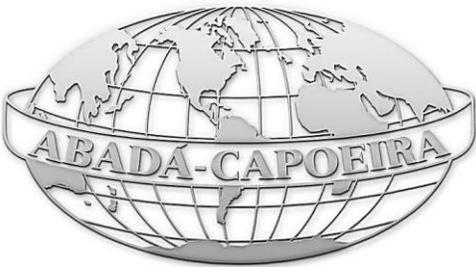


Abada DC

2016/17 Annual Report



Abada-Capoeira DC 8th Batizado
(Annual Graduation Ceremony)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This report will actually reflect the year of 2016 and the beginning of 2017. For administrative purposes, we made a change in our fiscal year to match our activity calendar year that ends in May, after our annual Batizado (Graduation Ceremony). That being said, 2016/2017 was a year of planning and planting seeds. In 2018 we complete 10 years in the DC metro area and we are working to celebrate that milestone with a mesmerizing show of Brazilian afro-culture!

As for our regular activities, we are happy to say that we maintained our after school program in parallel to our year round classes in MD and VA that continued improving the students' skills as well as their understanding of the art and of what means to be part of the community of Abada-Capoeira DC.

We had several small trips to events in NYC, California, and Massachussettes, among others and we also received visitors from many US cities as well as from Brazil and Canada.

As we try every year, once again, we launched social campaigns, had fun events outside of class to promote group bonding, promoted performances in the DC area, and we also held our 8th annual Batizado.

We are excited with the year to come and the celebration of our 10th anniversary and we hope you will join us!

Yara Cordeiro
President, Abada DC

Background

Abadá-capoeira believes that the study of Capoeira involves dedication to all the various aspects of the art, including the relentless pursuit of technical mastery of the physical elements of Capoeira; constant evolution of the technique to improve efficiency and preventing injury; understanding of and reverence for Capoeira's rich history; individual competence and knowledge of the music and instruments of Capoeira; preservation and recovery of the instruments, rhythms, and games of Capoeira; and participation in the larger Capoeira community, in Brazil and throughout the world.

Abadá-capoeira's teaching methodology is both challenging and supportive, rooted in the belief that encouragement and positive role-modeling enable Capoeira to enrich the lives of all students, regardless of skill level or background. Abadá-capoeira provides all students with leadership skills and tools to develop into competent professionals.

Abadá-capoeira in the Washington area shares the name and philosophy with the international organization of over 60,000 members, founded in 1988 by Mestre Camisa, and based in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The acronym Abadá-capoeira, translated into English, stand for "Brazilian Association for the Support and Development of the Art of Capoeira"

Abada DC Mission

The mission of ABADÁ-CAPOEIRA DC is to promote, spread, and support Brazilian arts and culture through the practice of capoeira, and to use our practice of capoeira and associated arts to build a healthy and more closely connected Washington, DC-area community. We are organized to accomplish charitable and educational goals including working to lessen socio-economic inequality.

The tradition of Capoeira.

"During this election season, I have come to realize there is one thing that has become on the endangered species list. That is Tradition. Traditions are being lost from every culture. Why you ask? Because traditions take discipline. Our society is overwhelmed marketing the next best thing. What's going to make me happy in the short term? Not focused on the long term. Our children are growing up in world of "me". No sense of community or self-discipline. That's evident throughout the world. Why not help save a martial arts discipline that was almost lost due to slavery and government take overs? Most of you reading this may not even understand what Capoeira is. And that's ok! But know this. In inner DC, it gives children a chance to learn community, discipline, martial arts, Portuguese language, music and self-worth.

For me... Even though I am not great at it yet... I have grown so much! Physically, emotionally and in a world full of division... there is none here.

With that said... If you're looking for a charity project that will actually use the money to change young people's lives.... Consider us!"

Chama (one of our students)

Abada DC Values and philosophy

Our work is inspired by commitment to principles that include:

- positive appreciation for diversity;
- equal respect for each and every individual's contribution to our community;
- personal integrity, honesty, and accountability;
- demonstration of leadership by serving as a positive role model;
- lifelong pursuit of education and knowledge; and
- cultivation of community, a sense of belonging, and camaraderie.

