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Mission

To build bridges of opportunity to enable young people to develop the skills necessary to become effective leaders and inspired members of their communities

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Welcome to our Third Newsletter

Newsletter, Summer 2006

We are really delighted to inform you of wonderful and significant progress since our Spring Newsletter. As an interested friend, we would like to keep you current with activities.

Firstly, the two young Brazilians arrived safely on June 23rd, adapted extremely well to the month-long LEAdership program and returned safely to their families in Rio on July 23rd.

Secondly, the IRS have just approved our tax-exempt status and BRAYCE is now a 501 © 3 non-profit organization. Plans are now underway for 2007 and beyond. Those of you who made pledges and gave donations will be formally advised by letter shortly. We are immensely appreciative of your support and generosity for this important cultural exchange initiative.

Caitlin, Margot and Richard

Activities in Chester

- Gilmar and Suellen experienced their first flight, arriving safely at JFK on June 23rd, then escorted to Camp Hazen
- Introduction & Orientation with fellow LEA team members
- Gilmar and Suellen demonstrated the Samba - second night
- Immersed into LEA training activities
- LEA group assisted at 24th Annual Chester Road Race
- Induction of three new BRAYCE Board Members
- Gilmar and Suellen visited Goodspeed Opera House to see production of *Pippin* and meet cast after the show
- Discussion and planning for Paraty in 2007 accelerates
- Two small group presentations at Calder home
- Planning and scheduling for four more group presentations
- Gilmar and Suellen completed the month-long program with flying colors and formation of many friendships
- BRAYCE is developing grant application for foundations.

Activities in Rio de Janeiro

- Completion of English language tuition for 8 additional students at favela Terra Encantada in Rio de Janeiro
- Completion of health checks and camp clothing purchases
- Departure sendoff by 40 friends and relatives at Rio airport
- Brazilian volunteer Adriano Ribeiro offers on new website design formats with both English and Portuguese options
- Gilmar and Suellen have final sight seeing day in New York city before the long night flight and rapturous welcoming committee at Antonio Carlos Jobim airport
- Monitoring and feedback process has already begun.

Our nation will succeed or fail to the degree that all of us, citizens and businesses alike, are active participants in building strong, sustainable and enriching communities

Arnold Hiatt ex -CEO StrideRite Corp



Gilmar and Suellen arrive at JFK, July 23rd



Fourteen LEA 1 participants represent Brazil, France, Spain, New York - and the US!



Suellen and Gilmar with the principal actors of the cast of *Pippin* after the show at the Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam, CT



Gilmar and Suellen were met at JFK on June 23rd and driven to Camp Hazen to meet their counselor-in-charge, staff and twelve fellow trainees. Throughout the month of their leadership training activities we maintained regular contact with the youngsters while obtaining feedback from their counselor as to their progress. They were embraced by camp staff, young campers and their peer group of trainees where their outgoing personalities and natural ease with people transcended their lack of English facility. On the way to the airport on July 22nd, they had a quick tour of New York City to take in the sights and photographs of the World Trade Center Ground Zero and the Statue of Liberty. In Rio they were met by representatives BRAYCE and IBISS and of course a host of family and friends. The Program proved to be an enriching and inspirational experience for both youngsters who are now well-positioned to share their learned skills with the children under their care in their Rio community of



We are delighted to announce that we have received acceptance by three highly experienced, independent board members.



Mrs. Holly Ridgway has many years experience in non-profit board roles with Camp Hazen YMCA and High Hopes LLC. High Hopes is a premier therapeutic riding center and international instructor training facility in Old Lyme, Connecticut, serving people with physical, psychological and emotional disabilities for more than a quarter of a century.



Dr. Nanko van Buuren is the founder and President of IBISS (Brazilian Institute for Innovation in Public Health) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. IBISS was founded in 1987 to achieve a healthier society where diseases and social inequality are fought and human rights respected.



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