David Johns, Leonie Elliot, John Petrou and Mike Reynell. The team raised a total of £2,341.87.

Caron Beck

joined Task Brasil as a volunteer at Casa Jimmy in July through to the end of November.

Coming from a background of working with, and mentoring young people from many areas of the UK. Caron made an instant connection with the kids at Casa Jimmy. Teaching English, income generating workshops, arts and crafts, sports activities and also assisting with admin duties.



Cristiano Nascimento Nogueira Junior, who is 18 years old, joined the team in August and is a local lad. He once attended Casa Jimmy as beneficiary when he was a teenager and wanted to give something back by volunteering his time as an instructor assistant with the young people here. Cristiano can speak 3 different languages and

consequently is a great asset to the team. To his credit, Cristiano learned these languages recently in a few years. His 8 years old sister attends Casa Jimmy as well.



Amarillas Santiago has been volunteering at Casa Jimmy since April 2015 and is involved in Task Brasil in different roles. Amarilis is a Music teacher and the young

people at Casa Jimmy love to learn new tunes and beats with her in the Music room and these sounds can be heard throughout Casa Jimmy.

(see adjoining photo of Cristiano and Amarilis).

Franziska Vou Schilling is visiting family in Brazil for a few months so has given up her vacation to come and volunteer at Casa Jimmy. She can also speak many languages and is a great influence on the young people here. Franziska has family connections with Casa Jimmy as a family member used to work here.

Anna- Paula Ferreira Gregorio

is another local girl who has been volunteering at Casa Jimmy for the past few months. Anna Paula has been helping the kids with all sorts of educational activities like Geography, Maths, History, arts and crafts. She has taught the kids how to play monopoly and now they absolutely love it. This in itself teaches the children counting and mathematics as well as Teamwork, negotiation and fair play all whilst having great fun.



Nathalia who is Anna Paula's friend offered a few weeks of drama activities for the children at Casa Jimmy which the children loved.

The Beautiful Alice Festival in memory

"Alice was a fearsome campaigner - she fought injustice wherever she saw it," a mother says after her teenage daughter drowned in a rip current while on a volunteering programme."

The Beautiful Alice Festival was back again in June 2017 to spread more of her light, love and happiness to the world. Fun, love, colour and eclectic sunshiny festival on the magical Sleepshyde Farm in St Albans for a glorious

celebration of all things wonderful! Amazing food, licensed bars, festival stalls, main stage, family fun, children's area and the all new Summer's Stage all money raised went towards various charities around the world.



Task Brasil was granted £ 700. We are grateful to the organisers and Joe for their generosity.

Graca Rocha-Keys Commemoration Appeal

Graça was born in Brazil but lived in England for 32 years until she sadly passed away in August, 2017. She hated injustice – and, for decades, was active politically in playing her part in trying to help reduce poverty in Brazil. She also always had a dream that one day she would personally be able to help the children and teenagers of Brazil's shantytown slums. In order to help realize that dream Graça's Husband David, Daughter Camile and son Michael have set up the Graça Rocha-Keys Commemoration Appeal to help Task Brasil to do that. Michael Rocha Keys visited Casa Jimmy in October 2017.



This permanent fund-raising appeal is Graça's and her family's way to contribute to improving the situation by providing kids with skills and hope for the future. www.bit.do/gracarochakeysappeal



The appeal has raised nearly £5000 toward the salary of a Educationalist who will enable Casa jimmy to offer socio-educational activities every day of the week from Monday to Friday.

Volunteers UK

Barbara Taylor a long term supporter and former volunteer at Casa Jimmy and the Tomlinson Family helped in the UK office to send out our newsletters.

Long time supporter Virginia Ibbareta and the partner or trustee James Rorrison, volunteered her time to help remove goods damaged by a flood at the London office.



Nicole Dourado
Nicole visited with her husband, friend and her son. Nicole organized a collection of goods at her morning fitness club. The collection included clothing, shoes and food which they kindly donated to Casa Jimmy.



The children were delighted to receive the kind donation of a number of football boots (chuteiras) organised by Nicole and her friends.