Following in the footsteps of and traditions initiated by the founder of ABADÁ-CAPOEIRA, Mestre Camisa, we teach capoeira with a view to using the practice of the art as a tool for individual and communal growth. Pursuit of technical mastery of capoeira movements is intended to promote discipline and mental and physical awareness. With mastery of movements, students gain the ability to participate in group capoeira play in a "roda", or circle, which requires and helps players to develop creativity. As students' progress in skill, they transform into the teachers of the next generation, developing their leadership potential and building a closer community. Students and teachers alike serve the broader community as artistic and cultural resources by sharing the art of capoeira through public performances. Throughout the world, ABADÁ-CAPOEIRA promotes social integration between people of different backgrounds, and instills good character and dignity in its students. We pursue these goals by coming together regularly outside of classes to share celebrations, and to give back to our community through activities including blood donation and food, toy, clothing collections, and street cleaning.

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2016/17 Goals

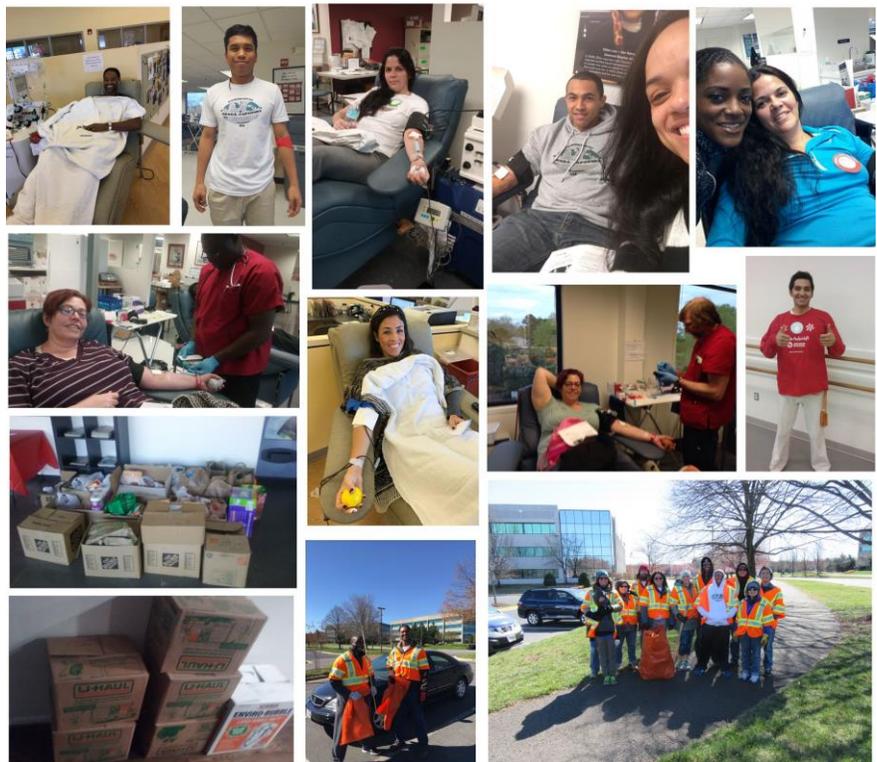
- ✚ Continue with our regular activities, aiming to increasing the number of students by 10%
- ✚ Continue to promote at least four social campaigns (food, toys, blood and clothes)
- ✚ Adopt a road and help with the cleaning, keeping our city clean and bringing awareness about that;
- ✚ Promote at least three fundraisings events to support our activities and projects
- ✚ Organize some extra activities at least four times throughout the year to improve the sense of community, belonging, and camaraderie among the students
- ✚ Hold monthly outside performances during the warm months of the year to give access to capoeira and Brazilian culture to the community
- ✚ Identify opportunities to continue offering performances at events that promote awareness about Brazil and Brazilian culture
- ✚ Implement the after school program in at least 3 schools as well as put in place the Scholarship program, attending at least 5 kids/teenagers with that initiative initially
- ✚ Promote the Batizado and Workshop series 2016 and 2017 with a 5-day workshop for the students and a public performance at the end of the event week and use those events as a foundation for a 3 year plan to culminate with the 2018 10th anniversary celebration;
- ✚ Organize at least five national trips with the students for events and training;

2016/17 Goals Report

2016/17 was a year of planning and planting seed for Abada-capoeira DC and we are happy to say that we were able to accomplish our goals of bringing capoeira to the community beyond our regular classes as well as our social campaigns to support the community.

