

## Bahia Street

# 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

*Bahia Street breaks cycles of poverty and violence through quality educational programs for impoverished girls and young women living in the shantytowns of Salvador, Brazil. Outside of Brazil, Bahia Street promotes greater understanding about poverty, race, and gender and ways to provide non-intrusive program support to projects in the developing world.*



Bahia Street enrolled sixty girls and continued to mentor an additional forty girls now in high school and university. The Bahia Street Center provided high quality instruction in all basic subjects, including math, science, history, Portuguese, and English. Students received two meals a day at the Center, including a full lunch upon arrival and a hearty snack at the end of the day. Bahia Street partnered with a local health clinic to provide health services for girls, and with a local non-profit to support Bahia Street graduates' preparation for the university entrance exam. The core of Bahia Street's educational program remains an emphasis on leadership, responsibility, and compassion.



# Bahia Street Brazil

Six girls have now entered university. Juliana and Barbara were two of Bahia Street's first girls, beginning school with Bahia Street support in 1998. Juliana has completed two years of higher education and is taking a break from her studies. Barbara just graduated with a degree in nutrition (Bahia Street's first university graduate!). Daza, Aquataluxe, and Luedje were part of Bahia Street's second class of entering students. Daza and Luedje are in Salvador working towards degrees in business administration and architecture, respectively. Aquataluxe is pursuing her studies at a university in Brasilia. The newest girl to enter university is Michelle.

The early literacy program continues to expand and become an important part of Bahia Street's academic program. Bahia Street students enter the program significantly malnourished and without needed social or academic skills. Bahia Street launched a program for new girls to provide them with these basic skills. In 2009, Rotary Clubs in Seattle and Salvador will provide funding for early literacy resources and teacher training. Rita reports a significant change in girls' behavior after two months of healthy food and focused attention on study habits and basic literacy.

Bahia Street has always provided emergency health care when needed, but in 2008 the staff began working more closely with a local clinic near the Center to provide basic health care when girls or their families get sick. This has worked better than trying to staff the Center with a dedicated nurse given the types and timing of illnesses. For 2009, Bahia Street has budgeted to provide two complete physicals to each girl each year, as well as additional funds for health care for students or their caregivers. The most reoccurring medical challenges faced by Bahia Street students are worms within the gastro-intestinal system and a virulent form of lice.

Rita continues to support the community in which Bahia Street is located. In 2008, Bahia Street received additional support from a generous donor to help provide food to neighborhood children who are not directly served by Bahia Street. The "Sinal Fechado" project feeds children who work on the streets. (The project's name means "Red Light," referring to the stoplights at which many poor children beg or provide quick services for money.) Bahia Street provides food to this project, as well as classroom space during times when our students are not in class, giving these children opportunities to learn basic computer skills and other lessons.



## Awards

March: Margaret Willson received the prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service.

May: Margaret Willson's book, *Dance Lest We All Fall Down*, received the Independent Publisher Silver Award in the category of Multicultural Non-fiction Adult.

November: Rita Conceição received the World of Children Humanitarian Award presented at the UNICEF building in New York City.



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Bahia Street partnered with the University of Washington's Latin American Studies program and the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity on a study abroad program in Brazil during Spring Quarter 2008. Co-taught by International Director Margaret Willson, 28 participating students spent three weeks in Salvador hosted by Bahia Street.

Bahia Street hosted the University of Washington's Department of Chemistry in its second trip to Bahia to study climate change in the context of local culture.

Twelve participants spent ten days in Bahia hosted by Bahia Street as part of its 5th annual Society, Equality and Change Study Trip. Led by board member Melanie Wyffels and Center director Rita Conceição, participants explored Cachoeira, hiked to a waterfall in Ituberá, and visited the Bahia Street Center to see the project in action.

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

### January work party

Participants: Amber Chaves, Stacey Clark, Kevin Cosley, Precious Morgan, Diana Taylor

January work party participants spend two weeks at the Center while it is closed. Volunteers paint, clean, and do basic construction.

*"We were very successful preparing [the Bahia Street Center] for a new school year with drawings and paintings that will excite and stimulate the girls. The highlight was really meeting the people and community of Bahia Street and understanding their goals." — Amber Chaves*

### English language volunteers

Participants: Amber Chaves, Mary Overby, Sandie Zieve

Bahia Street engages up to two volunteers each quarter to teach English at the Center.

