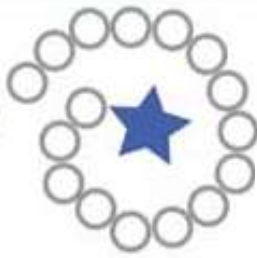


Sou Digna



I AM WORTHY

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Bahia Street and Sou Digna/ I Am Worthy work together to provide girls and women a pathway out of poverty in Salvador, Brazil. We provide a variety of programs centered around education and work training. Eighty percent of the people of Salvador live in poverty. Drugs and violence in Brazil's slums are notorious, and girls and women of African descent face the triple discrimination of race, gender, and class. Together, Sou Digna/ I Am Worthy and Bahia Street are helping girls and women live in dignity, supporting them as they achieve their full potential and make valuable contributions to their communities.



Bahia Street Brasil ★ Ages 6-14

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Founded in 1997, Bahia Street Brasil provides comprehensive education and support to girls ages 6-14. Girls receive a high quality education that allows them entrance to good public high schools and then university. Many girls stay with the program through until university entrance exams.

Education: Bahia Street educates students to reach their highest academic potential. It provides instruction in all basic subjects supplemental to public school attendance that keeps girls connected to their communities.

Health and hygiene: Students receive a daily hot meal and snacks, as well as instruction on proper nutrition. Girls take daily showers and learn about physical, social, and psychological health through classroom instruction. No girl has gotten pregnant in ten years.

Leadership: Bahia Street trains its students to be leaders in their families and communities. It supports their socio-emotional development through adolescence.



Sou Digna ★ Ages 14+

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Sou Digna means "I am worthy" in Portuguese. In 2011, African-Brazilian women in the city of Salvador identified dignity and a woman's sense of worth as fundamental to the health and vibrancy of their society. Sou Digna expands the rights of impoverished women living in Salvador, Brazil, through job training, community development, and education.

Job training: Sou Digna provides women access to livelihoods that yield a living wage. It organizes training programs in technology and baking.

Empowerment: Fundamental in all Sou Digna programs is education about rights and skills for healthy living.

Access to higher education: Sou Digna implements evening university-preparatory classes that provide academic preparation to women wanting to enter university.

Join us!

We are a community based in Salvador and Seattle committed to supporting locally-led community development that impacts the lives of poor girls and women living in the shantytowns of Salvador. Sou Digna / I Am Worthy is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization in the United States (#90-0731023) and serves as Bahia Street Brasil's fiscal agent outside of Brazil. Most of our support comes from individuals.



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