- We had 6 successful social campaigns had charitable significance and also helped to build among the students the sense of belonging and responsibility for the community of which they are a part.

- ✚ We collected and donated 435 pounds of nonperishable food, (160 more than last year);
- ✚ We had 2 weekends of blood donation in MD and VA and helped more than 30 lives and about 16% of our students donating and a number of others making the attempt but unfortunately not being able to donate this time;
- ✚ We adopted a road in VA and promoted 2 street cleaning days bringing awareness to all students regarding the importance of recycling and keeping the world clean.



- We had 6 after-school programs sessions—5 in elementary school level and one in High school—that had a performance at the end-of-the-year showcase promoted by the school. At the elementary school level, the result was so positive that we repeatedly went to one of the schools so the students could continue taking classes. One of them even took part in our annual graduation ceremony.



We also promoted master classes at Georgetown University, American University and Dickinson College in PA.

- A full day of capoeira classes for the kids at North Chevy Chase ES.



- And performances throughout the city, including at the Lincoln Memorial, Gum Springs Library, several schools, and fundraising events for social campaigns.



- We promoted several extra outbound activities as well as outside performances/rodas during the warm months of the year, all in the DC metro area, including classes at Cabin John Park, Great Falls Park, kayaking, and picnics.
- We had students traveling to NYC, CA, MA and also to Canada as well as students from different parts of the country and the world visiting our classes for an exchange of experiences.
- We raised 86% of the amount initially planned on our budget, but we only spent 84% of the estimated budget;
- We increased the success with the afterschool programs and events we promoted by creating more awareness in the community about our organization, about capoeira and Brazilian Culture in general. We continually receive emails from the people that attended previous events inquiring when we will promote new ones.
- We were able to bring new students to our classes, but we also lost students throughout the year, mostly due to relocations or financial difficulties, so the overall number of regular students remained the same, although we now have an increased number of students participating in short-term classes such as the after-school programs;



- We promoted two successful Batizado and Workshop Series with Mestrandos Cascão from Portugal in 2016 and Mestrando Pernilongo from Brazil in 2017;



- We also had classes with Professor Pretinho (Brazil) and Professor Perninha (Brazil) in preparation for the 2018 10th anniversary celebrations, plus the visit of Professor Macaco-Preto (Belgium) for a week of interaction with the students.



The Batizado (Annual Graduation Ceremony) is the most anticipated and important event in capoeira. It is a traditional capoeira ceremony in which new students are initiated into the world of capoeira. The new student receives a capoeira nickname and plays with a Master or Instructor, symbolically welcoming them into the capoeira community. Following the welcoming of the new students, the older students get their promotion, according to their evolution throughout the year. It is the recognition for all work and dedication they had for the whole year.

Total Students 2016 to May 2017:

	Begin of the year	New Students	Students that dropped	Current active students
MD	41	26	26	41
VA	24	27	28	23
Total	65	53	54	64

Total students participating at the Batizado 2016: 50
(18 kids / 32 adults)

Total students participating at the Batizado 2017: 48
(24 kids / 24 adults)

Total participants from out-of-town that came to participate at our Batizado 2016 workshops: 38

Total participants from out-of-town that came to participate at our Batizado 2017 workshops: 34

People reached with performances: at least 2,500

People that experienced a free class: 58

Financial Report

When comparing the 2016 and short 2017-year proposed budget and final financial report, our final income was under the expected, but we also kept our costs under expected and ended up with a net expense over revenue of \$2,097.46 (the amount estimated was \$358). Both the tuition income and the graduation ceremony income were lower than expected but in both cases, we were able to also keep the costs below the estimated. As explained above, we did incorporate new students, but due to relocation and financial difficulties, we had many students dropping regular classes and we were not able to increase the overall number of students for the year but we did keep the number of students stable overall, and Abada DC, with the after-school programs, was able to cover the costs of operation.

