

## A BIG THANK YOU!

All of you who accompany the work of our organisation via our monthly newsletter are used to receiving information and news about our work, not just in the neighbourhood of Eldorado, Diadema but in other areas as well. However, we have written very little about how we manage to maintain a team of such high quality staff, offering good working conditions with the materials, equipment and transport to develop the activities we offer.

So, at the end of the year, we would like to give a particular focus on the many of you who continue to



contribute financially, both directly and indirectly, so that ACER Brasil can carry out work of high quality in a totally transparent way. Also, we would like to highlight those people and organisations who form part of our support network, both in Brazil and abroad, and who share our mission.



We start with our international supporters: last year we started a fundraising campaign in the United States for our schools' reading programme and, again we were able to count on three wonderful people who used their networks: Rose Aniceto, Sue Merrick and Deborah Kennedy-Brown and who managed to raise more than USD 8,000. In Austria, Joyce and Toni Freissmuth continue to work tirelessly (they have been involved since 1997) and managed to raise more than EUR 1,600 from over 50 friends.



In the UK, we have counted on our partner [Childreach International](#), which has financed our

sports division for 2 years. We also thank David and Phillip Hannay for their significant contributions and to Alex Hannay for organising an individual event, sponsored by friends and family which raised funds for our family guardian programme.

Here in Brazil, where we receive our greatest support, we highlight the municipal council of Diadema with whom we have agreements to carry out our subsidised guardianship programme and also the school extracurricular programme called, Cidade na Escola.



We also count on the [Instituto GWI's](#) financing of the Reading in Schools project and the important contributions from Jas Little, the International Women Group, [SESI Diadema](#) and [British Council São Paulo](#) and [Premiership Rugby](#), for our new rugby programme. It would also be impossible to carry out our economic development work without [Banco do Povo - Crédito Soliário](#) who is our partner since 2009.

We also grateful for our partnership with [Cultura Inglesa São Paulo](#), which did not just offer 30 full scholarships at the Entry Cultura Inglesa school in Diadema but is also carrying out a pilot English teaching scheme being delivered at the ACER community centre for children between 6 and 10 years

old from several municipal schools - in 2018, there will be 80 beneficiaries of the programme which continues to grow year on year.

This year, our partnership with [St Paul's British School](#) in São Paulo and its parent-teacher association reached new heights in terms of the funds it raised, principally from the



International Day it hosted and from the sale of raffle tickets during September. In addition, children and teenagers from Diadema participated in activities at the school and co-delivered a workshop at the school's International Education Conference and volunteers from [St Paul's](#) came and worked at ACER. There was also a rugby match between teams representing both institutions. We give a special thank you to Mrs Simpson, head of St Paul's and Rhonda Watters, head of the PTA.

We are also thrilled to have received donations from various companies including: [Ford](#), [Souza Cescon](#), [Astra Zeneca](#), [AB Brasil](#), [Heraeus](#), [British Airways/Iberia](#), [Dana](#) e [GKN Driveline](#) and now also count on two new monthly corporate sponsors: [Apis Delta](#) and Vitória Serviços. We hope to continue to receive their support in 2018.



Last but not least, we would like to thank Jo Crellin, British Consul General in São Paulo, and her husband Rod Escombe for having opened their home to us on more than one occasion to host events which have raised more than 8% of our annual budget.

## End of the year of activities

This year has been one of many accomplishments for the children and adults who take part in our programmes and the following pages will show the photos of the end of year shows and graduation ceremonies of our programmes.

### Capoeira

On the 16th of December, the 14th edition of the Capoeira 'batizado' took place. 58 students participated in the Capoeira 'roda' and the rest of the teachers and students came to support the event.



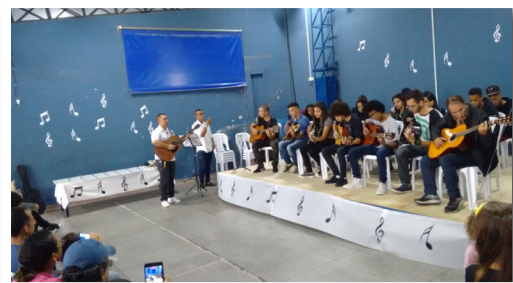
### Reading Mediation

On the 20th December, the reading mediation project gave certificates to the reading monitors from 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. On the day, all of the reading monitors came to ACER to receive their certificates while a Powerpoint showed photos of all the monitors taking part in the programme over the years.



## Guitar

The guitar students performed in their fifth recital, playing a repertoire of 5 pieces, one of which was composed by a student in her third module of the course. At the end of the recital, teacher Bruno handed out certificates to 58 students.



## Ballet

On the 11th December, the girls from ballet presented a spectacular end of year performance of the waltz of the snowflakes from the Nutcracker.



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We closed the ACER Brasil Show with many significant artistic and cultural contributions

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On the 16th of December we held the 14th edition of the Baptism of Capoeira and thanked Mestre Chulapa

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And today we are ending another year of hard work!

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## AGENDA January

- 5 - Dan arrives, our new rugby coach
- 15 - The summer holiday programme starts
- 18 - Our new international volunteer, Helen arrives.