

### CASA JIMMY'S 2015 ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT

#### Casa Jimmy Anniversary in Halloween Style



Monday 12th October 2015 marked (17) seventeen years of Casa Jimmy. The celebration took place on the weekend of the 31st.

Against a Halloween backdrop, parents were invited to a coffee morning where they met and spoke with the staff and volunteers at Casa Jimmy. They also had the opportunity to sit and listen as their children spoke about what it means to them to be part of Project Crescer.

With 2 days of festivities, Halloween themed fancy dress and face painting also formed part of the day's activities. UK volunteers Amaka and Nikki took the creative reigns incorporating a variety of art activities into the Saturday schedule.



#### Festa Agostina & Bazaar

Saturday 22nd August 2015

proved a busy day at Casa Jimmy. The Project held its very own 'Festa Agostina', an annual traditional Brazilian celebration that takes place throughout the months of June, July and August.



The Saturday morning kicked off with the beneficiaries swapping their clothes for typical 'Festa Agostina' garb ranging from straw hats, checked shirts and patchwork dresses, painted on moustaches and beards as well as freckles.

In traditional style the children danced a 'Quadrilha' under the watchful gaze of their proud parents and family friends. The celebration was rounded off with a hearty spread, with all involved tucking into a selection of typical foods including hot dogs, rice pudding coated with cinnamon, corn cake and salted popcorn.

In addition to this, a Bazaar was also held within the grounds, proceeds of which will be invested into the continual development of the project.

#### TESTEMONY - by a teenager mother who lived with her baby in Casa Jimmy 2006-2008

"Great memories, just want to



thank Task Brasil for all the support, attention and care that all of us received when we were at Casa Jimmy or in Task Brasil's other houses. Some children are still attending Casa Jimmy. You were excellent with us all. I met wonderful people whom I will never forget. I want to carry with me a bit of each of the children, teenagers, volunteers, employees and all of those with whom I interacted. Those years were full of many experiences and successes. Today I have my daughter who is healthy and well thanks to the help I received from you. I want to thank God and all of you. Today I have my family. I married and had another little angel. I'm happy and I hope that everyone can move on to build a family and continue helping as there are many people who still need you. Thank you all and I can say with all my heart that I am very grateful to all of you!! ! God bless you all. A big hug from Luciene who once lived at Task Brasil."

www.facebook/taskbrastrust (2015)

### Aims for 2016

- Expand Casa Jimmy so Project Crescer can cater for kids 6 to 18 years 7 days per week from 7 to 7pm;
- Offer Task Brasil's ex-residents and their family, through Project Stepping stone, additional support to meet their daily needs, in order to keep them away from the streets;



- Offer its Casa Jimmy beneficiaries swimming lessons;
- Increase the number of monthly sponsors to boost Task Brasil's regular income;
- Increase the income raised through fundraising campaigns.

## Thank you to our Volunteers

**Volunteers** are an integral part of Task Brasil, present at every level of the organisation including: the trustees, office assistants and volunteers in our London office and Casa Jimmy, festivals stall-holders, fundraisers in the UK, US and Brazil and the childcarers in Brazil.

### WE NEED YOU!

In the office and/or to help with events, appeals and fundraising. Or organising your Own Fundraising events!

We are delighted to have Golden Bond **Virgin Money London Marathon & RideLondon-Surrey 100** guaranteed places available in 2016

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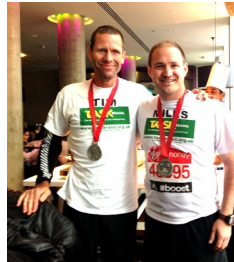


**EVA CLARKE** aims to enter into the Guinness Book of records supporting Task Brasil Trust [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/taskbrasiltrust)

Inspired by the life story of a personal friend who grew up in a favela in Rio de Janeiro, Eva Clarke decided to fuse her sporting passion with her desire to make a difference in a child's life. She has thus embarked upon a sporting quest to enter into the Guinness Book of records for the most amount of push ups within a 24 hour time frame, donating all the proceeds to Task Brasil. Eva has so far raised over US\$3000 out of her pledged US\$40,000.

### The LONDON MARATHON

Braving the elements on Sunday 26th April 2015 Task Brasil's runners took to the streets of London with gusto and the universal purpose of raising money for the charity. Tim Searle surged to the finish line with a time of 03:25:23 followed closely by Samuel Tucker who finished on a time of 03:48:00. Ten gold bond runners raised the gross amount of over £15,000.00.



Runners Tim & Nikki

In preparation for their volunteering duties in Brazil, UK volunteers Amaka Umunna and Nikki Scholfield armed with buckets and wearing Task Brasil t-shirts took to their designated marathon stretch appealing to the generous nature of the British public and its foreign visitors who turned out on mass to cheer the marathon runners. A total of £225.44 was raised by them.