2016-May 2017 Proposed Budget (cash basis)

Income		
	Direct Public Support	
	Individ, Business Contributions	11,500.00
	Total Direct Public Support	11,500.00
	Investments	
	Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	7.00
	Total Investments	7.00
	Program Income	
	Tuition	77,000.00
	Program Income - Other	22,500.00
	Total Program Income	99,500.00
	Sales Income	700.00
	Total Income	111,707.00
Expense		
	Business Expenses	
	Business Registration Fees	70.00
	Total Business Expenses	70.00
	Contract Services	
	Accounting Fees	5,100.00
	Outside Contract Services	7,000.00
	Total Contract Services	12,100.00
	Facilities and Equipment	
	Rent, Parking, Utilities	24,940.00
	Total Facilities and Equipment	24,940.00
	Operations	
	Bank services	14.00
	Due and Subscriptions	800.00
	Merchant fees	1,415.00
	Outside Services / Payroll	61,500.00
	Postage, Mailing Service	100.00
	Software-others	285.00
	Supplies	700.00
	Zen Software	1,275.00
	Total Operations	66,089.00
	Other Types of Expenses	
	Insurance - Liability, D and O	650.00
	transportation	4,800.00
	Meals	1,100.00
	Batizado material (t-shirts, cordas,...)	1,600.00
	Total Other Types of Expenses	8,150.00
	Total Expense	111,349.00
	Net Ordinary income	358.00

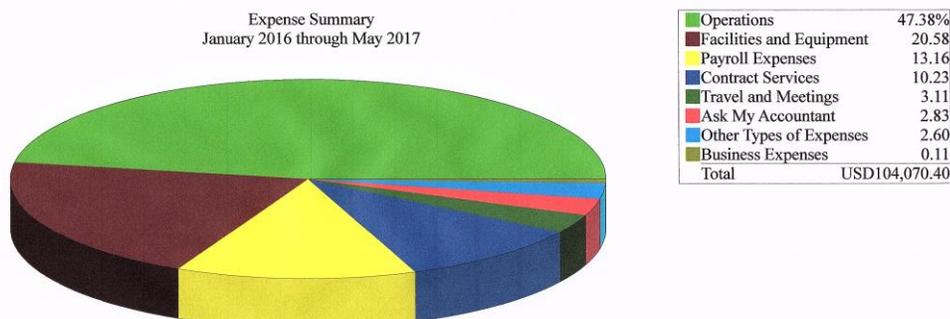
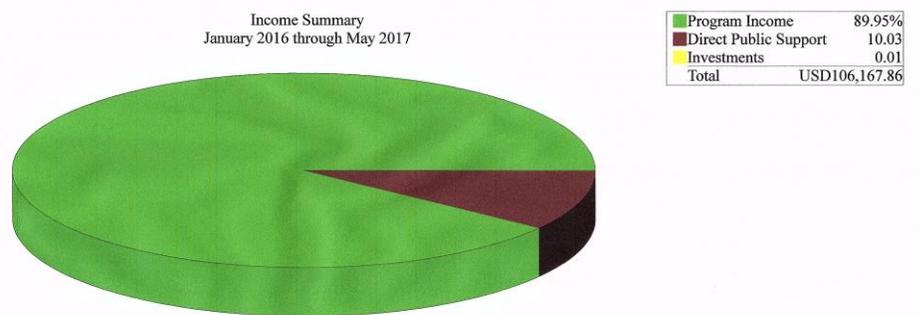
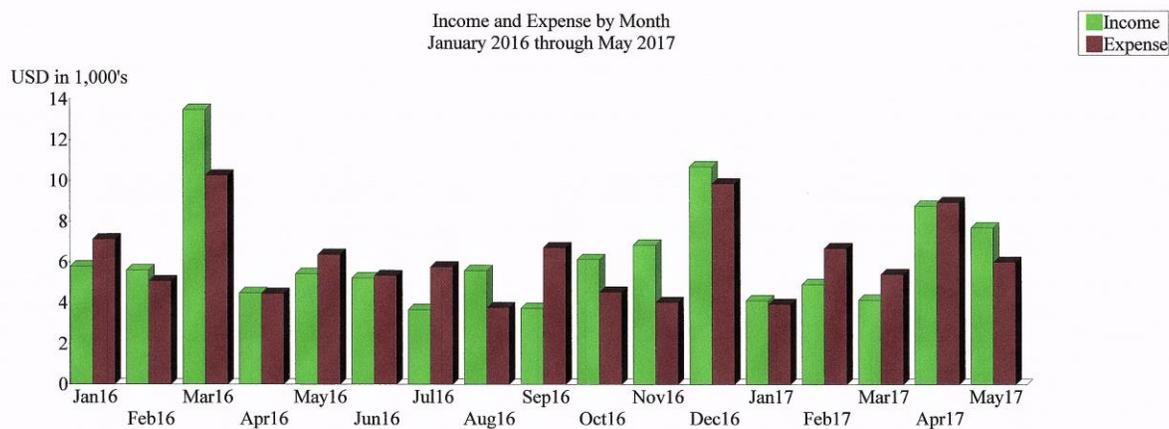
2016-May 2017 Financial Report (cash basis)

