

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

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Peruvian Garden Party

Please join **Christine Brown** at her first fundraiser for Quechua Benefit, June 28, 2018 in Dallas, Texas.

"I enthusiastically welcome your participation now and in the future. Together we can make a huge difference in the lives of the Quechua people!"

For more information, see the article on page 4.

The Board of Directors pledged to fund 100% of Quechua Benefit's overhead in 2018.

All the following will be paid for by the BOD:

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



Kindness

The little girl in pink was photographed this April at her kindergarten, Saint Erblon, in Yanque which is situated in the Colca Valley about one mile from Quechua Benefit's school, Casa Chapi. **She has no idea who you might be, but she needs your kindness.**

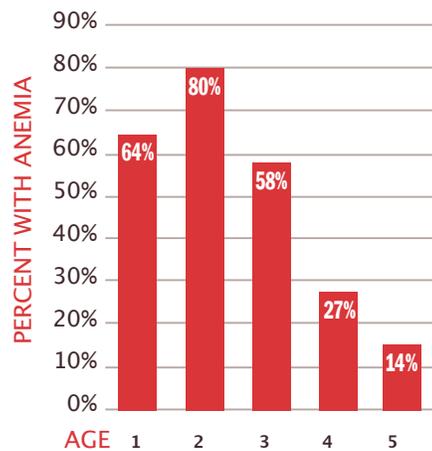
Angela is two years old sitting on her mother, Alissa's, lap with a beautiful countenance.

By looking at Angela you would never guess, but both she and her mother are anemic.



Angela is one of the 51% of children at Saint Erblon Kindergarten in Yanque that have anemia.

Anemia Affliction by Age



Quechua Benefit's preventative medicine campaigns treat children under 5 years of age because they are those most affected by anemia.

Your generosity has allowed Quechua Benefit to begin a pilot project that treats children under five years of age and their mothers for anemia. Last month we started testing and treating the 63 children at the kindergarten in

Yanque. Here is what we found.

- 1) 8 out of 11 one-year-old children were anemic.
- 2) 12 out of 15 two-year-old children were anemic.
- 3) 7 out of 12 three-year-old children were anemic.

In all, 51% of the children at the school ages one through five were anemic. It is particularly disturbing since Yanque is one of the more prosperous towns in the Valley. Quechua Benefit focuses on serving the rural, hard to reach, less prosperous towns in Peru. If an affluent town like Yanque is suffering from high rates of anemia, imagine towns with less resources.

There are more children just like Angela at the kindergarten and countless others like her in the rural highlands of Peru. They all need your generous hearts to be saved from a very bleak future. **Quechua Benefit believes your kindness can change their lives forever.**

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Kindness

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The consequences of anemia are devastating. **Afflicted children's brains will weigh 25% less at maturity than a child without a history of anemia. They will have an IQ that is 10% less than a similarly situated healthy child.** They will miss a significantly larger number of school days from problems stemming from malnutrition and immune system deficiency.

Quechua Benefit knows that with your support we can prevent these children's anemia.

For the past two years, we have been operating preventative medicine campaigns to combat anemia in 60 primary and secondary schools. We make regular visits to 24 towns. In 2019, with your help, we will increase the number of towns we visit to 50. We have successfully treated 60% of the kids diagnosed with iron deficient anemia. We are working to improve that percentage into the high 70 % range.

We need your kind hearts to join us to create a happy ending to this story.

Changing Lives Forever

Because of you, three small children's lives may never be the same. Marjorie, Dante and Ismael are Casa Chapi students that need minor surgeries to make a major impact on their lives.

Marjorie, Dante and Ismael

Marjorie is 8 years old and enjoys studying. Dante is in 5th grade and wants to work on machines when he grows up. They both need corrective eye surgery. They struggle in school because of their crossed eyed condition.



Marjorie

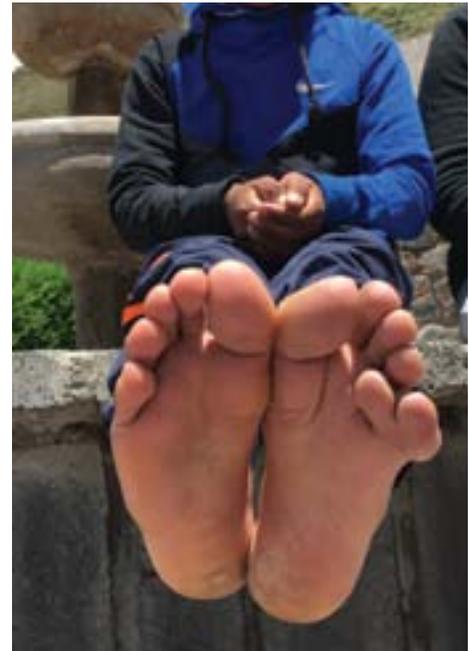


Dante

With your help, they can continue their studies without any trouble seeing.

Ismael was born with six toes on his left foot. He is 12 years old and likes Casa Chapi because he has plenty to eat and a safe place to sleep.

Ismael's first love is soccer, but his sixth toe makes him limp and causes daily pain.



Ismael

Worst of all he cannot kick a soccer ball properly. The surgery will remove his extra toe and allow him to walk, run and kick without pain.

Our staff identified doctors who can provide the surgeries for each student. Now all we need is funding. **You can help by donating or hosting a fundraiser for Marjorie, Dante, or Ismael on Facebook or Crowdrise.**

Each surgery will cost approximately \$2500. Call Catherine at 360-521-3441 or Mike at 503-703-6020. You can email any questions to catherine@quechua-benefit.org.

