

Our Community.



We recognize that the building of long-term partnerships is essential to both LDC's growth and to the well-being of local communities where we operate.

Working with our Local Communities.

Our diverse initiatives, directed at people, the environment, the community and partners, reflect how much we are aware of the extent of our impact. We therefore recognize and embrace our social responsibilities wherever we operate.

Louis Dreyfus Company is an important employer locally, generating income for the communities, and helping to improve their quality of life. We also make significant contributions to social projects, aiming to support initiatives that improve the living conditions of local residents.

Recognized Initiatives

LDC has been commended by Abrinq, an organization that defends the rights of children and teenagers, and has been designated as a child-friendly company. This recognition is a result of the support we provide to projects such as the Alfredo Naime school. Since 1998, we have been involved in assisting the school, helping it to move from part- to full-time education provision. In addition, our support has enabled improvements and additions to the curriculum including mathematics, IT, writing and literacy, gardening, sports, music, dance and environmental stewardship. This support also covers the provision of relevant materials such as uniforms. The main objective of our involvement is to encourage the development of children in need, while helping to protect them from being exploited as child labour.



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Testimony
LDC's support for the school has contributed to our children's education and welfare. The investment allows activities and concepts to be developed and care to be given to the children and their families, and this will last for a lifetime.
Clázia Mascaranhas Antônio, student mother

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Testimony
The project was very important for my schooling, as it allowed me to enhance my social interaction with others and encouraged me to develop my skills, among which was music, which is now part of my church life. I am grateful for this wonderful opportunity I was given, which enables me to grow as a person.
Matheus Marques da Costa Carvalho, 17 years old, former student

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Testimony
LDC has been supporting full-time education at this school since August 1998, helping us to ensure the student's access and permanence in school and providing opportunities for a solid background in citizenship. The partnership is also important for actions that seek the children's welfare in the teaching and learning process. As a manager of this school, the progress the school community has made in all segments is clear to me: students have had the opportunity to experience diverse activities that help them make their choices, giving them more autonomy; parents are more involved in the students' school lives, becoming partners in the task of educating, and the nurturing staff and teachers are appreciated in the teaching and learning functions, since the partnership allows us the opportunity to provide the conditions needed for a good class.
Sueli Occaso, Alfredo Naime school director

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Testimony
Having the workshops is important because we not only learn several activities, but also how to care for the environment, turning recyclable garbage into toys, solve issues, write texts, play instruments, and search the Internet.
Jaini Lombardo Padovan, 10 years old, 5th grade student

We observed that the students understood the importance of preserving the environment.

Sirlene Chieregato Borges, 5th grade teacher, Maria Madalena Straioto de Souza school, Pedregulho



Together for the Environment

Another growing LDC-supported initiative is Together for the Environment, whose principal objective is to raise awareness about the importance of the environment in elementary school children. Through this project, we bring children from local public schools to visit LDC's orange farms, teaching them about the importance of water, riparian forest, wild fauna, recycling and sustainable agricultural practices. At the end of the visit, each child plants a native tree. The students get an illustrated booklet, created exclusively for the project, featuring tips on conscientious consumption and recycling and information about the orange juice production process. They also receive a participation certificate, a t-shirt, and, as a gift, a "magic plant," which sprouts with the word "nature" in its bud. This is now a permanent element in the calendar of the participating schools.

In 2016, around 800 children participated, bringing the total number to more than 3000 since the project's inception in 2012. During the course of the year, we extended the project to new cities, adding Itatinga, Guarantã, Agudos, São Carlos, Santo Antônio da Alegria and Pedregulho, all in São Paulo state. In total, children came from public schools in nine different cities to 11 of our farms.

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Testimony
We observed that the students understood the importance of preserving the environment. They learned how to plant trees and loved the visit, the videos, the food provided and the project organization. We hope to return next year with new classes and students.
Sirlene Chieregato Borges, 5th grade teacher, Maria Madalena Straioto de Souza school, Pedregulho

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Testimony
The project has brought to students, through experience and participation, understanding about conscientious environmental management. They realize that environmentally appropriate actions can be done daily, and that minor actions drive major changes.
Maria Teresinha Sartorelli Manieri, former Education Director of Ribeirão Bonito, city that has participated in all editions

Other Initiatives
Educandário Santo Antonio de Bebedouro: this entity hosts children for extracurricular activities, including sports, information technology, dance, and theater. LDC has offered financial support for over ten years, and also donates juice to meals offered by this institution, which has been working with local children for over fifty years.

Family Visitation Program: LDC employees invite their families to the workplace, to show family members how the company values safety and quality.

Each month, we **donate juice** to schools, nurseries and other relevant institutions.

Other donations: we encourage and support our employees to get involved with local community programs, and promote internal campaigns to collect food, toys, and clothes. These items are then delivered to relevant local social institutions that distribute them to the people that need them most. An example is the "Good Gymkhana", an internal competition between departments where the challenge is to gather the largest amount of non-perishable food. We also support local winter campaigns in Bebedouro, Matão and other cities where we have juice assets: we encourage employees to donate coats they no longer use.