

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

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THANK YOU, DONORS!

2016 Accomplishments

- 1200 school children were dewormed in the first *Healthy Communities* preventative medicine campaign.
- More than 400 school children were treated for iron deficiency anemia.
- Casa Chapi completed construction on its new schoolhouse with four classrooms, one casita for 12 additional children, a library and two administrative offices.
- 11 children graduated from Casa Chapi and will attend private school in Arequipa on scholarship until they graduate from high school.



You Rebuilt the Ichupampa Kitchen

Your generosity helps provide 6,000 meals a month



The existing Ichupampa Community Kitchen was reduced to a pile of rock and tin by the earthquake. Thanks to you, it will be back in operation by March 15, 2017.

We are delighted to report that Ichupampa is rising from the rubble left by an earthquake that destroyed 80% of the buildings in August 2016. Water and sewer lines have been restored and a temporary schoolhouse will be in service when school resumes in March.

Because of you, the new kitchen will once again feed hundreds of elderly citizens and young schoolchildren.

Thanks to you, the Sister Antonia Memorial Kitchen in Ichupampa is nearing completion. The Quechua Benefit team was onsite in February, and the building will be up and running no later than March 15th.

The entire Ichupampa community sends you their love and thanks for the tremendous generosity that the worldwide Quechua Benefit community poured out in the face of their tragedy. Because of you, the kitchen will once again feed hundreds of elderly citizens and young schoolchildren, many of whom depend on it for

their only hot meal of the day.

Quechua Benefit donors from eight countries contributed to the reconstruction effort, paid for warm blankets, and donated one ton of food.



The new kitchen is rising to the sky. Your donations are the reason it will be complete seven months after being destroyed, on time and on budget.

Casa Chapi is just a few miles from Ichupampa, and Quechua Benefit was the first responder to Ichupampa on the morning after the earthquake. We will return in April for the official inauguration of the brand new Sister Antonia Community Kitchen. None of this would be possible without your donations and willingness to help these people in their time of need.

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

Take a moment to check out our newest videos online at quechuabenefit.org/video.



Searching for Siomera

This video takes you on a journey of discovery and redemption.



A Chance to Be a Child

Meet the students of Casa Chapi and find out how you are changing their lives. Winner of the Walt Ratterman Humanitarian Award at the Columbia Gorge International Film Festival.



The Quechua Benefit Story – Learn about Quechua Benefit from its beginning in 1996 through today.

The Quechua People Speak

Listening is a powerful form of love

In February 2017, the Quechua Benefit team embarked on a listening tour to develop our new Healthy Communities initiative. Our mission was simple: we were there to listen. We had visited the eight communities on our tour many times, but we had never been there with the intention of asking what their hopes, fears and needs are. We had always come with our own ideas of what was good for them.

When we arrived in Picotani, the community leader said, “I am not quite sure why you are here.” Even though our objective had been clearly explained weeks earlier, he gave me a quizzical look and was clearly confused. I said,



The Quechua Benefit Listening Tour team with Chalhuanca community leaders in February 2017. The community identified preventive healthcare as their number one issue. Because of you, we will return in April to deworm all of the communities school aged children and their parents.

Gringos usually do all the talking... I thought it was time we listen to you.

“Gringos usually do all of the talking. We’ve been friends for many years, and I thought it was time we listen to you.” That brought a hearty laugh and seemed to break the ice.

The focus group of about a dozen people included community leaders, both men and women. Dr. Jose Mosquera, an international public health expert on our team, led the discussion. Every time someone said something, he wrote it down. The group was reluctant at first, but when they saw we were truly interested in listening to them, the opinions poured forth.

The Listening Tour gave Quechua Benefit many interesting insights and a clearer vision for how we can be most effective in 2017.

2017 Education *with a Destination Peru*

November 2 through November 14, 2017

Highlights include

- Free day in Arequipa
- Grupo Inca store, Michell sorting sheds
- Visit Casa Chapi, dinner with the kids
- Visit Condor Cross, Chivay, Ichupampa
- Puno, Sillustani ruins
- Boat trip on lake Titicaca
- Michell Hacienda, Mallkini, hands-on alpaca seminar
- World’s largest vicuña chaccu at Picotani
- Nunoa Andean Alpaca Festival
- Cuzco, shopping and city tour, farewell dinner
- Option available to continue on to Machu Picchu

To view a complete Peruvian itinerary, please visit our website at:

www.quechuabenefit.org/peru-tour



Happy girls on the monkey bars at Casa Chapi. Play is so important for our kids and you make it possible.



