



el cauce

CAMP HILL ESCOBAR

**OVERVIEW**



# El Cauce

El Cauce is an **inclusive residential community** for adults with and without **disabilities** who want to live and work together in a **shared-living model**, contributing in a sustainable way to **collective welfare through purposeful activities** such as **biodynamic farming**.

El Cauce is the **first largescale Camphill-inspired project** to be developed in **Argentina**, and the **second in Latin America**.

It's designed to be a residential village which will house up to some **120 people**. Our community will welcome **adults with disabilities, neurodivergent individuals, temporary volunteers and house coordinators**, each with their own tasks and duties.

Our residents will live in shared houses designed and built according to **sustainable architectural practices**.



The regular activities we're currently holding at El Cauce are keeping pace with the **progress of construction**, and seek to foster social value and create experiences focused on community activity based on shared work.

# WHAT IS THE CAMPHILL MOVEMENT?

The Camphill movement came about as an **initiative for social transformation, founded in 1939 by the Austrian pediatrician Karl König**. Convinced that a person's abilities are of much greater relevance than any disability, König developed an **approach centered on improving the quality of life for people with disabilities**.

The first community to embody this approach was set up on the **Camp Hill Estate** just outside the city of **Aberdeen, in Scotland, and gave its name to the movement** that was to unfold and expand over the next decades.

The Camphill Movement pivots on the understanding that **each human being possesses unique talents and can contribute to the common good**, in a mutual learning experience which underpins the shared living model.

There are more than **120 Camphill communities in some 20 countries around the world**, diverse, inclusive communities where people with and

without disabilities have the opportunity to work together for the good of the community.

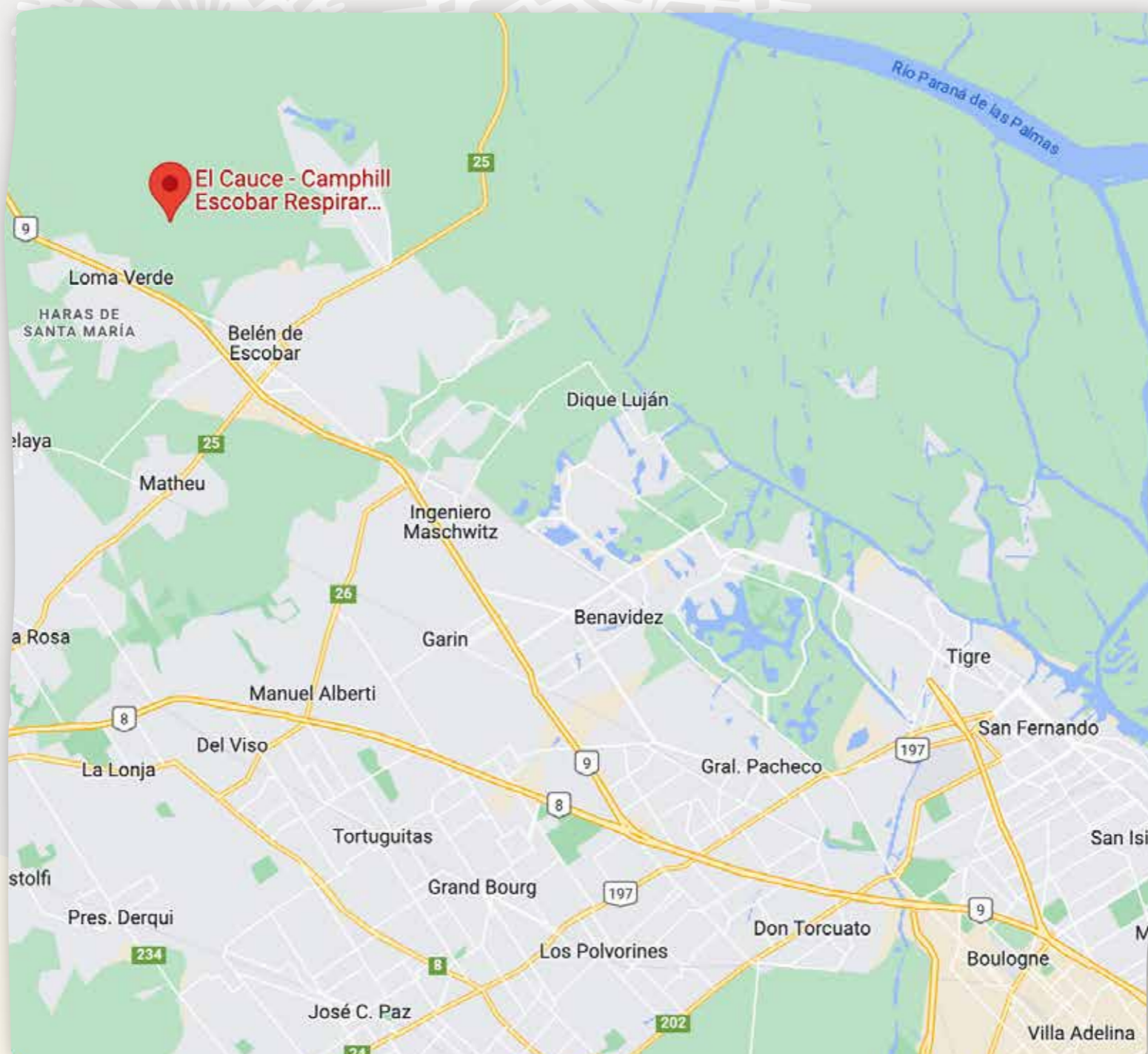
In Camphill communities a key component of daily life is **social interaction**, and the yearly calendar features celebrations and events marking the achievements and joys of our members, the passing of the seasons, natural abundance, and the fruits of our shared labor.