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.

Staff Spotlight: Claudia

Claudia joined the Quechua Benefit Peru team in 2016. She is the manager of our Preventative Medicine Campaigns in the highlands.

“It is a personal and professional challenge for me,” she says, “to be part of this program that seeks to eradicate anemia in the highland communities of Peru.”



Claudia believes the lack of information regarding the devastating impact of anemia is the biggest problem facing the health of the Quechua people in the highlands. She says, “I recognize that the best way to contribute, is to act.”

Each year Quechua Benefit teams visit each community in our service areas twice which include the Colca Valley, Picotani, Nunoa, and Corani.

In addition to treatment, Claudia’s team provides community health seminars which explain both the cause and the consequences of anemia.

Claudia treats a young girl for anemia in April in Yanque, Peru.

Your generosity has created a solution by funding the preventative medicine campaigns to stop anemia in its tracks.

“My favorite part of the medical campaigns are the children who are always ready to learn.

Even the youngest ones are eager, curious, and want to have the highest score of hemoglobin. They are interested in knowing what it means to have a healthy lifestyle.

For us, they are the reason for our motivation.”

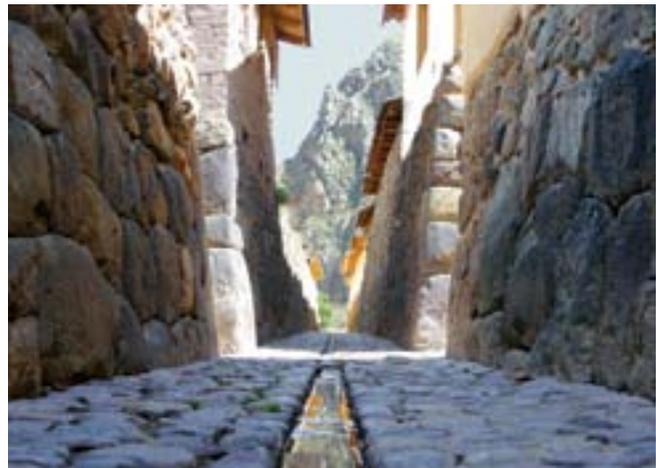
2018 Education *with a Destination* Peru

Oct. 21 - Nov. 3, 2018

Join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to Peru. See the landscape and the natural habitat of the alpaca and the people that have nurtured these incredible creatures and fiber for countless years on the Quechua Benefit & Education with a Destination Tour in Peru!

The trip will be led by Amanda VandenBosch and Mike Safley. The cost of the tour includes in-country transportation, lodging, meals and education. You are responsible for your airfare to and from Peru.

Don't miss out on the options to attend the International Alpaca Fiesta and extend your trip to the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu!



See the full schedule and sign up at quechuabenefit.org/peru-tour

Donor Spotlight:

Christine Brown

Christine Brown discovered Quechua Benefit in Bend, OR when she and her husband Jim attended *Education with a Destination* in Bend, OR on the last weekend of August. At the Saturday evening auction and dinner for Quechua Benefit, they saw an incredible musical performance from some of our children from Casa Chapi.

Christine loved the choir with their talent, poise, and enthusiasm. **She was immediately enthralled by the Quechua Benefit mission which spurred her to join the organization on the Peru Tour in 2016.** (You can go too! See the 2018 Alpaca Fiesta and Peru Tour package on page 3.)

“This was an awesome trip of a lifetime,” she says, “but my favorite experience was spending time in the Quechua highlands with the native people. **I enjoyed learning about their culture and participating in their myriad of ceremonies involving the exotic vicuñas and world-class alpacas.**”

“**Our visit to Casa Chapi to tour the campus and meet the school children was awe-inspiring.** There, the Quechua children thoroughly entertained us with an impressive array of musical and theatrical performances. It was an absolute joy to be with them!”

“Having been to Peru, I have gained a unique appreciation for the Quechua people and understand their need for both financial and emotional support. **I believe that they are truly deserving of our charity and service to help them thrive as a community. Supporting Quechua Benefit is the best way to accomplish this goal.**”

Originally from the East Coast, Dr. Brown established a leading dermatology practice at Mohs Surgery in Dallas, Texas, 26 years ago. In 2012, she fell in love with alpacas and bought a ranch in Montrose, CO which also allowed



Christine Brown fell in love with the kids at Casa Chapi on the 2016 Peru Tour.

her to escape the Texas heat and to be closer to the Telluride Ski area.

Never one to sit still, she started a practice in Montrose with the hopes to semi-retire on the ranch with Jim and their daughter Samantha who graduates this month from Texas A&M College Station School of Veterinary Medicine.

Christine is expanding her support of Quechua Benefit by hosting her first Quechua Benefit event:

*June 28, 2018
Dallas, TX*

“I enthusiastically welcome your participation now and in the future. Together we can make a huge difference in the lives of the Quechua people!”

For details on the event visit quechuabenefit.org/event/gardenparty.

If you are interested in attending this event or would like to host your own fundraiser for Quechua Benefit, please contact Mike at 503-703-6020 or Catherine at 360-521-3441 or catherine@quechuabenefit.org.

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QUECHUA BENEFIT UPCOMING EVENTS

Peruvian Garden Party
Dallas, TX – June 28

Education with a Destination
Bend, OR – August 18

**2018 Peru Tour/
Int'l Alpaca Fiesta**
October 21 - November 3

**2019 Portland Annual
Dinner & Auction**
Portland, OR – May 16, 2019