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Board of Directors donations will pay Quechua Benefit's annual overhead

The Board of Directors pledged to fund 100% of Quechua Benefit's overhead in 2017.

All the following will be paid for by the BOD:

- Office expenses
- Fundraising costs
- Board travel
- Administrative salaries

Also, no board member receives any compensation for their service.

Your generous donations are being used efficiently. 100% of your contributions directly impact the lives of families, women and children in Peru.



Casa Chapi Kids Grow Up!

With your support, Quechua Benefit is nurturing each child at Casa Chapi

It's exciting to see the children at Casa Chapi grow, blossom, mature – and then graduate from primary school.

*Because of you,
these kids will have
the skills to choose
a path out of poverty.*

It also brings new challenges. It is often difficult for students, especially girls, to continue their education. If they return to their family home, these young women often become pregnant within a year and marry within two years.

Your generosity allows us to lease a house in a safe neighborhood in Arequipa with access to good public and private schools for all Casa Chapi graduates.

Girls and boys who graduate from Casa Chapi - Chivay now have a place to live while attending school in Arequipa. Two live-in housemothers (one for the girls and one for the boys) provide meals and security for the children as they go to school, attend sports clubs, do homework, and make crafts.



You can change a girl's life. Watch our new video at quechuabenefit.org/life-you-can-save/

Soon, these young people will be ready for university or vocational school. Some may opt to return home to run the family farm.

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Casa Chapi - Arequipa gives these teens a safe place to live, study, and thrive.



Eye, dental, and prenatal care at the Snowmass Community Health Clinic

Our Healthy Communities campaign provides all children in the communities with fluoride treatments and eye exams.

Their high carbohydrate diets, even for the youngest children, often result in severe periodontal disease.

We have a solution.

Through the generosity of longtime supporters of Quechua Benefit, Don and Julie Skinner, the Snowmass Community Health Clinic in Chivay will expand its operations to provide year-round dental care and eye exams for Colca Valley children, as well as prenatal care and ultrasounds for expectant mothers.

Our new partner, *Vitamin Angels*, will provide prenatal vitamins, free of charge, for thousands of women annually.

By strengthening and expanding services at the clinic, our medical staff will not only offer routine preventative care, but also have the skills to identify and guide patients who have critical healthcare needs.

Your support is saving lives

Healthy Communities: Quechua Benefit's Public Health Initiative

Inspired by the Quechua people's concerns, hopes, and dreams, we created a new initiative called *Healthy Communities*. Our recent listening tour clarified that one of the ways we can best serve these communities is by focusing on preventative medicine.

We are proud to report that we recently re-tested the children who received anemia treatment in eight towns of the Colca Valley, the cure rate was 70%.

With your generosity, we will have a massive impact on the lives of women and children. Consider that in underdeveloped countries:

- 47% of preschool children suffer from anemia caused by parasites
- Anemia in pregnant mothers causes premature and low birth weight babies who suffer from developmental deficiencies
- Iron supplements during pregnancy decrease the risk of infant mortality by 40%

Our first goal is to eradicate parasitic worms and treat the anemia they cause in the most vulnerable: children, preg-



"Health is a balance between body and mental health; it has to do with prevention, nutrition, and hygiene, and it is the responsibility of the community."

– Quechua woman, Sibayo, Peru

nant women, and nursing women. All adults will be treated for parasites to prevent reinfection in the community.

By 2020, we expect to be able to treat 48,070 Quechua people per year.

We began implementing our Healthy Communities program in September 2016. **We are proud to report that we recently re-tested the children who received anemia treatment in eight towns of the Colca Valley, the cure rate was 70%.** This proves that your support is healing children.

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, Picotani
- Nunoa Andean Alpaca Festival
- Cuzco tour, shopping, farewell dinner
- Option available to visit Machu Picchu

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

www.quechuabenefit.org/peru-tour

The Sister Antonia Community Kitchen is up and running!

Thanks to you, residents of Ichupampa are now provided two nourishing meals a day

The official inauguration of the Sister Antonia Community Kitchen in Ichupampa took place on March 27th. I feel grateful to have been present at this joyous celebration. There was singing, dancing, and of course, feasting. This kitchen would have not been possible without you.

Quechua Benefit completed the kitchen under-budget, which allowed us to stretch your donations to purchase a refrigerator, a large propane tank, and tables and chairs for the community center upstairs.



