

Claire Amitié et les associations Clair Logis

A LITTLE HISTORY

In 1946, a christian activist, Thérèse Cornille (1917 – 1989), became increasingly aware of the miserable conditions of young industrial workers in the aftermath of the Second World War. She decided to set up homes in the North of France, in Roubaix, to welcome these young workers. She opened her first Clair Logis home in Paris in 1954, with the help of the Claire Amitié community. The mission of the Clair Logis homes was to provide disadvantaged young women and mothers with opportunities for self-development and a way to find their place in society. After the death of Thérèse Cornille in 1989, Christiane Muller became her successor, taking on the task of furthering the same ideologies Thérèse Cornille left behind.

Today, there are eight Clair Logis homes in France located in Paris, Nogent sur Marne, Champigny sur Marne, Bry sur Marne, Nancy and Troyes. Six have been granted the legal status of housing and social reintegration centers (CHRS). Two are recognized as maternal centers. As such, they are all subject to control by the public authorities.

Claire Amitié is also involved abroad: since 1962, homes have been set up in Brazil, Cambodia and in six countries of Africa. They are all under the umbrella of Clair Logis International. More than 150 professional coordinators and contributors work for the benefit of these women and as well as, at times, for their children. They are supported by an increasing network of friends who provide them with moral and financial support for the maintenance of existing homes and the execution of their projects.

CLAIR LOGIS' OBJECTIVES: TO WELCOME, GUIDE, TRAIN AND REINSERT

WELCOME

Thérèse Cornille observed that the young women she was housing were not only lacking financial resources, but also knowledge, competencies and care. Clair Logis' role is to offer them a warm family-like atmosphere, a comfortable house, good and convivial cooking, and opportunities for intercultural exchanges. Indeed, family remains the fundamental basis of the contemporary society and the way to learn solidarity, responsibility and freedom. These homes allow the young women to learn how to face and respect authority and a set of rules that they agree to upon arrival. During the course of their stay, Clair Logis is responsible for the emotional, moral, physical and material security of the young women.

GUIDE, TRAIN AND REINSERT

When a woman joins a Clair Logis home, the coordinators tailor a solution that fit her needs and aspirations. The objective for her is a stable life and the right autonomy level to integrate into society. She can stay from a couple of months to a few years during which she will be given behavioural, cultural and professional trainings.

In 2011, more than 1250 women and young girls are getting ready for a new life in the Clair Logis homes.



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