

PROJECT

Recover the Childhood of 60 Children in Brazil



Caring with love we value life and promote peace! Luciana Andrade

1. THE INSTITUTE DONATING LIFE FOR RAFA AND CLARA - IDV

The Doando Vida (Donating Life for Rafa and Clara) is a project designed by many hands and hearts in Brasília, the Capital of Brazil. It started with Henrique and Luciana Andrade, along with family members and friends of Rafaela, daughter of the couple. Together they embraced the dream and the purpose of Rafa, nutritionist, whose dream was to work hard on behalf of vulnerable children in Brasília, who suffer with hunger. In a most unfortunate episode, Rafa (26) and her little daughter Clara (2), died in a car accident in Canada in August 2013. Rafa's dream, however, remains alive and goes by the name of Institute Donating Life for Rafa and Clara.

The Doando Vida since 2017 carries on the mission of helping children in need who suffers with poverty in a town/favela in the heart of the country.

2. THE PROJECT – <u>RECOVER THE CHILDHOOD OF 60 CHILDREN IN</u> <u>BRAZIL</u>

In face of the reality in which we live, facing hunger, violence, neglect and disrespect, it becomes extremely necessary to take actions to feed, care and teach constructive values to children from an early age and, then, build a culture of peace. What can we say about



the reality of hundreds of children facing the lack of education, care, health and food in the capital of a huge country like Brazil? This is a question that does not want to be silent, as it is exactly the situation of the thousands of little Brazilians kids who live in the Favela of Santa Luzia and in the Estrutural Town, very close to the *Palácio do Planalto* (Brazilian President's Office).

Our project faces this reality and seeks to change it. It consists of dedicating resources and time to caring for and teaching the little ones and their families who lack everything. It is necessary to teach them that with good nutrition, education, love, respect, affection and good examples, it is possible to be happy, it is possible to go far. Yes, with a welcoming environment, with trained professionals and rooms equipped with a minimum of adequate material, children will certainly have the chance of better physical, emotional and social development.

We take care, with no cost for the families, of 60 very poor children aged between 2 and 5 years, who arrive at 7am and leave at 5pm Monday to Friday. They receive a nutritious breakfast as they arrive, a fruit snack in the middle of the morning, a very healthy lunch, take a nap, take a shower and eat a delicious *dinner* and then return to their homes. In a very pleasant environment, each of these moments is also time to learn values; it is time to be led with love to learn healthy habits; it also is a time to experience social interaction and mutual respect in an environment that values peace. Our project is also directed to a work that allows the children to establish relationships of among them, sharing toys and adopting attitudes of solidarity, dialogue, justice and respect child-child, child-adults and adult-adult as well.

The whole structure that today benefits the 60 children – feeding, teaching, caring - needs to be well coordinated and managed by an administrative management that allows efficient workflow. It also requires a daily pedagogical coordination and a social assistance that makes the interface and the permanent contact with the families of our children, since they are people who live in poverty, in a situation of high nutritional and social risk.



3. PROJECT'S GOAL AND STRUCTURE

The objective of the project is to maintain the 60 children who live in extreme poverty well fed, cared for, away from the dirty and violent streets of *Santa Luzia* town, and very happy. It is also to enhance our potential to shelter a larger number of children at the Institute – today the waiting list reached 200 children.

4. JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROJECT

Among the missions of Doando Vida is to contribute for the development of small citizens (children living in poverty). Hugging, teaching, feeding, taking good care of those children is the way the Doando Vida found to collaborate in the construction of a more just and fair world. And to achieve this, we must understand "care" and "education" in a broad sense; understand it as a first necessity not exclusively as a way of being able to survive, read and count. We do believe that work in compliance with the rules of formal education is important and necessary – this is not a discussion here. However, when our public, our beneficiaries, are formed by small citizens who were born and are growing in poverty, violence, facing total lack of dignity and without education, we need to think further, we need to carefully educate them towards a healthy life (both social and physical), without violence and with dignity.

Doando Vida works with the premise that only effective early years of good nutrition, caring and learning are capable of changing the sad reality of many children in Brazil. We believe that through health care, good nutrition, small lessons in their day-to-day life, playing and learning that we all have rights and duties, and that we are all responsible for the world around us – only then they will be able to understand the meaning and value of dignity and peace.