Professor Brian Warby and Students at The University of Northern Iowa
visited Casa Jimmy once again on 27th May 2017. The students spent the day entertaining and teaching the kids new skills and how to make a variety of items. We also counted on their valuable help to reorganise the IT room. The kids loved it and had a great time.



Mark and Emma from Australia visited Casa Jimmy on the 4th of July. They donated soccer balls, goalkeeper gloves, teaching materials and shoes. Beneficiary Marco Henrique showed Mark and Emma around. In the study room he made it a point to show his folder containing his work. The beneficiaries were very happy with Mark and Emma's visit and presented them with handmade thank you cards. Ana Paula Gregorio very kindly helped out on the day by offering her time to assist with translation.

Denise Bowser - also visited Casa Jimmy and the children.

Miss Tita and Friends - Miss Tita, mother Arthur and Eike, Camila and Professor Julio donated clothes, boots, toys and powdered milk. The group distributed the boots and clothes to the children. Miriam gave a speech to the room and various workshops taking place.

Gareth Evans Jones – Former child sponsor Gareth Evans Jones, his wife and sister in law visited Casa Jimmy on Festa Julina celebration party, they brought some gifts along with them for the kids. Gareth played guitar and sang. He also tuned and changed the strings of some guitars. Gareth promised to return in the future. Gareth has been a supporter since 2009 when he visited our stand at the WOMAD Festival in London.

[Gareth Evans-Jones](#) is organizing a fundraising event for Casa Jimmy on SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER from 11am-11pm (gmt+1) at Cafe [Hermes Hermes](#) in Amsterdam with [The Jones](#)



leading a 12 hour marathon Open Mic musical . They will start with local children on stage at 11am, then grown-ups from 4pm. Finally, The Jones (www.thejones.nl) will play from 8pm-11pm with any guests who want to join them!



Banco do Brasil Gecex dpt. - After last year's Christmas campaign, Glauca along with two colleagues from Banco do Brasil

returned in June to donate educational material for the project. Glauca and her colleagues, Monica and Alexandre visited Casa Jimmy on 28/11/17 after fundraising in their department for Christmas. They donated sports materials, underwear and other items for the kids.

We welcome Task Brasil's new trustees



Amarilis Santos Pinto Santiago

Founder, Dr. Monica Pereira dos Santos



Mark Pfau donated more tablets to Casa Jimmy's project in 2017 making it 9 in total. They are an invaluable tool to assist the kids' education in an interactive way. We are grateful to Mark for his generosity and the opportunity it presents.



Big Thank you to

- Andrew Warren who made a very generous donation of £500 this year once again.
- Ken Graham sent cheques throughout the year. Unfortunately, we have no contact details to thank him;
- Chris Hart and his wife for their extremely generous donations in the last years;
- The children at Eton College for their donation;
- Another extremely generous donation of R\$68.000,00 by a long term supporter;
- Luis Carlos, children's entertainer and director of Crazy Caramel magic, disco and party games donated a percentage of his profits.
- Gouvea Vieira Advogados' continued invaluable help and advice.
- YOU who also have contributed to the success of the projects in Rio de Janeiro for the kids!



We are immensely grateful to our long-term supporters who have been vital to keep our projects at Casa Jimmy up and running through the years: Amanda Smethurst; Aodan Farren; Arthur Hugh; Michael Asbury; Brown; Cates CL Boccane S; Nei I Chappell; Colette Hutter; Daniel Winterstein; KL Davis; Dinshaw; Claire Edwards; Evans; Eileen Greene; Hannah Gael; P H Hansen; Harlen Zimmerman; Jean Maby; Joseph Treglow; Linda Maitland; Maria Rosa; Minozzi; P Mitchell; Mr Neil Chapell; Nicholas Hooper; Susan Orsini; Pamela Ferreira; Paul Ryan; Paul Umfreville; Peter Venus; R Rutter; Rebecca Spargo; Sophie Mardini; Steward JG & A; Susan Simpson; B Taylor; Tristan Evans; Captain Roger Turner; Jorg Wagner; Lindsay Welsh; Clive Winstanley; Zoe Jeffery and many others donors.

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