



**DREAMROOT**  
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



**QUARTERLY REPORT 2022**  
**Q4 IMPACT**

*LOCAL LEADERS TRANSFORMING THEIR COMMUNITIES.*



Thanks to our generous supporters and advocates for those overlooked and isolated from opportunities, in just the last quarter of 2022, we have been able to:

- Facilitate a three-day leadership workshop with 22 local leaders in Brazil.
- Relaunch the tutoring program in Haiti for the 2022/2023 school year.
- Continue on-going leadership coaching, advising, and networking for local leaders.
- Host a U.S./Brazil cross-cultural exchange trip
- Donate over 75 Jiu Jitsu gis, plus toys and clothes.
- Further equip our internal leadership team through team care training.
- Roll out Special Edition DreamRoot jiu jitsu uniforms.

Wow! We've been busy. And what a fun time it's been!

Explore the pages below to learn more.

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# LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In October, we facilitated a three-day in-person leadership workshop in Brazil with 22 local leaders of educational social initiatives operating in over 13 underserved communities across four states in Brazil.

The goal of trainings like this is to provide practical tools and strategies for running life-changing social initiatives with operational excellence and empowering a leadership team in a way that elevates the programs while reducing the operational burden the individual leaders carry.



This weekend was a time of **encouragement and learning from one another while developing practical team building skills** in interactive ways. Training sessions included topics like self-leadership, student relations, emotional intelligence for team building, and of course, doing fun team building activities together. The participants shared lessons learned with the group and began dreaming even higher about what is possible for their communities.

These leaders work continuously in tough situations and are having tremendous impact. This weekend was a time for us to honor them and provide a space for these amazing leaders to **let their guard down so they can rest and recharge**. Therefore, to top it off, we closed out day three with a poolside BBQ to before heading into the week. We did not just talk about the importance of self-care for sustainable leadership, but we practiced it!

DreamRoot is committed to continuing to provide quality support to these local leaders and we are never done learning and developing ourselves to do so. Shortly after the leadership weekend workshop, two members of our internal leadership attended a Team Care training with an organization in Recife.

The training covered how to engage and support local leaders working in underserved communities. It was tailored to the circumstances that DreamRoot local leaders work within and the unique physical, mental, and emotional challenges it brings. It was a reminder that this work of **strengthening leaders in these communities to reserve the cycles of poverty and promote the well being of its members** is critical.

**[WATCH THE WEEKEND'S HIGHLIGHTS HERE!](#)**

# HAITI TUTORING PROGRAM & START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

In Haiti, the school year begins in September, but with the unprecedented political and economic instability, and subsequent gangs controlling much of Haiti, schools across the country were not able to start their 2022/2023 school year. Instead, students across the country have spent the first half of the school year at home.

Students are quickly falling behind in their studies, so DreamRoot has continued to partner with local leaders Rose and David in Les Cayes to help provide **tutoring and learning sessions for their students** throughout the Fall so they can continue with their education.

During the last week of November, the gangs announced that they would pause their self-imposed restrictions during the FIFA World Cup. The area schools decided to take advantage of this opportunity and decided to do a **soft launch of the new school year**. Students have been trickling back in with more coming each week. This courageous move is despite the widespread threats by the same gangs to shut down schools.

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## From Rose

*"Everyone is taking a chance right now. School and parents. Especially since the gangs are saying that after the World Cup it's back to business. They announced on the radio that if parents want to take this time to send their kids to school that's fine, but not to pay a gourd/dime because they plan to close down the country again. The threat is that any school they hear of working - they will personally close down and will make sure the school never opens again. The usual threats. I hope we make it the rest of the year. It would be a huge disappointment if not."*

- Rose, School Director

# BRAZIL CAMP Cultural Exchange

We finished up an exciting week-long cross cultural exchange trip in Recife, Brazil where we hosted 12 U.S. students from Team Passos Jiu Jitsu.

During the trip, the U.S. participants **trained Jiu Jitsu at the various social initiatives of local DreamRoot leaders** in the city. Between training sessions, we enjoyed the beautiful beaches, exploring street markets, trying new foods and sharing meals together.

Language differences did not prove a barrier to making new friends and expressing unity and appreciation for one another. There were a lot of laughs and some tears as the participants returned home.



The camp participants unanimously voted that one of their high points of the trip was **connecting with the community members and seeing the impact the local leaders are having.**

During each of our visits to the social initiatives the community members expressed how much our time together meant to them. They shared how they **felt seen and valued** - bringing encouragement and hope to overcome the challenges within the community.

This camp was life-giving on all ends. Our time together strengthened both the local leaders and community members but also the US students. Which demonstrates **the power of relationships and simply showing up.**

## CAMP TESTIMONIALS

Hear from camp participants in their own words about their experience with the camp **HERE..**





## CHILDREN'S DAY (DIA DAS CRIANÇAS)

On the last day of the camp, we threw a community block party for the families at one of the DreamRoot Training Centers to celebrate “Dia das Crianças,” or Children’s Day. The evening was filled with games, snacks, and a message of encouragement. Everyone had a blast!

Highlights included a cotton candy machine, trampoline, and a guest appearance of a life-sized dinosaur. Each child was able to take home a toy. For several of the children, it was their first time receiving a new toy to call their own. Though, the sentiment of the families was that simply our presence and connection was the most impactful.