Income		
	Direct Public Support	
	Individ, Business Contributions	8,725.91
	Corporate Contributions	69.43
	Direct Public Support - Other	2,588.25
	Total Direct Public Support	11,383.59
	Indirect Public Support	
	Amazon Smile	34.65
	Total Indirect Public Support	34.65
	Investments	
	Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	11.37
	Total Investments	11.37
	Program Income	
	Batizado	10,760.00
	Exchange Item	2,575.00
	Performance	3,500.00
	Program Service	5,500.00
	Tuition	72,628.41
	Total Program Income	94,963.41
	Total Income	106,393.02
Expense		
	Business Expenses	
	Business Registration Fees	115.00
	Total Business Expenses	115.00
	Contract Services	
	Accounting Fees	5,350.00
	Outside Contract Services	5,300.00
	Total Contract Services	10,650.00
	Facilities and Equipment	
	Rent, Parking, Utilities	21,416.38
	Total Facilities and Equipment	21,416.38
	Operations	
	Bank Services	86.25
	Computer and Internet	30.00
	Due and Subscriptions	800.00
	Merchant fees	1,425.70
	Outside Services	44,367.45
	Postage, Mailing Services	104.35
	Printing and Copying	53.81
	Software-others	406.80
	Supplies	4,333.70
	Zen Software	865.00
	Total Operations	52,473.06
	Other Types of Expenses	
	Insurance – Liability, D and O	1,080.76
	Meals	1,623.08
	Total Other Types of Expenses	2,703.84
	Payroll Expenses	
	Taxes	1,178.63
	Wages	12,517.96
	Total Payroll Expenses	13,696.59

Travel and Meetings		
	Travel	3,201.49
	Travel and Meetings - Other	39.20
Total Travel and Meetings		3,240.69
Total Expense		104,295.56
Net Income		2,097.46

We are glad to point out that 91.57% of the regular expenses were dedicated to the programs and only 8.43% were used for administrative costs. All fundraising was conducted without any costs to the organization as they were promoted by students, and the profits of it were later donated to the organization.

As in previous years, considering that although our regular classes have yearly agreements, some of our students, in particular, the kids, take the summer vacation, winter and spring break off for long trips and sometimes put the membership on hold. The graphics below show that these are the months with a deficit; fortunately, we were able to cover that with the Batizado (Graduation Ceremony) during spring, with the after-school programs and we also had an increase of 54.7% in money raised through fundraising campaigns compared to previous year.



2017/18 Goals

- ✚ Promote superior quality capoeira training including regular classes, trips to special events and trainings, and musical and cultural education. We aspire to:
 - ✓ increase our student body;
 - ✓ develop the teaching skills of advanced students;
 - ✓ plan and promote annual workshops and batizado; and
 - ✓ raise \$10,000 in charitable donations.
- ✚ Share the art and history of capoeira with our community and country. We aspire to:
 - ✓ hold regular outdoor rodas;
 - ✓ offer short-term courses at schools, worksites, and other similar locations;
 - ✓ offer public demonstrations in schools, for civic groups, and at events like community festivals; and
 - ✓ promote a Show of Brazilian Afro culture as celebration of our 10th anniversary.
- ✚ Exert a positive influence on our students, families, and community. We aspire to:
 - ✓ begin offering scholarships;
 - ✓ organize food, toy, blood, and clothing drives;
 - ✓ Keep the “adopt a road” campaign bringing awareness about the importance of keeping the city clean; and
 - ✓ hold student and family group bonding activities.



ABADA-CAPOEIRA DC

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