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The Board of Directors pays Quechua Benefit's Annual Overhead

Please remember the Quechua Benefit Board of Directors pays 100% of the charity's overhead.

This means that 100% of your generous donations go directly to children's education, preventive medicine campaigns and economic empowerment programs in Peru.



Dale Cantwell: Volunteer Extraordinaire



In Peru, Dale is honored for his devotion to serving the Quechua people.

Over the years the right people have come along at just the right time to help Quechua Benefit. **They are people just like you, who just like you want to change lives and make a difference.**

Dale Cantwell is one of those people. Just as Quechua Benefit was ready to expand Casa Chapi, along came Dale and his wife Pamela Ray, who offered their help.

Dale and Pamela joined Richard and Jane Miller who generously donated funds to make the construction of a new four-classroom schoolhouse possible. The building also included a casita for twelve additional students and a second floor library.

Dale's expertise as an engineer proved invaluable as he drew the plans and supervised the construction. In 2012 the school became a reality.

Shortly thereafter, Quechua Benefit invited Dale to join the Board of Directors. He has served diligently, often traveling to Peru four or five times a year. He recently supervised the construction of the Sister

Antonia Community Kitchen in Ichupampa after a devastating earthquake destroyed the existing facility.

Today Dale is the Executive Director of Quechua Benefit. He supervises three programs that you so generously make possible.

1) The preventative medicine program that has treated more than 15,000 children for anemia in the highlands of Peru since 2017.

2) The animal welfare program that vaccinates dogs and alpacas for various parasites and viruses.

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Dale's engineering expertise transforms life at Casa Chapi.

3) The economic empowerment program that trains women and gives them a market for handspun yarn in the USA.

Quechua Benefit greatly appreciates Dale's volunteer contributions. Founder Mike Safley says,

"Quechua Benefit would not be where it is today without Dale's leadership."

Dale has spent years learning the culture, meeting government officials and gaining the trust of the people we serve.

In the early days of Quechua Benefit I often worried about who would carry on in Peru after I passed. Today there is no question that Dale has the expertise and the desire to lead Quechua Benefit forward."

Quechua Benefit wants you to know that because of donors and volunteers like you the organization is growing dramatically and becoming increasingly ready to face the future.

Staff Spotlight:

Alejandro Tejada, Peru Country Director

Alejandro Tejada is from Majes, an agricultural valley in the Arequipa region of Peru. He graduated from San Agustin de Arequipa University with a degree in economics in 1985.

"Casa Chapi is a beautiful opportunity for our kids — it is changing their lives."

Alejandro joined Quechua Benefit ten years ago after gaining a great deal of experience working on governmental projects in Southern Peru. He has always enjoyed focusing on rural projects with



Students harvest vegetables in the greenhouse.



Alejandro is devoted to his Casa Chapi students.

Quechua communities and alpaca breeders.

Recently Alejandro designed and built the new greenhouse at Casa Chapi that was made possible by the generosity of Cass and Old Dog Galloway. Now he supervises the operation from sowing to harvest.

"For me, is a great achievement of my life to witness how much we are growing. As the Quechua Benefit Peru Country Director, I have to give my best every day in all activities and projects.

I am very happy to work with American people who believe in the Peruvian people."



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Mission in the Andes

With Love from Indiana to Peru

On October 14, 2018, Angie Kidd led a mission from her church in Kendallville, Indiana to Casa Chapi.



Angie Kidd's love for Casa Chapi shines.

*One of the little girls
held tightly to my hand.
When she let go,
I am fairly certain a little part
of my heart stayed in her hand.*

Angie's group took the children on field trips to places they could only imagine. Sixth graders visited Casa Chapi Arequipa to experience where they will live and go to school in 2019. A large group of younger children visited Condor Cross to see the huge birds rising from the canyon at dawn.

Seeing condors fly in the canyon is breathtaking, but it was even more

breathtaking to see the faces of children as they watched their first condor rise on enormous wings at dawn.

The children's joy in their new experiences was matched only by the swelling hearts of every adult.

The highlight of the children's trip to Arequipa was visiting the mall. They stepped on the escalator that swept them up two floors on their way to the bookstore to choose their very own book.

Back at Casa Chapi, engineers from the team installed a fully-automated sprinkler system in the new greenhouse. A day's work immediately resulted in a beautiful mist that burst forth over the strawberries, peppers, lettuce, and radishes the children are growing.

Back home, the dreaming didn't end. It wasn't long before the team started planning another trip, but **Pastor Angie warns, "If you visit Casa Chapi, be prepared to live with a little part of your heart thousands of miles away."**



More than a few children giggled at the missionaries' bumbling fingers as they attempted to crochet and sew.



The Trinity Church United Methodist group helps dreams come true at Casa Chapi.

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Generous Hearts, Charitable Mistakes

Most people have generous hearts, but when it comes to charitable giving their mind can play tricks on them.

Scientists have pointed out two phenomena regarding charity: The Unexpected Joy of Giving and the Martyrdom Effect.

The joy of giving is often underestimated.

Many people assume that generosity involves sacrifice or that they need to give up something before someone else can have more.

Science has proven that people experience a big boost in happiness when they spend money helping others.



Phil Corbin experiences the joy of giving firsthand.

A random sample of people were handed envelopes containing from \$5 to \$15. Some envelopes came with a note that told the recipients to spend the money on themselves. Other envelopes contained instructions to spend the money on someone else.

At the end of the day, the researchers asked all the people to rate their happiness. Surprisingly, the amount of money they received did not impact their happiness quotient one way or the other, but the people who spent the money on someone else were much happier.

One of the surprising aspects of the study was that people tend to believe that it is



Your gift to Quechua Benefit will improve the daily lives of many little children.

too easy to “just write a check”. They named this discovery **the martyrdom effect**.

Consider the cost of volunteering in Peru doing carpentry, nursing, or teaching children to read.

- *Your labor at local hourly rates might be worth \$150 for a 10-day mission.*

Then consider the additional cost an individual would incur to travel to Peru.

- *Your hotel, food, and air travel could cost \$2500.*

- *Your \$2,500 check would support nearly 17 local workers over the same 10-day period!*

In fact, gifts of money often do more good than a single volunteer’s effort could.

What the study didn’t examine is the pure joy created when you personally see the result of your giving. That’s why Quechua Benefit encourages you not only to give but also to travel to Peru.

We often assume that giving money away is a choice between our happiness and somebody else’s happiness.



But we are built to feel good when we give. Not to mention that when we give, everyone wins.

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