### OBITUARY

Duncan Innes, a long time supporter and Trustee of Task Brasil for many years sadly passed away in February



2015. Duncan will be sadly missed by all at Task Brasil and we remember him with great fondness and gratitude for his relentless service to the charity. Our thoughts are with his wife Vera, family and friends.

### RideLondon - Surrey 100

Another sporting fundraising triumph for Task Brasil, was the **Prudential Ride London - Surrey 100** cycling event which took place on 2nd August 2015.



Aidan Pope & Nichola Robinson

Task Brasil's cycling crusaders and long term supporter Aidan Pope and Matt Jones took to the pedal at early doors to ensure their presence for the 7.30am start. Aidan and Matt rode in at the respectable times of 6hrs and 7hrs, raising an incredible US\$7150.00 and £1000.00 respectively, surpassing the pledged amount of £500.

Not to be outdone by the cyclists Task Brasil's very own Nichola Robinson, administrator at Task Brasil's London office, along with her boyfriend, raised funds bucketing the pre-finish line festivities. Beneficiaries will have the opportunity to meet Task Brasil's cycling hero, Matt, who is planning to visit Casa Jimmy in December 2015 along with his Brazilian wife and children.



## GLOBAL VOLUNTEER DAY



In August 2015 Prudential granted Task Brasil with **US\$ 1000 donation** towards the running cost of the projects. The donation was made because the multinational insurance company's team of staff visited Casa Jimmy on 28th September 2014, during the Volunteer day. There was a huge painting drive. The IT, multimedia and classroom were customised with designs. Repairs were also carried out to the outside play area. In addition to providing the labour force on the day, the Prudential volunteers prepared snacks and lunch for the beneficiaries and brought along with them gifts, games and treats.



## 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 the years and in 2015 whether by organising or contributing towards fundraising events or by supporting our Child Sponsorship programme.

Our special thanks go to Escritório de Advocacia Gouvêa Vieira and Nilo Batista Advogados and their team for their invaluable legal pro-bono support during the year. In Brazil we are grateful to our British Volunteers Charlie Bridge who volunteered until February, Amaka Umunna and Nikki



Amaka & Nikki



Amarilis' singing lesson

Schofield who started earlier in the year for 12 months to teach the children at Casa Jimmy as well as our Brazilian volunteer Amarilis Santiago for teaching music to the kids once a week since April.

Donations of food and general materials have also been invaluable in keeping the projects running. We are grateful for receiving the continuous support from Nina and Chris and their friend Nicole and family, Lula Zeppeliano and his friends, Santé Hostel & many others in Rio de Janeiro and in the UK.

Johnnie Allan's generosity once again has proved invaluable in persuading a number of celebrities to agree to sign, along with Jimmy Page, see page 5. The guitar will be auctioned to raise much needed funds for the projects in Brazil.



Rio 2016 Olympic Games this summer, there will be an even greater enthusiasm for all things sport.

**IN MEMMORY OF A LOVED ONE SUPPORT—** Our thoughts are also with the families and friends of Guia James, Annie Gibson and Duncan Innes who all supported the work of Task Brasil at their moment of great loss.

We are grateful to our trustees Richard, James and Ligia for their help and support over the years. Chris Hart, the husband of trustee Ligia, a long time supporter and regular visitor to Casa Jimmy, donated £4000 + Gift Aid towards maintenance and improvement costs. He then exceeded his generosity by donating a further £500 towards a computer for our social worker and legal representative, Marcia, and provided funding for educational books for the children. A big thank you to Chris for his generosity, support and dedication over the years !!

Many heartfelt and on-going thanks to all our long-term and new, supporters, for all their terrific help and generous donations! They have all contributed towards Task Brasil's projects in many different ways—by funding towards



all the following: House refurbishments, repair works, the employment of our valuable members of staff in Rio (who are essential for the good care and the teaching of skills to our children), general operating costs required items for projects, expenses for fundraising events such as concerts. Particular thanks to Paul Marwood & everyone in the London School of Samba and all those who are not mentioned here but helped us to achieve our goals that benefit so many children and teenagers to have the chance of having a better future!

**Schools—** We very much appreciate schools that hold fundraisers on behalf of Task Brasil through the combined efforts of pupils, teachers, staff and parents and would like to thank the following schools. Manning Tree High School, The Dragon School, Holy Trinity C.E Primary School, Sheffield High School, The Grove Academy, Coldingham Primary School, Lowe's Wong Primary School, Wingham Primary School. Hill View Primary School & Manningtree High School.

**Trusts and Companies** are also an indispensable source of financial support. We are thankful to: The Harris Family Charitable Trust, Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners Charitable Foundation Limited and the long term supporter. The Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust.

