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**BRAZILIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF CHICAGO (BCCC)**  
*“Building Bridges through Cultural Understanding”*

The purpose of the **Brazilian Cultural Center in Chicago** is to promote and disseminate information about the diverse peoples of Brazil, fostering understanding and appreciation for Brazilian culture, music, art, and dance. The cultural center will serve Brazilians and friends of Brazil as a resource for educational programs, social events and cross-cultural exchange.

The idea for the cultural center came about when some friends decided to plan a “Brazilian Night Celebration” at a local gallery in December 2001. Two hundred people, including Brazilians and people from various communities in Chicago, attended this free event held at Dara Tribal Village an Ethnic Gallery.

The event showcased live Brazilian music, artwork, books and artifacts, as well as Brazilian cuisine. After this event, it became apparent that there was a need for an organization to promote and disseminate the culture of Brazil. Since then the organization has presented two cultural festivals, a music concert, lectures at local museums, and continues to collaborate with other nonprofit organization in the Chicago area to present quality programs.

The Brazilian Cultural Center in Chicago was legally incorporated in the State of Illinois March 2002 and it received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 2004 to attend this need.

Our goal is to create a multicultural, multiethnic environment where people can gather to exchange ideas and share their experiences and knowledge about Brazil’s rich cultural heritage.

**The Brazilian Cultural Center of Chicago shall:**

- Educate the public and promote awareness about the diverse cultures of Brazil;
- Encourage and promote cross-cultural educational exchange programs to benefit communities in Chicago and Brazil;
- Serve as a resource and referral service to the community at large about Brazilian contemporary issues through organization of literary events, book discussions, and lectures;
- Present and organize, independently or in collaboration with other institutions, dance performances, music shows, art exhibitions and other cultural and educational activities;
- Promote social events that would enhance the lives of Brazilians living in the Chicago area and the community at large.

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