*"I enjoyed my time at Bahia Street: the girls were all intelligent and caring; the staff kind, competent and professional; and the organization itself the best run NGO I have ever volunteered with. I hope to teach there again." — Mary Overby*

### Seattle interns

Participants: Alicia Egan, Carling Harps, Stephanie Hedt, Natalie Moore

Interns support all of the work done in the Seattle office, ranging from basic administration to grant writing to outreach at events.

*"I was a summer intern at Bahia Street, and I felt that I was not only able to contribute to and support a cause greater than myself, but I gained a new appreciation for the workings of a nonprofit. I hope to begin my pursuit of a legal education this fall and intend to use my degree to combat inequality and further social causes, inspired by the dedication and perseverance I observed and experienced while at Bahia Street." — Natalie Moore*

### Volunteers in Seattle and beyond

Our work is supported by around fifty volunteers who run and staff fundraisers, help in office administration, and spread the word about Bahia Street. These volunteers contribute tremendously to our effort by reducing the amount of administrative overhead needed to run Bahia Street in the United States, thereby allowing for the great majority of our funds to go directly to the project in Salvador. Thank you, volunteers, for being the heart of Bahia Street!



Top: University of Washington study abroad students in Salvador, May 2008.

Middle: Study trip participants in Bahia, May 2008.

Bottom: Rita and a group of Bahia Street volunteers celebrating the World of Children Award at UNICEF House in NYC, November 2008.

# Financials & Governance

## INDIVIDUAL AND SUSTAINING DONORS

Individual donors continue to be the organization's backbone of support. Bahia Street had 222 individual donors in 2008, giving \$94,384 in financial support. Taking out two major donations given by individuals, the average individual donation given in 2008 was \$286. In 2008, there were 44 sustaining donors, individuals who gave monthly or quarterly towards the general operating expenses of the Bahia Street Center.

## GRANTS

International Foundation  
 Raynier Foundation  
 Real Networks Foundation  
 Rotary Club da Bahia, Salvador  
 University District Rotary Club, Seattle  
 World of Children

**Bahia Street is a registered non-profit in Brazil, the US, and the UK, each with a separate board of directors.**

	Notes	Brazil: Bahia Street Center	US: Bahia Street	UK: Bahia Street Trust
Jan 08 Opening Balance		R\$176,607	\$ 19,922	£10,732
Program Services Expense	1,2	R\$152,175	\$102,651	£ 0
Management and Fundraising			\$ 25,663	
Income	3	R\$117,900	\$227,614	£23,291
Dec 08 Closing Balance	4	R\$142,332	\$119,223	£34,023

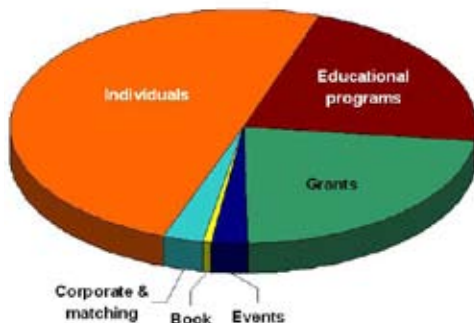
1- Program services in the US include both funds sent to Brazil to fund the Bahia Street Center (\$61,000 in 2008) and funds expended for other educational initiatives, including study trips, study abroad programs, volunteer programs and local talks.

2- The Bahia Street Trust sent funds for 2008 to Brazil in December 2007. They will send £18,000 for general operating expenses in 2009.

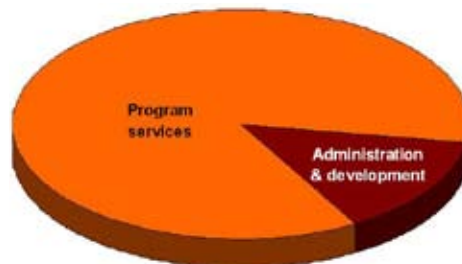
3- Amount includes funds from interest, study trips, and R\$83,893 in remittances from Bahia Street US and the Bahia Street Trust (UK).

4- Bahia Street US will send \$60,000 to Brazil in 2009 for general operating expenses, plus other funds as needed for capital or other initiatives.

## 2008 INCOME (US)



## 2008 EXPENSES (US)



## US BOARD MEMBERS

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