

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECTS AT OUR CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

The funds raised from 2021 Gala will be used in part to help fund three critical projects at our children's charities.

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## PROJECT 1 @abba.brasil

ABBA would like to raise funds to help build a new children's home, Casa Girasol, in the State of Piaui. This new home will be built in the city of Campo Maior and will have the capacity to house up to 20 children and adolescents. The area where this home is being constructed is one of the most impoverished areas of Brazil so there are many vulnerable children who need a safe shelter. Mission Abba is a Christian community that rescues youth at risk. Its goal is to reunite street children with their own families, and remedy the situation that led to a breakdown. Founded in Interlagos in 1993 by an association of churches, ABBA is now led by Thomas and Susanna Smoak and a team of missionaries and volunteers. ABBA runs multiple programs including: 2 community centers, a shelter for children, as well as other social outreach programs aimed to strengthen families and keep children off the streets. It is funded by churches and individual donors, with occasional donations from corporations.

## PROJECT 2 @lartiaedna

Lar Tia Edna would like to raise funds to help with much needed renovations in its home. The flooring across many parts of the home boys replacement room especially refurbishment, including new windows, flooring gesso and painting. bedrooms a more cozy space for the boys to rest. Founded in the 50's by Edna Deakins, an American missionary, Lar Tia Edna provides a warm, loving home to approximately 15 children, most of whom will remain there until they reach adulthood or are legally adopted. Subsidized entirely by charitable donations, LTE is run by Henri (one of Edna's first adoptees) and his wife Nilma, who live on the premises and zealously care for their family. Their primary focus has always been the childrens' education; Henry and Nilma work with inexhaustible enthusiasm, pursuing every opportunity for their advancement. The children who demonstrate interest are offered music lessons and a few have scholarships at Cultura Inglesa, where they study English.

## PROJECT 3 www.casalimiar.org.br

Casa Limiar would like to put a children's garden into a small area of its outdoor space. There are many benefits of gardening for children. Studies have shown that gardening can help improve moods, reduce anxiety and help improve overall learning experiences. For children who have suffered abuse, tending a garden can be calming activity that helps restore self regulation and help rebuild empathy and confidence. We know this garden will be a wonderful addition to their home. Casa Limiar serves vulnerable children that are brought into the home through the judicial system who have suffered ill-treatment, abandonment, living in situations of risk, among other reasons and are sheltered until they can be reintegrated with their families, adopted, or age out of the program at the age of 18.