The Community Kitchen organizers are proud to have one of the few refrigerators in town!



The majority of the population in Ichupampa is elderly. Thanks to you, their bellies are full with nourishing, warm meals.

A few weeks ago, I was back in Peru and stopped by to observe how the operations were going. **As we walked up to the Community Kitchen, there was a flurry of activity – people coming and going, many women in the kitchen preparing food, and folks enjoying a warm meal at nearly every table.**

As we sat down, the Mayor joined us with a huge smile on her face. She explained that the kitchen is now serving breakfast and lunch (their main meal) every day. They decided to open the kitchen to everyone in the community – those who are able to contribute pay a small fee, and those who are unable to contribute receive a free meal. This sliding scale system provides additional funding so that the quality of meals is upgraded for everyone.

Your generosity after the devastating earthquake created a building that the community will use for many years to come. Thank you so much for your help in making this project a grand success!

– Dale Cantwell

Support Casa Chapi by joining our Family Tree of Giving!

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- Grandparents:** \$200/mo. or \$2,400/yr.
- Parents:** \$100/mo. or \$1,200/yr.
- Aunts & Uncles:** \$50/mo. or \$600/yr.
- Brothers & Sisters:** \$30/mo. or \$360/yr.
- Cousins:** \$20/mo. or \$240/yr.
- Family Friends:** \$10/mo. or \$120/yr.

Donor Spotlight: The Miller Team

Richard & Jane Miller, Teresa & Fred Dalsager, Aaron Marcellino and Andrew Curtis

Richard (“Don Ricardo”) and Jane Miller have been advocates, volunteers and donors to Quechua Benefit since 2008, when fate intervened and they won two alpacas donated by Mike Safley as a raffle prize at a local garden show.

They were soon talking about Richard’s years volunteering in Guatemala, and Mike asked if he still spoke Spanish. The answer was yes, and within a few short months, Richard joined Quechua Benefit as a translator on a medical mission in the Peruvian highlands.

Richard has returned with us every year since (sometimes more than once) to share his translation skills, engaging stories on long bus rides, and loving heart to all he encounters.

Richard and Jane have sponsored the school house and a cottage at Casa Chapi, as well as the Ichupampa kitchen.

One of Richard’s greatest contributions has been connecting us with his daughter, Teresa Dalsager, her husband Fred, and his grandson, Aaron Marcellino.

Teresa helps us enormously on our fundraising events in Portland. Aaron and his longtime friend Andrew Curtis make up the incredible team at Hitchhiker Pictures, the production company behind Quechua Benefit’s videos.



Richard and Aaron at Quechua Benefit’s Portland Dinner & Auction in May 2017.

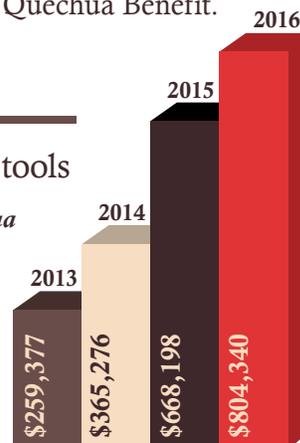
Aaron and Andrew (or as we call them, the “Butter Boys”) have volunteered their time filming in Peru on four occasions. Thanks to their hard work, *A Chance to Be a Child* won the Walt Ratterman Humanitarian Award at the 2016 Columbia Gorge International Film Festival.

We credit the Hitchhiker Pictures videos for helping Quechua Benefit to expand our support base and double our fundraising over the last three years.

We cannot express our gratitude enough for these generous, talented, and dedicated friends of Quechua Benefit.

Videos are among our most valuable fundraising tools

In 2014, Quechua Benefit presented our first video, *The Quechua Benefit Story*. Since then, we have produced three additional videos: *A Chance to be a Child*, *Searching for Siomera*, and *The Life You Can Save*. Thanks to your generosity and the outstanding work by Hitchhiker Films, our annual donations have more than tripled since 2013. Visit quechuabenefit.org/video to watch these powerful short films.



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Education with a Destination Gala

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August 26, 2017

Royal Progeny Alpaca Auction

Washington, PA
October 13-14, 2017

Quechua Benefit Peru Tour
November 2-14, 2017

For more event information, visit quechuabenefit.org/events.