Our *little ones*, as well as every child, besides the necessities related to food and hygiene, demand other indispensable human necessity: loving attention, stimulation of their imagination, life outdoors and routine. Given the poor homes and violent life these small children have, it is necessary to mitigate the sensation of *insecurity*.



5. RESOURCES NEEDED – US\$ 40,000

To be able to have balanced food, good education, and an adequate structure to offer the best childcare to the children, Doando Vida needs resources. Our maintenance budget is beyond our capacity. Food, structure, utilities, personnel are the basic needs and sometimes it is difficult to pay for. We survive thanks to the kindness of friends and receive no government support. Therefore, to be able to pay for our primary needs we came to an amount of US\$ 40,000. That resource will help us to buy fruit and meat for the children; to build a small food warehouse so that we can stock food; to pay for the clean water; to hire a social assistant and a pedagogue to help in the process of learning.

6. CHILDREN OF THE SANTA LUZIA FAVELA AND ESTRUTURAL -

THEY NEED US ALL







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Henrique C. Ferreira de Andrade President of IDV







Quem tem fome tem pressa

Em pleno século 21, a forme ainda ronda a infância de meninos e meninas no Distrito Federal. São crianças que vivem na Cidade Estrutural e na Chacara Santa Luzia, uma invasão distante 15 km do centro de Brasilia e vizinha ao maior lixão da América Latina – desativado em janeiro de 2018. Nesse lugar, a violência, a sujeira e o descaso amecam diariamente a saúde e o bem-estar da garotada. E Instituto Doando Vida por Rafa e Clara (IDV) ser possível contribuir nará dar-lhes diminidarde ser possivel contribuir para dar-lhes dignidad

Enquanto há vida, há esperanca

Criado em 2017, o Instituto Doando Vida por Rafa e Clara hoje Criado em 2017, o Instituto Doando Vida por Rafa e Clara hoje recebe 60 crianças de 2 a 5 anos darquela região. No Doando Vida, elas recebem alimentação balanceada, participam de atividades pedagógicas e experimentam a cidadania. Lá a esperança é contagiosa. O prédio é equipado com salas infantis, brinquedoteca, parquinho, cozinha, banheiros adaptados para os pequeninos, refetición e salão multiuso, jardim e horta orgânica.

Cronologia

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- 2013 Rafa e Clara sofrem um acidente fatal no Canadá. Os rins de Clara salvam duas crianças.
- 2014 No Brasil, os familiares organizam uma campanha no Hemocentro com arrecadação de alimentos. No Canadá, realiza-se o Clara's Day at the Park, na cidade onde moravam Rafa e Clara, para conscientização sobre a importância da doação de órgãos e trânsito seguro.
- 2015 A familia e os amigos de Rafa se mobilizam para construção do Centro Social Santa Clara, na Santa Luzia/DF.
- 2016 Nova campanha de doação de sangue e de alimentos é feita no Brasil e o Clara's Day at the Park se consolida no Canadá.
- 2017 O Centro é inaugurado e acolhe 48 crianças. Os país e amigos de Rafaela decidem ampliar o atendimento às crianças da região, criando o Instituto Doando Vida por Rafa e Clara.
- 2018 No dia 18 de julho são iniciadas as atividades com 50 crianças ţ
- 2019 60 crianças são atendidas diariamente em regime de creche

Um projeto para saciar a fome e fazer o bem

A ONG é um projeto idealizado e desenvolvido por vàrias mãos e corações. Henrique e Luciana Andrade, juntamente com familiares e arnigos de Rafaela, filha do casal, juntos abraçaram o propósito de Rafa, nutricionista, cujo sonho era trabalhar em prol de crianças vulneráveis, que padecem com a forme



carro no Canadá, em agosto de 2013. O sonho da Rafa, porém, mantém-se vivo... e atende pelo nome de **Instituto Doando Vida por** Rafa e Clara.



Voce pode sonina de mithares de crianças, pois o Doando Vida tem a missão de cuidar, ensinar e promover a alimentação saudavel a crianças de o (zero) a 5 (cinco) anos que vivem em regiões de alta vulnerabilidade social. E o instituto vem fazendo isso graças a ajuda de pessoas como você! **Seja um colaborador associado!**