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About us

Our organization is a worldwide beacon in matters of identity.

Since 1977, we have been working to find and restore the identity of hundreds of children who were disappeared—i.e., kidnapped, illegally relocated and brought up under false identities—by the last Argentine dictatorship (1976-1983), who are now adults.

Thanks to our struggle, three new articles protecting the right to identity were added to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Moreover, we prompted the development of a “grandparentage index” to identify those disappeared persons, as well as the creation of a National Genetic Data Bank that preserves the DNA of searching families and compares it with the DNA of individuals seeking to discover their true origins.

In our daily work, we provide care and support to anyone whose right to identity has been violated. We also contribute to justice as plaintiffs in numerous cases of

crimes against humanity, particularly in those whose victims are the families that constitute our institution.

We have compiled and produced knowledge on the different aspects of the right to identity, including books, publications, educational resources, training courses, art exhibitions and the largest oral archive in Latin America, featuring testimonies of relatives and survivors of the genocide committed by said dictatorship.

We promote a public agenda with a human rights perspective, against hate speech and denialism, and we continuously serve as a point of reference for the legislative branch.

Furthermore, our struggle for Memory, Truth and Justice has been recognized by organizations such as the UN and countries of the five continents.

Our greatest achievement has been restoring the identity of more than 130 men and women, most of them born in the concentration camps operated by the dictatorship

and abducted by families close to the regime. Currently, many of them are members of our Directory Board, along with other relatives. They also continue the struggle to find those who are still missing—as well as their descendants—and to ensure that such atrocious crimes are Never Again committed.

Our Activities

- Attention and guidance to people who have doubts about their identities.
- Training in matters of human rights, memory and identity.
- Knowledge transfer and sharing of experiences.
- Coordination of an interdisciplinary team of professionals.
- Development of a network of collaborators across the country and abroad.



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