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Dear Herbert,

This past year has been a time of positive change and tremendous growth for Quechua Benefit. It has also been a challenging year for the Quechua people we serve. I would like to share a few of this year's accomplishments with you. Both heartbreaking and heartwarming, they are the essence of our mission.

Quechua Benefit provided warm blankets, hot soup, and essential services to over 3,000 people in the Peruvian Altiplano during an extremely cold winter that killed tens of thousands of alpacas and caused respiratory illness in thousands of children. Soon after, a shallow earthquake caused widespread damage in the same communities that were affected by the cold snap. In Ichupampa, one of the towns hit hardest by the quake, we are rebuilding the community center and kitchen that serves the elderly and school children daily.

The number of children living and studying at Casa Chapi has grown to 63, and, at the request of our teachers, we have instituted teacher training sessions to offer the best education in the region. Our first exchange student from Casa Chapi, Xeina, is excelling in her studies at Cascades Academy, our partner school in Oregon.

Casa Chapi now runs entirely on solar power. The new schoolhouse opened its doors in March. Parents of our students attend monthly healthy living seminars at the school and have asked us to hold them more often. The beautiful new chapel shines over the valley and provides space for interfaith services and events.

Siomera, a 5-year-old girl, received medical care needed for her to thrive, and her brother, Dante, is being treated to correct his eyesight. In addition, Quechua Benefit provided preventative medicine and dental care to more than 5,000 people this year.

These examples illustrate only a small portion of the good work your support provides. Quechua Benefit is developing healthy, sustainable communities throughout the Peruvian highlands—communities that will continue to grow and thrive by empowering the Andean people with education and resources to care for themselves and their families.

Your continued support is essential to our efforts. Please take a moment to write a check, make a gift online, or call our office.

We thank you, and the gratitude of the Quechua people we serve is boundless.

With warm regards,

Amanda

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Chair, Quechua Benefit Board of Directors

*Herbert,
Thank you for all you
do for Quechua Benefit.
We appreciate your
support and the support
of the Association.
Blessings A*