ODFL Project Summary
Urban Playground
Favelinha, Rio, Brazil

Project Name:
Brazil Playground

Project Location:
Favelinha, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

NGO Partner:
Community in Action

Project Cost:
$6,000

Needs Assessment:
• No recreational facility is currently available for the 2000+ residents of the Favelinha community in Rio de Janeiro

• Favelinha is one of the poorest favelas (shanty towns) in the Rio metro area

• Children currently play in the streets, dumps, sewers, dumpsters, abandoned buildings, etc.

ODFL will partner with Community in Action, in Rio de Janeiro, to clear an open space in an impoverished favela (shanty town) community where no recreational facilities for children exist. After clearing and fencing the space, we will install a playground structure that includes swings, a climbing structure and slides. It will also have tables and benches where parents can sit, visit, and watch their children play.

The Favelinha community suffers from many social problems including police violence, drug trafficking, and lack of basic sanitation, running water, decent housing and schools. Women often have 3 or more children due to inaccessibility of contraception. Many children end up playing in hazardous areas such as dumps and sewers. The community of approximately 2000 is one of the poorest in the Rio area where many adults are illiterate and unemployed.

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