Community members live in **shared houses**, each with their own private room with common spaces for meals and leisure time. **Volunteers** often come from abroad which contributes to a **diverse cultural environment**.

Camphill communities are usually located in **natural surroundings where the focus of daily activity is sustainable, biodynamic agriculture**. Both temporary volunteers and permanent residents work together in fields and orchards, as well as in workshops crafting quality artisanal products for the home, as part of a **collaborative and healthy sociable lifestyle**.

# Where we are

El Cauce is the first project to be developed by **Fundación Respirar Comunidad**, a non-profit organization created in 2019 that draws its inspiration from the Camphill Movement. The objective is to create a shared-living community for adults with disabilities in Argentina.



## WHO WE ARE

El Cauce is a **joint initiative developed** by people and organizations who share the same beliefs and values about community living as a way of helping to fulfil life purpose, linked to the anthroposophic network in Argentina.

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Our partners and allies in this venture are: **La Cañada**, a group of agricultural experts with 15 years' experience in biodynamic farming in the province of Buenos Aires, who have also developed sustainable gardening programs for different organizations in the area; **eminent psychiatrists, psychologists and educators** with many years' experience in the **Waldorf system** in South America; **eurithmy, art and musical therapists** specializing in rhythm, sound and movement; **architects working in the area of sustainable architecture**; and **counselors and coaches** with expertise in **social and inclusive entrepreneurship**.



## MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

To build a community that is sustainable in both economic and social terms, founded on openness, sharing and harmony with nature; with the emphasis on self-management, personal responsibility and organic growth.

To offer community members the support and space they need to develop and fulfill their potential, in a context of mutual respect and collaboration, finding meaning in shared purposeful work as the basis for a rounded social and cultural life.

To offer a lifestyle whose qualities emanate from the shared values of a community united by the search for the common good, where everyone can take part and benefit from sustainable activities.



## VISION AND VALUES

A community made up of people who share a well-grounded respect for work and social relations, where each individual has the room to grow and develop their potential.

A place whose heart beats in time with the rhythm of the land and the seasons, whose inhabitants profoundly value and care for the natural resources that support them.

# Celebrations

Our annual calendar includes events open to the entire community, where we celebrate the passing of the seasons and the rhythms of nature and foster relationships with individuals and groups that are drawn to our project.



# Building our Community

We are taking our first strides in building the physical infrastructure of El Cauce.

Building plans for the the next two years include:

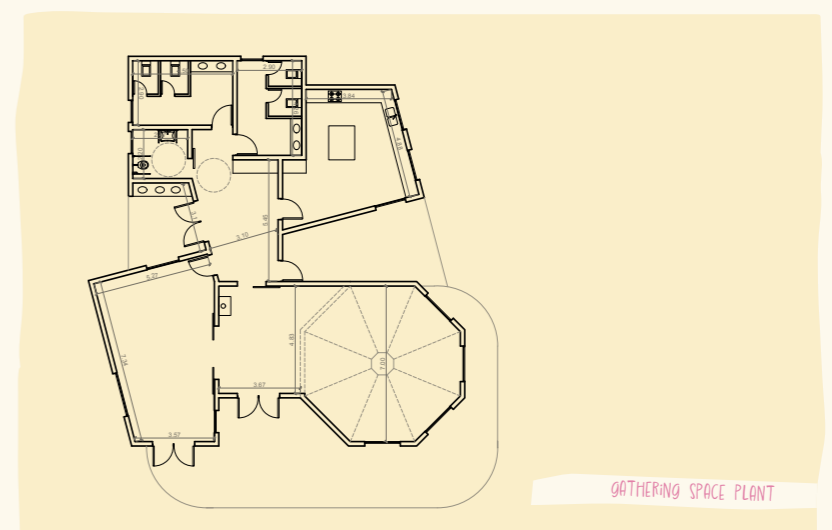
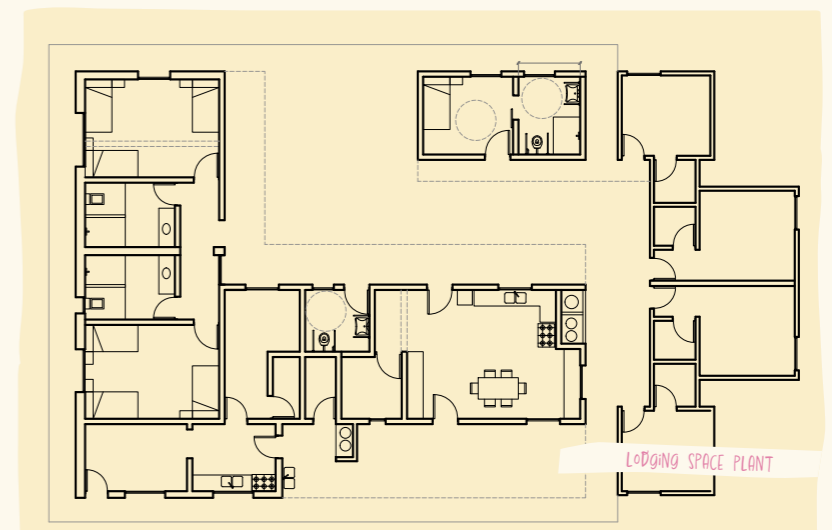
- \* Recovering an existing structure to create lodging for volunteers and short-term collaborators in the vegetable garden and farm.

- \* Constructing a new Community Center with an area for events and social as well as productive workshop space.

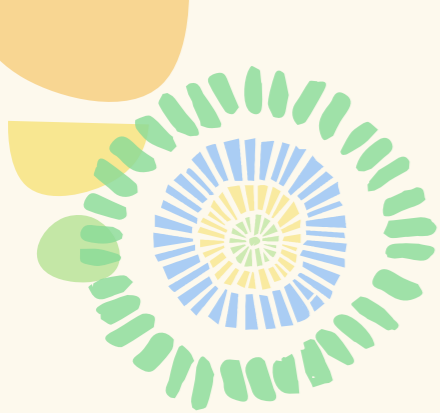
- \* Preparing a 2-hectare vegetable garden with a storage barn for tools and tractor.

- \* Begin building our first co-living residence.

We aim to insert our buildings into the existing natural context, employing sustainable architectural practices and prioritizing the use of renewable energy and responsible waste and water management, including biodigesters and designing that enable the collection and use of rainwater.







# HOW TO HELP

**We are building a village**, and we need your support!

There are many ways to collaborate, by donating money, goods or know-how:

## DONATE MONEY

### BANK TRANSFER or DEPOSIT:

#### \* Banco Galicia

**Name:** FUNDACION RESPIRAR COMUNIDAD

**CUIT:** 30-71665333-8

#### Checking account PESOS:

0000520-3 394-5

**Alias:** RespirarComunidad

**CBU:** 0070394720000000520353

#### Savings account DOLLARS:

9750218-4 165-3

**Alias:** RespirarDolares

**CBU:** 0070165131009750218433

If you choose this option, contact us via email at: [donaciones@respirarcomunidad.org](mailto:donaciones@respirarcomunidad.org), we must register all donations.

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\* Visit our website:

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Click on the DONATE button.

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## DONATE FROM USA / ABROAD

\* If you are outside of Argentina, the Camphill Foundation, a US-registered 501c3 entity, will process your donation and provide an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes.