**PROFILE OF a "OWN FUNDRAISIER"** - Julie and Clive Winstanley have been Task Brasil's supporters for many years. Julie held two birthday celebrations and asked for donations to the charity instead of gifts. Similarly we are grateful to: Marilyn Murray when celebrating her Birthday, Helen Ruff when celebrating her wedding to our ex-placement Peter and Matthew Martyniak and Antonio Farraesi who organised their own fundraising event.

## CARNIVAL 2015

Armed with colourful paper, scissors and glitter the beneficiaries of Task Brasil entered into the carnival spirit designing face masks. Some of the children went a bit further and arrived at Casa Jimmy in fancy dress. The costumes were very diverse and included a ghost, a vampire, a fairy, some MMA fighters, a police officer and a few footballers. Most of the kids had used their imagination with what they had available to them adding a personal touch to their costumes. The day was spent playing games, with the children marvelling at each others costumes and enjoying the carnival ambience.

## CHRISTMAS

**Preparation has started for the 2015 Christmas festivities in Casa Jimmy.**

Back in 2014 under the musical guidance of Charlie the UK volunteer, the beneficiaries of Casa Jimmy were treated to Christmas carol lessons where they learnt popular carols in English such as "Jingle Bells" and "We wish you a Merry Christmas". A great time was had by all and Charlie was left feeling impressed and very proud with some of their performances. In the closely approaching 2015 Christmas, Amaka and Nikki will certainly surprise us with their creativity by teaching the children new English traditions.



**Paul Sweeney** — an English traveller visited Rio de Janeiro for a couple of days.

Before leaving the UK Paul collected over 50 football shirts of mainly Liverpool, Manchester United and the England team from various young people in Chester, Cheshire to donate to some less fortunate young people living in Rio de Janeiro. Paul knocked on Casa Jimmy's door on 6th July and made many kids very happy!

Thanks a lot Paul & everyone!



## BRAZIL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Monday 7th September 2015 marked Brazilian Independence day and by way of celebrating this patriotic event, the beneficiaries of Casa Jimmy took to flag making with the help of volunteer Nikki Schofield who armed them with paint and paper and drew upon their creative side.



## Javier Mancebo - UK volunteer

Throughout August we had the pleasure of professional photographer Javier Mancebo from Madrid volunteering at our London office. Javier took pictures of the hand made jewellery and artwork made by former residents of Casa Jimmy. He also got to practice his English skills at the same time. We very much hope to see him again next summer. For some stunning examples of Javier's work see [www.javiermancebo.es](http://www.javiermancebo.es)

## CASE STUDY



Samuel joined Casa Jimmy's Project Crescer in March 2012 and during his time at the Project he was viewed upon as an enthusiastic and friendly young man.

He capitalised on all of the opportunities offered at Task Brasil and completed all online courses we offered towards im-

proving his vocational and professional skills. Having taken the decision to enter the world of work he stopped coming to the Project but always kept Task Brasil abreast of his progress.

After passing various exams Samuel, via the 'Youth Apprenticeship Program' secured a role in the exam-marking department of a company. Although he was grateful for the opportunity he felt that there was no room for professional growth and with determination spoke to the Human Resources department of the company who in turn placed him in a

different role. Samuel is now relishing in a new role in the accreditation department and is enjoying the financial independence that comes with working.

Reflecting on his time at Casa Jimmy, Samuel describes it as "an essential and great learning curve" which offered him the chance to "see the world as a beautiful universe full of calculated graceful movements". Casa Jimmy for him was a place where he "could get away from people who would probably not have been good influences".



## Guitar Heroes

A guitar was given to us by Holger Stonjek of Sandberg Guitars and Johnnie Allan from Phantom Management in aid of Task Brasil's projects. Johnnie amazingly then went on to have the guitar signed by the following Rock Legends.

Slash , Richie Sambora, Joe Bonnamassa, Reb Beach from Winger, the members of Black Stone Cherry, Myles Kennedy and Mark Tremonti from Alter Bridge, Motorhead's Ian "Lemmy" Kilmister & Phil "Wizzo" Campbel and Jimmy Page.



JOHNNIE ALLAN donating signed guitar to Task Brasil

Johnnie explains below: "This Sandberg Florence guitar was originally a guitar I asked Holger the owner of Sandberg to build so I could have it around for some guitars players we have at PHANTOM and RAWPOWER MANAGEMENT to try out. I then had a Di Marzio super distortion pickup put in to the bridge position for Adrian Smith to try it.. however it wasn't to be. So I took the guitar to the Download festival 2014 and had these guys sign it. Richie Sambora, Joe Bosamasa, Mark Tremonti, Miles Kennedy, Reb Beach and a few more cool players were very happy to sign it for the children

and to help the charity work Jimmy and Task Brasil are doing... then I met up with an old friend Slash at his Wembley show for sound check and he signed it for you guys.. I hope this helps...JOHNNIE W ALLAN .



