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SUCCESS STORY



“I live in Abrantes and I know how the violence has grown in this region, cutting down the lives of children and adolescents who are born into a dysfunctional society and are survivors of so many evils - their childhoods stolen from them and with no prospects for the future”. Ana Veloso

Our success story in this edition is with Ana Veloso, a resident of Vila de Abrantes, a member of the Oversight Committee and a volunteer at Associação Viva a Vida. See her full story at <http://ongvivaavida.wixsite.com/vivaavida/relatorios>

THEATRE

The play “In dependence” brought together over 40 people from the Abrantes community for one more night of information and debate about homophobia, violence and racism.

The play was shown at our centre on 29th November, where Giancarlos, our communications volunteer, who has helped us so much with evaluation instruments and was visiting from London, was honoured by our young participants.



YOUTH GROUP

On 15th November 2017, the Vila Jovem Youth Group ran a graffiti project at Viva a Vida's centre to practice what they had learned in the "Viva Juntos" (Live Together) project. Ten students from the group went with their teacher to our centre to exhibit art and leadership, making it a very colourful and happy place!



CINEMA VIVA A VIDA

The films *Transylvania* and *Sing Hotel* were screened to 28 children from public schools in Vila de Abrantes. In the last session, the young audience were themselves responsible for organizing and tidying up the space. Our aim is to cultivate a sense of independence and help them to view the space as part of the community. The films were shown on 30.10 and 27.11.



OPEN AGENDA

On 11th November we held our Open Agenda day, with the theme of youth policy. The group “Originals do Apito” and “Articular Juventude” from the Paulo Tonucci Association mediated the debate which brought together almost 40 young people. The result of this meeting will be an official letter, to be delivered to the City Council of Camaçari in 2018, in which these young people will demand the implementation of the Youth Council, which is fundamental for the affirmation and drafting of public policies for this age group in the municipality.



EXCHANGE VISITS



On December 12, the Vila Jovem Youth Group went to visit the “Sarau do Jaca” (The Jaca Arts Event), where they enjoyed lots of poetry and graffiti. An interchange of generations, ideas and perspectives!

FUNDRAISING

In September we held a raffle and, with the full support of our beneficiaries, raised R\$ 516.00 - the prize was an air climatizer. The funds were used to buy materials and light snacks, and contributed to the documentation expenses for our “Criança Esperança” (Child Hope) project. The winner was Fabiano, a father, someone who is very present in our institution ... this made us so happy!



FUNDRAISING



We were really thrilled to discover that we have won the CEPISA Foundation Social Value Award to carry out our #Viva Juntos (Live Together) project in 2018. The project includes workshops on Human and Socio-environmental rights, a Youth Leadership course with art-education, and exhibitions taking learning into the community. This will enable Viva a Vida to reach almost 2,000 adolescents, young people and adults during 2018!

We continued our fundraising visits - during this period, we held presentations at the following companies: CLN, Braskem and Venturoli, and we were very pleased that we were well received by these potential partners!

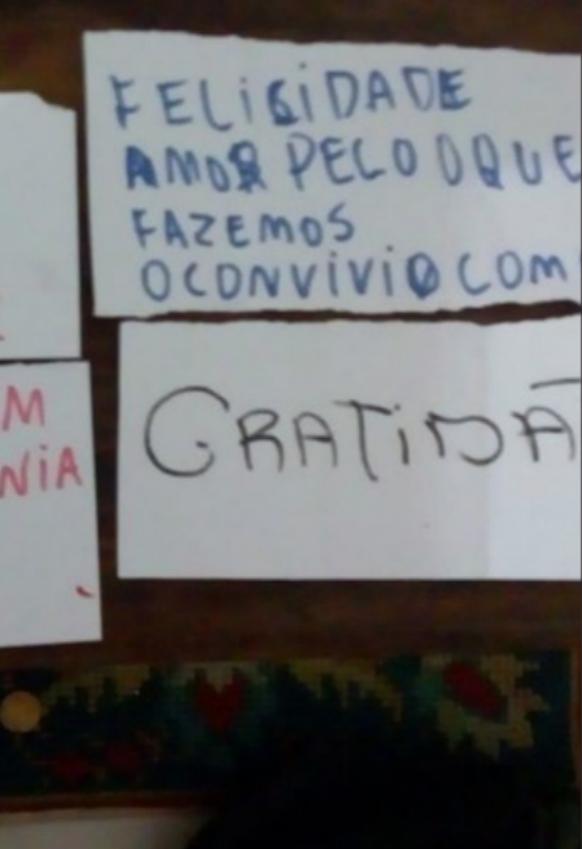
On November 25th, the final Oversight Committee meeting for 2017 was held, at which board members analysed and approved the accounts.

EVALUATIONS

Evaluation is important for us to find out about the impact of our work. Mara Vanessa, an external consultant from Curare, held a Focus Group (13.12) with adolescents and young people from the V2 Theatre Group. She also ran a discussion session with the Viva a Vida team to consider the work carried out over the semester, we call this “Team Reflection”.

Theatre teacher Simone Requião evaluated (16.12) the impact of the work with the Vila Jovem Youth Group. The results are surprising, you can check them out on our website:

<http://ongvivaavida.wixsite.com/vivaavida/relatorios>



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