



# YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

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## BACK TO SCHOOL IN PERU!

**Casa Chapi's primary school in Chivay is open!** After two years of school at home, parents brought excited kids to campus on March 13th, and in-person classes began on March 14th. Our faculty happily welcomed 70 kids enrolled in grades 1-6.

Our Peru staff is working closely with the Ministry of Education to follow strict COVID protocols to ensure the health and safety of our students and teachers. Enrollment is currently limited by the 1 meter social distancing requirement. Guidelines will be re-evaluated in May.

For the first four weeks of school, and all Casa Chapi teachers, staff, and students must stay on campus, and parents aren't allowed to visit. On the fifth week, teachers will be able to travel, and kids will go home to visit their families.



*Urpi's and Samy's smiling faces express their joy of returning to campus.*



*Raul is enjoying Casa Chapi's world-class sports field once again.*



*Rubi, our Education Assistant, registers kids as they arrive.*

**Sinfonia por el Peru** will resume mid-April. Kids will make beautiful music again with this premiere music program that has partnered with Casa Chapi since 2019, teaching kids music and self-confidence.

**Your secondary kids are back in school, too!** Nineteen girls in Arequipa have been attending afternoon virtually since mid-March. Boys returned to their studies at the end of March. By mid-April in-person classes should resume for everyone.

Thanks to your support, Casa Chapi is giving kids a great education. You're helping these kids to break the cycle of poverty for their families.

## 2022 Casa Chapi Wishlist

Casa Chapi is changing the future for at-risk boys and girls.

**One gift at a time.**

**One child at a time.**

**You're making an impact that lasts!**



Can you help out with supplies for the new school year?

**\$500** Outfit 10 students with new school uniform for the year

**\$300** Provide health screenings and anemia check-ups for an entire class

**\$200** Active kids are happy! You'll purchase new sports equipment for kids to play

**\$100** Supply a classroom with pencils, crayons, notebooks, and paper

**\$50** Add fun-filled new books to a casita library to encourage kids to read.

**\$25** Give one child health and hygiene items for the entire school year.

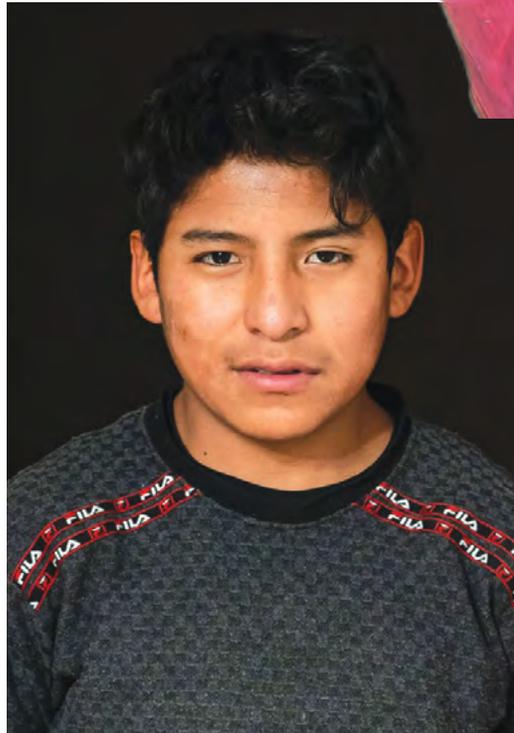


## Dante & Siomera: Their Journey Continues

Some kids' stories grab your heart. One of them is Dante and Siomera's. Quechua Benefit volunteers Jim Gallagher and Dick Miller first set eyes on Siomera in 2014. Her face made a lasting impression as they boarded the tour bus. After a two-year search, Quechua Benefit found Siomera's family and discovered all 11 siblings had parasitic anemia. Siomera became the inspiration for Quechua Benefit's anemia campaigns.



*Siomera says thank you for your love and support.*



*Your generous gifts have given Dante a new outlook and hope for a brighter future.*

Siomera's older brother Dante started as a 5th grader at Casa Chapi in 2016, and Siomera joined him as a 1st grader in 2018. In addition to being anemic, Dante was severely cross-eye eyed. Your generosity provided surgery for Dante's eyes, and both kids received anemia treatment.

*Dante is now a sophomore at Paola Frasinetti, and Siomera is starting 5th grade. When Alejandro recently visited her home in Lari, Siomera wrote a letter to pass along to you. She says:*

*"Hello,*

*I am Siomera, and I am 11 years old. I am studying fifth grade at Casa Chapi School. During Covid pandemic I have studied virtually only with a cellphone, but I didn't have Covid.*

*My favorite sport is volleyball, and my favorite meal is CHAUFA RICE.*

*I hope you are healthy in the USA. I would like you to come to Perú someday.*

*A hug from Siomera"*

# A Tribute to Angus McColl

September 24, 1928 – February 8, 2022

*By Mike Safley*

Angus was born on a farm near Falkirk, Scotland. He graduated from the University of Wyoming after immigrating to the United States from Scotland. Angus and Ira Yocom formed **Yocom-McColl Testing Laboratories Inc.** in 1963 as an independent wool and animal fiber testing facility utilizing ASTM and IWTO procedures.