JIMMY PAGE signing the guitar.

## VISITORS TO CASA JIMMY

In the summer of 2015 Casa Jimmy opened its welcoming doors to various visitors who generously donated a variety of items.



We thank them all for their visit and their generous donations. All have left with a better understanding of our projects' objectives and a closer bond to our charity. If anyone is in Rio and would like to visit us, please do let us know so we can arrange your visit accordingly.



VERA INNES & family with staff (top pic) donated a pair of trainers to every kid at Casa Jimmy

## Statesman Travel Group's Nominated charity 2015

Statesman Travel Group a London Business travel agency chose Task Brasil as their nominated charity for 2015.

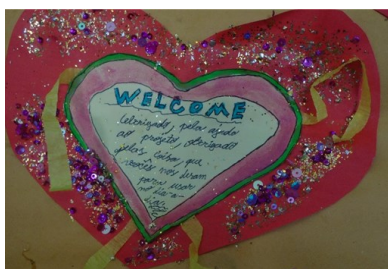
Statesman Travel very kindly donated a huge amount of pens and pencils collected by their employees for the children at Casa Jimmy. The pens and pencils were happily received and put to immediate use by the children for their educational work and to draw pictures.

The youngsters and staff at Casa Jimmy were delighted to receive a visit from David Hancock of Statesman Travel on the 19th of September.

Thank you to Mary Linton, David Hancock and everyone at Statesman Travel for your support.



MARY LINTON from STATESMAN TRAVEL with Task Brasil's Trustee, JAMES RORRISON



WELCOME card by the kids attending Casa Jimmy



DAVID HANCOCK from STATESMAN TRAVEL

**THE DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PLACEMENT  
VOLUNTEER IN CASA JIMMY**

On completion of his placement, Task Brasil volunteer Charlie Bridge reflected on his time at Casa Jimmy.

**What was a typical day like at Casa Jimmy?** "...The days were quite full when we were expecting students. The kids would start arriving at least half an hour before the timetable. I would sit and play or chat with whomever had arrived, and really came to enjoy that part of the day because it let me get to know some of the kids very well. I would try and prepare for the days lessons, printing or writing worksheets or setting up games, if time permitted. The day itself was broken into two halves. In the morning we would teach students with state school scheduled for the afternoon, and after lunch we'd have students who had been studying in the morning. For each set of students there would normally be English for half an hour or an hour, some IT, some sport and one of Maths, Art or Reading. During lunch the children are free to play, and I would usually keep an eye out so the other staff could eat in peace. Saturdays were slightly different, as the students would be there for the whole day. There would be a lot more sport, longer lessons and usually a treat (such as a cartoon). On the non-school days I would undertake administrative duties in the office,



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**QUOTE:**

**Damian William** British 10k 2014 & Virgin Money London Marathon 2016 runner for Task Brasil



*"I have already raised money for Task Brasil ...*

*This was with not much activity on my part - mainly just promoting through social media, and for only a month before the event. Competing in the London Marathon would be the realisation a life's dream for me, and I would therefore put everything I could into raising money. ... I genuinely believe Task Brasil is an amazing charity and does brilliant work here in Rio. Living here myself I can see first hand how important the work is and how significant it is in changing lives. I think this difference is also easy for other people to see when they decide how much to donate to an event like this, too."*

**PLACEMENT in Brazil**

**APPLY NOW!** We hold 2 (two) positions available in Brazil at Casa Jimmy in 2016-17.

From: May and July 2016 for 12 months

You must:

- \* Like children
- \* Have experience with children
- \* Have transferable skills
- \* Be 22 years old or older
- \* Be willing to learn Portuguese

**Newsletter** written by Amaka Umunna in collaboration with Nichola Robinson. Revision by Charlotte Petsopoulos, Richard Fine and Chris Hart.

**How can you help ?**

We are very much in need of funds to run projects for underprivileged children to have a future of opportunities and help themselves.

We need to secure long term funding towards at a approximate cost of £100 000 per year. Please don't be put off by this huge amount, every bit helps.

- ◇ 75p (US\$1) daily cost to feed a kid attending the project;
- ◇ £35 (US\$50) monthly cost of vocational IT courses to teach all children attending Casa Jimmy;
- ◇ £100 (US\$150) buys a new computer.



It is very easy to donate simply log on to:

www.justgiving.com/taskbrasil or via PAYPAL or CAF websites or consider one of the following:

- Donate a prize for raffles or auctions— eg. meals, tickets; guitars, etc.;
- Run a fundraising event - we may be able to help by recommending Brazilian dancers or musicians;
- Nominate Task Brasil as your chosen charity at school, church or other groups.

We are available (by appointment) to speak at public events.