

Brief presentation of the Projects to be visited

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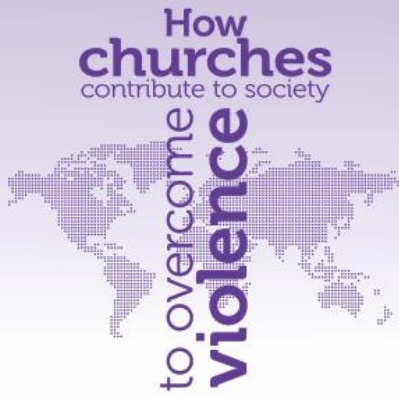
1. Programa Comunitário da Reconciliação [Reconciliation Community Program]

Located around 30km from the Center of São Paulo, this is a non-profit and ecumenical institution founded in 1986 by the Lutheran Church together with a group of women from the community which aims at helping the poor population. Based on the Christian values of justice, respect and tolerance, it wishes to offer these people hope, dignity and a base for a better future. They offer services in 3 centers:

- **Cantinho da Criança [Children's Corner] – Attends 120 children from 2 to 3 years of age, from Mondays to Fridays, full time. The goal is to guarantee complete development and the right to a full childhood.**
- **Headquarters – Center for the Child and the Adolescent –** Complementing school teaching, it offers in two half day periods, for 375 children and youth from 6 years of age on up, besides intensive courses and workshops, capability building, forums and seminars on themes about citizen actions, violence, among others.
- **Cantinho da Comunidade [Community Corner] –** A space where youth and adults find attentive ears to their problems. It offers workshops and classes for professional formation. Besides this, it offers conversation circles, psychological services, spiritual, therapeutic assistance and legal orientation.

2. Jardim Ângela and Casa Sofia [Sofia House]

A service carried out by the Santos Mártires Society, a civil, non-profit association founded in 1988. Its main goal is the promotion of human dignity. Some of the actions of the association are:



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- The Center for the Defense of the Child and the Adolescent - CEDECA Jardim Ângela,
- The Casa Sofia – which attends women who are victims of violence;
- Care – which attends families of chemical dependents;
- Literacy courses for adult persons, day care centers and spaces for young people.

Jardim Ângela has already been considered the most violent region in the world. To change this reality, in 1996 the “Forum for the Defense of Life” was created. Once a month they gather together with people from the local community, representatives of the public power, of universities and of the legal system to discuss and plan actions which aim at overcoming the violence.

The Casa Sofia is a space where women, victims of domestic violence can be heard. For them to be able to overcome the cycle of violence in which they find themselves individualized psychosocial support is offered, as well as referrals to the shelters, legal orientation, courses on women’s rights, besides capacity building as community agents.