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From a girl to an entrepreneurial woman

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Her childhood was spent in Joinville. Memories of being a protected only child in a family of German descendants. Her youth unfolded after the confirmation in the Lutheran Church, studies, boyfriends and work life. A breach with her parents happen so she could experience freedom with boyfriend and later husband. Motherhood and entrepreneurship of a successful company. Symptoms and diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. Separation, divorce and retirement. Depressions and reconstruction of a life. The creation of the Support Association for Multiple Sclerosis patients of Joinville region, ARPEMJ.

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História completa

Nilza Wegner was born on October 15th, 1961, at a Joinville neighborhood where it was still possible to keep livestock such as cows. She makes sure of telling about the care she received as a child, that her mother stayed at home with her for the first two years of her life, and then, even if she had to go back to work as a maid, she took her with her and was always watchful. About her father, she remembers a handsome, hard-working man who was playful and brought her many gifts, everything that she wanted. Nilza grew up visiting her grandparents' house, playing and fighting with her cousins, and attending the Lutheran church. At the same time, she also talks about small domestic accidents that happened to her, and these, mark a narrative of her mother blaming her father and vice versa. In her narrative there is, at the same time, the emphasis of a care and the presence of a great rigidity in education and in the construction of discipline. The disciplinary measures that she tried to transgress, happened at about the same time she did the "confirmation" at the church and when she started flirting with the boys. Nilza narrates herself as a beautiful girl, desired by the boys. Her parents didn't approve of her first boyfriend - because he was the son of divorced parents and of Italian descent - but she tried to establish herself with a second suitor, of "German origin", even if he was a friend's ex-boyfriend. With her parents acceptance, riding with friends on motorcycles and adventures became part of her life. She said she desired to live a freedom never before experienced. The photographic records of this love story and freedom were shown during the interview sections as an asset of a happy and desired past. A youth characterised as "rebellious", but at the same time narrated with a great sense of freedom and vital force. Nilza didn't finish college, according to her, the focus was on dating. With knowledge as an "accounting technician", could work in offices. She married her "German-born" boyfriend and moved in with her parents, but the discipline and house rules never changed, and as soon as her working conditions improved she financed a house. She was the mother of two and had the help of her mother-in-law to take care of her first baby. But after her second pregnancy she left her paid work and devoted herself to household chores and childcare. She recounts with regret a withdrawal from her parents and a very intense rapprochement with her husband's family. When she remembers her relationship with the children, she also regrets that she was so strict, so demanding, and sees in the children's father the maternal role of affection, care and explicit love. She says that her school-age children, like many other children, attended beyond school, the Boy Scout movement and the Lutheran church. As soon as the children grew up, the restless Nilza set up a stamping sector that initially was ran at the same address as her home. This venture worked very well and became a third party Benetton faction, which ran from 5 am to 10 pm, with seamstresses working shifts. She has become a small businesswoman and recounts this moment as a moment of yearning for wealth, exercising all her dexterity, agility, demand for perfection in production and much stress. It was also a time of crisis in her marriage, suspicions of betrayal and the onset of the first symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis. At that moment, she says 'There was no Nilza', I didn't think of myself, it was just work, work, work. In the search for the diagnosis, the physical limitations came, at the same time, as a crisis at

her husband's work, in a textile factory in the city, and then the return of being financially dependent on her parents. This time, without an income and her unemployed husband, Nilza's father, who had never had a good relationship with his son-in-law, demanded that he retreated from the relationship. With a clear understanding that if the man should be the provider of the family, and he couldn't even guarantee his daughter's health insurance, he should no longer be part of the home. The husband, saying that he could no longer stand this imposed situation, retreated forever. Thus, diagnosed with MS, at a time when there were no medications available, constrained to undertake her entrepreneurial activities, was accepted by her parents, but also suffering from the loss of a great love. Hurt with her parents while becoming totally dependent on them. Nowadays, her father has deceased, and even though he tried to stay with his children, they got married and the only thing left to do was to invite her mother to share the house and the same caregiver. The ex-husband already in another relationship, has never been welcomed to her house again and pays a small pension after a legal fight. One of his nieces has been his caregiver for 11 years and just his surname causes her grandmother dissatisfaction. They are the grandparents of three children, she notices her eldest son at his old pace, with a lot of work, a lot of stress and a desire to earn wealth and with little time for family attention. The youngest, visits her every day, puts her to sleep every night and kisses goodbye. Nilza welcomed the interview staff at her home, chose her room as the space she felt most secure at, near the computer where she kept some records of the past, as well as already-used paper, torn folds, signs of trying desperate to avoid the loss of memories. She has a habit of recording small information such as appointment dates that were important, such as when she first took a medication, when she had a side effect, when she changed medication, wedding dates, child confirmation, school report cards, among other family documents. Anyway, she doesn't want to lose her memories. Entrepreneur, just as she set up a company and made it progress, in the face of the diagnosis of MS she undertook an association to support patients and their families. Now, not for the purpose of enriching or accumulating wealth, but her greatest achievement was to bring together sick people and to promote complicity and solidarity among others. Faced with the grief that the disease brought and the aggravation of the end of marriage, Nilza created the ARPEMJ, Support Association for Multiple Sclerosis patients from Joinville region. Adapting her life, she goes on to remember that it was at the time of ARPEMJ peak, when she began to reinvent another life.