In the early days Angus's primary business was testing wool. He became a world-renowned expert in his field. The following poem was written by Dr. Chris Lupton in honor of Angus's status in the wool trade:

## *A Short Tribute to Angus McColl*

*An eye for wool is a buyer's training,*

*When others class, they're only feigning.*

*When Selection calls for fineness and yield,*

*Call on the man who's tops in his field.*

*Contact: Angus McColl*

I spoke with Angus by phone in 1992. I was President of the Alpaca Registry at the time, and we decided to create some scientific standards for use in screening Peruvian Alpaca imports into the Registry. Someone suggested I contact Angus. That phone call began a wonderful relationship between

Angus and me. He suggested we collect fiber samples from the side of each alpaca being screened for import. He said he would use the samples to do "histograms" on each sample. He also specified the micron ranges we should accept for average fiber diameter as well as standards for uniformity.

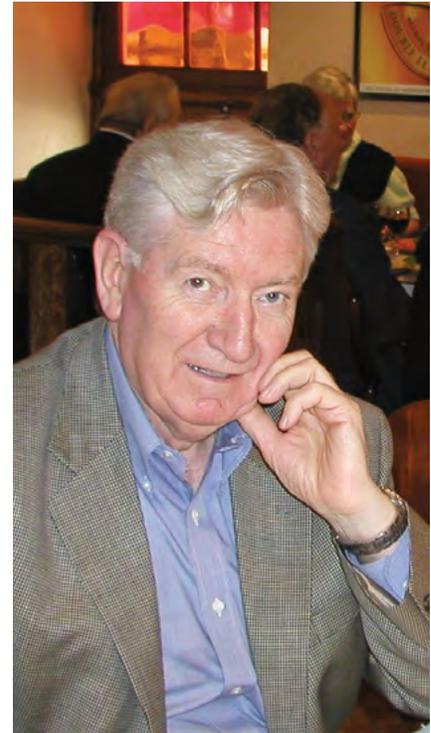
This idea of using histograms to identify superior fleeces and animals took the industry by storm. We printed each histogram and hung it on the animals for-sale pin at the 1994 Peruvian import sale. People literally fought to get the finest animals.

I remember having to teach Tim Vincent and Tom Simmons of Celebrity Sales how to read a histogram so they could add the numbers to their color commentary for



*Angus and his custom pneumatic cutter for individual samples in 2018; that means he was 90 and on the job.*

each sale lot at the Alpaca Futurity. I also remember some of Tom's comments about the meaning of histograms. They were not very accurate, but it didn't matter because at the time nobody except Angus really knew what they meant.



*Angus at an international wool meeting in Nice, France (1998).*

Angus's contribution did not stop there. When I began studying EPD's the first call I made was to Yocom-McColl. He not only knew all about EPD's, but he also knew experts in the field from Texas A&M to the University of Virginia. He introduced me to Dr. David Notter, who helped the alpaca industry create scientifically valid standards for EPD's. Angus joined with us every step of the way and together we established the first Alpaca EPD data base.

Angus was a dear friend. We spent hours on the phone and always took time to sit down and talk at alpaca events, where he became a permanent fixture on the lecture circuit. I will miss him.

# Leading by Example

We are excited to introduce our **Casa Chapi Mentor Program** this year! As more students move on to high school, we want to make the most of the opportunity for older students to mentor younger students. Through sharing their own experiences, **older students can provide guidance, emotional support, and answer questions of younger kids.**

Our mentors will be seniors in high school in Arequipa who excel academically and our college students. They will be encouraged to visit Casa Chapi at least twice a year, with one visit during a parents' weekend.

Mentors can demonstrate the importance of secondary and higher education in

breaking the cycle of poverty. They will be role models for our primary school students and a positive example for hopeful parents.

At Quechua Benefit, we believe it is important that our mentors continue to feel connected to their communities. Education can be a scary journey for those who've never experienced it. Positive personal experiences from older students can alleviate some of this fear, build confidence, support, and trust in the outstanding education program at Casa Chapi.

Stay tuned for the announcement of our first class of mentors!

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## Peru Tours Coming Soon!

### 2022 Custom Tours

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**In 2023 Quechua Benefit Tours resume!**

More information coming soon!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aug. 6** Family Night on the Farm in Hillsboro, OR

**Aug. 23** Education with a Destination, Bend, OR

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT ON THE FARM**  
 August 6, 2022  
 Bring your kids! Starting at 4:00 pm  
 Dinner at 6:00 pm  
 Quechua Benefit Auction 7:30-9:00 pm  
 Alpaca Farm and Gardens  
 Hillsboro, OR

**SAVE THE DATE**