

Brief presentation of the Projects to be visited

Group 2

1. Casa Mateus Community Center Mauá

This is a diaconal, non-profit organization, founded on September 21st of 1980 through the initiative of members of the ABCD Parish, São Paulo, tied to the IECLB. The Community center is located in a neighborhood where low income people reside and are irregularly occupying territories.

It works with socio-educational services for children and adolescents from 7 to 18 years of age; it does family accompaniment; and offers professionalization workshops in the area of computer science for youth from 18 to 24 years of age.

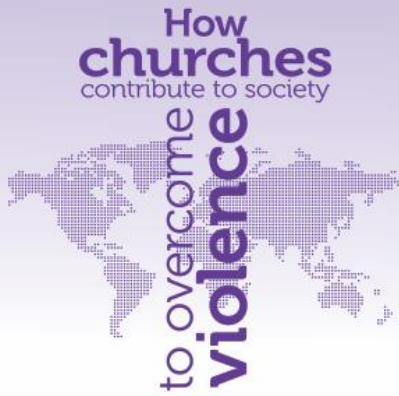
It also carries out projects connected to art and culture which permit that the children and youth externalize their feelings and emotions in a natural way, to gain confidence and stimulate creativity, socialization, solidarity, combat discrimination, and gain respect for diversity and the environment.

Besides this it seeks to establish a relation with the social movements (neighborhood associations, women's movement).

2. Reju Brasilândia

The REJU (Rede Ecumênica da Juventude [Ecumenical Youth Network]) is made up of people who embrace the youth cause. The goals of the REJU are structured around four axes:

- Youth and gender equity, prioritizing eradication of violence against women;
- Overcoming Intolerance;
- Confronting violence against black youth;
- Interface between Youth and Socio-environmental Justice.



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Ever since 2008, the REJU, together with a group of volunteer people, carry out a **Popular Course**, the goal of which is to improve the educational level of the northern region of São Paulo/SP, in Jardim Elisa Maria, a neighborhood of the Brasilândia district. The mission is to make it possible for information, knowledge and opportunities to reach the community which suffers with the violence against and extermination of youth.

Besides offering educational complementation, it seeks to stimulate in the people who participate, creativity, logic, reasoning and socio-cultural understanding, through the presentation of films, stimulation for reading and introduction to science.

The REJU has a radio program on Mondays in the afternoon on the Cantareira Radio, which is a space that it uses to speak about current themes and themes of interest for the youth and the local community.