

BARRIER VASCO



Having recently travelled to Rio de Janeiro to embody the spirit of the carnival and get a better understanding of this famous festival, we discovered an amazing, small, project in one of the Favelas called Barrier Vasco.

Within this favela is an association which focuses on helping and providing for the community.

The first residents of the community created the Association of Residents of Barrier Vasco more than sixty years ago. The Association provides support for low-income people who live in the community. They have partnered with several projects offering activities such as sports, reading classes, literacy for seniors, technical courses, health, business, arts, language classes, accounting and so on.



Having paid several visits, during our trip, we met the children as well as the volunteers gaining a strong insight into the daily activities which are hugely beneficial in such an environment.

The association has also helped in the development of amazing clothing line, Retalhos Cariocas, come to fruition. Having been given a space in the community to produce their products, they then began to work with scraps

and businesses began to donate off cuts of fabric. To gain more of an insight into this aspiring venture and their products, visit [their website](#).



The project is not government funded, and we have decided to sponsor this worthy charity in light of this first collection.

We will be donating 5% of all profits from the [Carnival in Rio '78 tees](#), all of which will go to help support this Association.