Casa Chapi children's casitas. With your help, we would like to build a large hydroponic greenhouse (\$17,500) on the vacant land in front of the casitas.



All of the boys at Casa Chapi want to be professional soccer players when they grow up. Hunt-4-Soccer CEO Jim Silcock donated 100 soccer balls to Quechua Benefit for distribution at Casa Chapi and to all 20 schools in the Colca Valley.

Casa Chapi Soars

You've helped 70 children graduate 6th grade

Thanks to you, the Casa Chapi school will open its doors for the fourth year. 70 young souls, our largest class ever, will move in and start school on March 13th.

With your unwavering support and generosity, Casa Chapi was built. 12 buildings, 23 employees, and much love have transformed the lives of children who live and learn at Casa Chapi.

This year, we are closer than ever to our goal of creating a world-class primary school in the high Andes of Peru. **With your support, we intend to educate the future leaders of Peru.**

Many of you have expressed your concern about what happens when the children of Casa Chapi, especially the girls, graduate.

With your donations and support, we have leased a beautiful duplex, now called Casa Chapi II, from the the Don Bosco Catholic School in Arequipa's Yanahuara neighborhood. We have space for 22 boys and girls to live in the home while attending the best secondary schools in Arequipa.

Quechua Benefit is also moving its Peruvian office to Casa Chapi II, where there will be security, hot meals, and tutors for our precious kids.

Thank you so much for making this possible. To continue doing this work, we need each of you to continue your pledges to the Casa Chapi Giving Tree, and we ask new donors to help support these kids on their path to higher education and greatness.

Support Casa Chapi by joining our Family Tree of Giving!

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- Brothers & Sisters:** \$30/mo. or \$360/yr.
- Cousins:** \$20/mo. or \$240/yr.
- Family Friends:** \$10/mo. or \$120/yr.

You are Saving Lives in the Colca Valley

Anemia Treatment Can Increase a Child's IQ six points

Worms are predators who penetrate the skin or are ingested in contaminated food or water by young school-age children. After a weeklong journey through the victim's blood stream, they attach themselves to the intestines and devour 25% of the daily nutrition consumed by their host. They cause internal bleeding, fatigue, anemia, and malnutrition.

These deadly parasites can be eradicated with just two albendazole pills a year, costing only one penny each.

Deworming is the number one most cost effective method to improve children's learning, according to the World Health Organization

It restores cognitive function and increases school attendance.

In our first Healthy Communities testing, we found that 33% of Colca Valley children have iron deficiency anemia as a result of these worms.

With your help, we are eradicating these microscopic enemies and their companion disease, anemia.

We began our Healthy Communities treatment plan in September 2016, which will be carried out in schools throughout the Colca Valley in 2017.

With your continuing support, we are also expanding our deworming campaign in 2017 to Picotani and Corani, which will expand our reach by 5,000 people for a total of 11,000 people.



Dr. Rosado testing a primary school girl for anemia. You are currently changing children's lives by curing their anemia with cost effective iron supplements.



Kids learning dental hygiene during a Quechua Benefit preventative medicine campaign. Thanks to you, all the children we deworm will also receive bi-annual fluoride treatments.



Dr. Mosquera and Stephanie Cooke conducting adult education courses on the danger of intestinal parasites. Your generous support of the Healthy Communities initiative allows Quechua Benefit to systematically conduct adult education courses, which are a top priority for the communities we visited on the Listening Tour.

SUPPORT QUECHUA BENEFIT AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Futurity Show & Sale** in Kansas City, Missouri — April 7, 2017
- Third Annual Dinner & Auction** in Portland, Oregon — May 18, 2017
- Education with a Destination Gala** in Bend, Oregon — August 26, 2017
- Royal Progeny Alpaca Auction** in Washington, PA — October 13-14, 2017
- Quechua Benefit Peru Tour** — November 2-14, 2017

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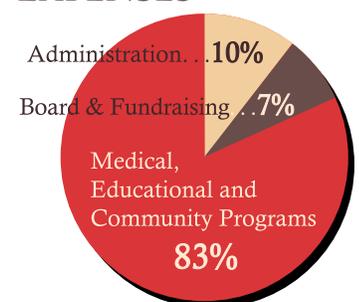
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