

OUR HISTORY

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

It is a non-profit, philanthropic institution that, following spiritual guidance, chose to provide free care to people with disabilities.

We serve individuals with different levels of impairment—mild, moderate, severe, and profound—with or without associated physical disabilities.

Initially, the institution cared for 15 underprivileged children with intellectual disabilities in a small residence in the city of Guarulhos. Soon, due to the growing demand, it became necessary to expand. In 1959, a 70,000 m² plot of land was acquired, where four units were later built, respectively in 1962, 1964, 1968, and 1974.

Currently, more than 3,000 patients are assisted, of whom 530 are residents in the Long-Term Care Unit (ULP), while the others are served through outpatient care. In the ULP, patients require lifelong support—52% present severe cases, and more than 50% are bedridden and/or wheelchair users. In the outpatient clinic, approximately 2,500 appointments are carried out monthly, allowing patients to receive specialized care while maintaining family and social interaction.

In the Long-Term Care Unit, patients receive full specialized medical care tailored to their needs, across 16 medical specialties. They also benefit from therapies such as speech therapy, psychology, neuromotor and cardiopulmonary physiotherapy, as well as interdisciplinary activities in physical education and occupational therapy. In addition, they are provided with medication, clothing, and food—ensuring quality of life, which is the mission of Casas André Luiz.

Today, the institution is recognized as a reference in the care of people with intellectual disabilities in the State of São Paulo.

It is our commitment to protect patients through therapeutic actions, promote their social inclusion, and encourage society to respect their right to a fair and dignified life.

Casas André Luiz — 76 Years of Overcoming Challenges