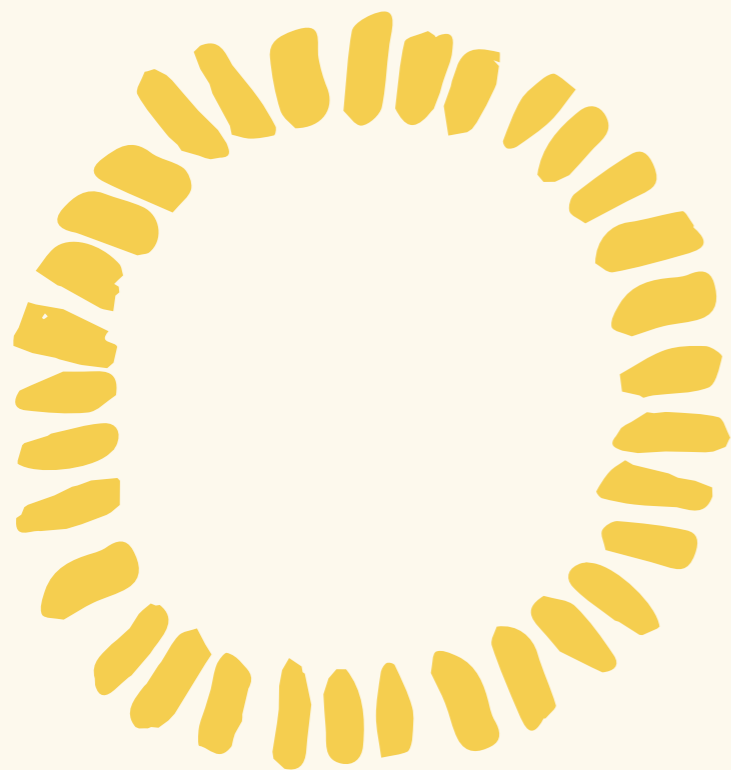
**Click here** to find out how to do this step-by-step, or **click on this link to DONATE NOW.**

*« Remember to specify in comments section that your donation is for Respirar Comunidad in Argentina »*

## DONATE GOODS, NEW or USED

\* Contact us to coordinate your donation: [donaciones@respirarcomunidad.org](mailto:donaciones@respirarcomunidad.org).

Check the list of construction materials and supplies that we need at this stage in our project [here](#).



## Companies and professionals that collaborate with El Cauce

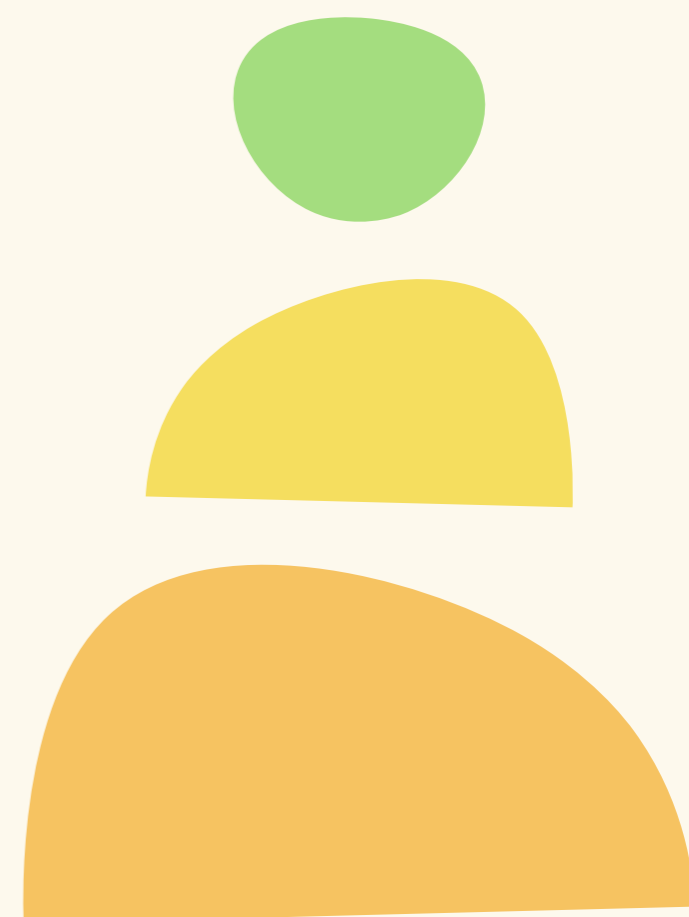
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Law Firm

Communication Agency

Association for Agriculture  
Biological-dynamic Argentina

Consultancy



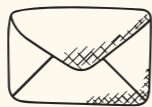
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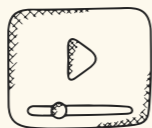
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