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

Each U.S. participant of the Brazil Camp brought with them an extra suitcase filled with DreamRoot donations that were received throughout the year from generous donors.

*We were able to provide over 76 Jiu Jitsu uniforms, 10 belts, additional clothing items and Lego toy sets. These items have been distributed to students in need across Jiu Jitsu social initiatives in the Northeast of Brazil.*

These donations are truly life changing. It not only means students have the opportunity to fully participate in enriching extracurricular activities, but for many, these uniforms, clothes and toys are **the FIRST articles they have ever received as their own**. This instills dignity and sense of self esteem that they will carry with them for the rest of their life.

Thank you to all who have contributed and helped with the transportation to make this a reality.

Read The Impact of a Uniform [HERE](#).

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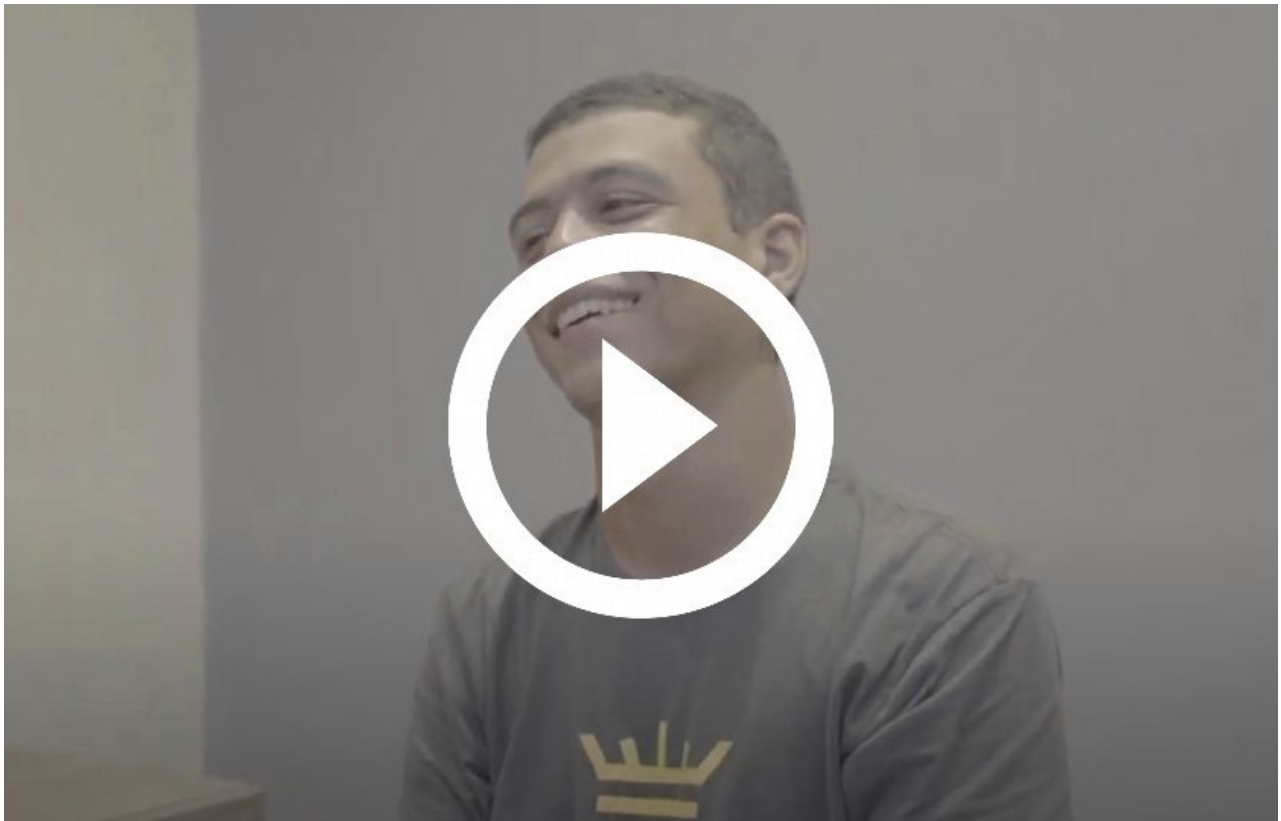


## IMPACT TESTIMONIAL

Meet Gabriel. He is a student and emerging leader at the Art Suave / DreamRoot Training Center. He started out at Arte Suave as a young teenager whose household often didn't have enough food. At the training center he found a safe space that offered desperately needed food and mentorship.

After graduating from college and starting a successful career, he has returned to lead jiu jitsu programs and coach others.

His message is that **with a vision, discipline and a strong support network anyone can rise to greatness despite their circumstance.**





## DreamRoot JiuJitsu Uniforms

Adding to our *Permission to Dream* product line, we now offer Specific Edition DreamRoot jiu jitsu uniforms for purchase.

All retail sale proceeds go toward supporting DreamRoot's mission.

Gis are available for purchase for yourself or gift to a student on our website at [www.dreamrootinstitute.com/black-gi](http://www.dreamrootinstitute.com/black-gi)  
**Grab yours today!**

**Purchase a Gi**

## What's to Come

We have some fun projects and events lined up!

Moving forward into 2023, we will continue to make DreamRoot's training, coaching, networking and seed funding accessible to more local leaders in need.

The development and expansion of these services will equip current and emerging leaders to run community-led operations with excellence and multiply leaders who will continue to transform their communities.







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