

OUR HISTORY

The Centro Espírita Nosso Lar Casas André Luiz was founded in January 28th 1949.

It is a non-profit institution with philanthropic aim that due to spiritual orientations opted for offer free attendance to people with intellectual disability, in all the compromising levels: Mild, Moderate, Severe and Profound, with or without physical disability associated.

Starting with the attendance of 15 underprivileged children with intellectual disability, at a house in the city of Guarulhos, soon came the necessity of amplifying the space due to the enormous demand from the society. Therefore, in the year of 1959, a 70.000 m² plot was acquired and the 4 units existent today were built, respectively in the years of 1962, 1964, 1968 and 1974.

The community attended by the free services and infrastructure of Casas André Luiz is made of underprivileged people who cannot afford the necessary services to preserve the disabled's health.

NOWADAYS, ABOUT 1600 PATIENTS ARE UNDER ATTENDANCE, BEING 600 OF THEM IN THE LONG PERMANENCE UNIT (ULP) AND ALL OF THE OTHERS IN AMBULATORIAL REGIME.

In ULP, the patients need a lifetime attendance. 80% of them have severe disability and more than 50% are bedridden and/or wheelchair users. Yet, in the ambulatory, approximately 2.000 attendances are done, in order to provide the patients quality of care and the preservation of social and familiar living.

To the patient in the permanent unit, we offer all the specialized medical attendance needed to each particularity, divided in: 16 medical specialties; therapies in the areas of neuromotor and cardiopulmonary physiotherapy, speech and psychology; extracurricular activities of physical education and occupational therapy. Also including medication, clothing and feeding, *all of those are in order to provide quality of life to our patients*, which is the mission established by the institution. Casas André Luiz is a São Paulo's reference in the attendance to the person with intellectual disability.

It is a compromise of the institution to protect these people though therapeutic actions, promoting their social inclusion and sensitizing people into respecting their right to grow in conditions of liberty and dignity.

CASAS ANDRÉ LUIZ, 67 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.