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Congratulations to the Casa Chapi Class of 2021!



Thanks to you, Griset, Maria Fernanda, and Vidal graduated from Paola Frassinetti High School in Arequipa in December.



Maria Fernanda from Caylloma

Because of the support of donors like you, Maria Fernanda has been empowered to break the cycle of poverty. As an alpaca shepherdess, her single mom could not afford

school for her five children, but you made it possible for Maria Fernanda to attend Casa Chapi since 2013 and graduate from high school. Maria Fernanda, who is passionate about art and business, plans to pursue a degree in Business Administration.

“Education is important to me because it’s the way we can change our lifestyle and be an example to our society. For all the kids currently at Casa Chapi, take advantage of this great opportunity. There is only one chance, don’t pass it up. Your future depends on it. Show that you are capable of change. Don’t fear success.”

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Volunteer Spotlight: Behind the Scenes with Aaron Marcellino and Andrew Curtis of Hitchhiker Pictures



Aaron Marcellino on location filming Heroes of the Andes in Picotani, Peru, Dec. 2021.

Aaron Marcellino and Andrew Curtis are the amazing ownership team behind **Hitchhiker Pictures**, an award-winning full-service production company based in California with more than a decade of industry experience.

Hitchhiker Pictures has partnered with us since 2014 on over a dozen projects to help us tell our story digitally. These videos have been instrumental in Quechua Benefit's ability to raise millions of dollars in the years since they began volunteering.

A Chance to Be a Child won the Walt Ratterman Humanitarian Award at the 2016 Columbia Gorge International Film Festival and *Searching for Siomera* won the Legacy Award at the 2017 Angaelica Festival at Bear Lake, CA.



Aaron and Andrew with Board Chairman Chad Colton in Peru, 2015.



Andrew Curtis on location filming Heroes of the Andes in Picotani, Peru, Dec. 2021.

Other films Hitchhiker Pictures have created for Quechua Benefit include:

Casa Chapi Tour Video, 2013

The Alpaca's Head: Don Julio Barreda's Business Card, 2016

Macusani: The Birthplace of Quechua Benefit, 2016

The Life You Can Save, 2017

Quechua Benefit Listens: July Veterinary Listening Tour, 2017

Casa Chapi's Story, 2018

Casa Chapi Reading Practice, 2018

Alliyma Video Series, 2019

In December, Aaron and Andrew were part of a 12-member international team that spent 15 days with Quechua Benefit filming people and Vicuña in Lima, Arequipa, and Cusco for the full-length documentary film entitled, **THE HEROES of the ANDES**. Look for it on Netflix or National Geographic in 2022.

Their generosity and volunteer spirit are easy to understand. Aaron inherited it from his grandfather Richard Miller, who is one of Quechua Benefits most generous donors and prolific volunteers.

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Vidal from Yanque

Vidal's father was the sole income earner in the family but suffered a traumatic accident and could no longer support his six kids. Vidal's future would have been simple and traditional:

drop out of school, start working, and thus perpetuate the cycle of poverty.

Instead, Vidal's parents sent him and his brothers to Casa Chapi, where the boys enjoyed playing football and learning good values. Vidal excelled in his studies and hopes to attend college to major in culinary arts and nutrition to become a chef.

"To all the kids at Casa Chapi I would tell them to continue studying, make an effort and be dedicated in every activity they do. For me, education is important because it allows me to have development opportunities such a work and a higher quality of life."



Vidal aspires to become a chef.



Griset from Lari

Like many kids who attend Casa Chapi, Griset was raised on a small alpaca farm. Sending their five children to school was too expensive for her poor parents. The day Griset came to Casa Chapi in 2014, she began walking a different path from most kids in rural Peru.

Griset loves sports, especially volleyball and basketball, and excels in math. Thanks to years of support from you, Griset can achieve her dreams. For students like Griset, who have the ambition to learn, education is the most powerful tool to break the cycle of poverty.

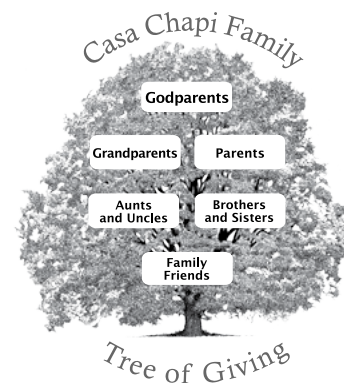


Griset plans to attend university and major in systems engineering.

"To all the parents who are wondering if Casa Chapi will be a good fit for their kids/ family situation – it's a great opportunity for your children, and it will change their lives for the better. Have them dream and build their own path."

Become Part of the Family

Casa Chapi is gearing up to start school in March after being shut down for two years due to Covid-19. *Will you become a member of our Family Tree of Giving to provide a first-class education for at-risk kids?* 100% of your donation goes directly to Casa Chapi.



Choose your level of monthly sponsorship to support your Casa Chapi kids:

Adopt-a-Class to pay for the entire cost of 15 children's education. \$417/mo.

Godparents pay for one child's education. \$300/mo.

Grandparents pay for a house mother who lives with the children in a casita. \$200/mo.

Parents provide medical, dental, and vision care for the kids of Casa Chapi. \$100/mo.

Aunts and Uncles provide one child with breakfast, lunch, dinner and two snacks a day. \$50/mo.

Brothers & Sisters pay for clean drinking water for one child every day of the year at Casa Chapi. \$25/mo.



Pledge your support for Casa Chapi's kids at

quechuabenefit.org/givingtree/



Executive Director Dale Cantwell visits Casa Chapi, October 2019.



Siomera with her reading packet. Last day of school, Dec. 2019

It's Back to School in Peru!

HURRAY! After two years of remote virtual learning for Casa Chapi primary school students, in-person learning will begin March 30, 2022.

You gave generously to provide school-books, iPads, cell phones and internet access so kids could continue their learning in 2020 and 2021. You also made sure our Casa Chapi families received monthly food boxes during the unprecedented time of unemployment and uncertainty.

Your kids are excited and anxious to return to school in March after their summer break. They've grown and need new supplies to start the school year. Join our Casa Chapi Family Tree of Giving to get them off to a great start.

Our Peru staff is already preparing to welcome the kids back to campus! We can't wait to show you pictures of your kids returning to the beautiful campus in Chivay.



Kids are enjoying school at Casa Chapi before school closures, March 2020.

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