# IMPACT REPOTET 2017

### A Year of Service and Growth



**YOU** have made this an unbelievable year of growth! **THANK YOU** for giving youths and women in Perú hope by being a part of our programs. Your support is bringing them to independence, breaking chains of poverty, and helping them to learn about their purpose and the love of God. Thank you for being a part of the success story of each youth and each woman of the Hilos y Semillas program. **YOU** have made possible the many accomplishments of 2017 and have set the stage for future growth and service.

# 2017 Successes











Because of you, many of our youths graduated this year from various steps in their journeys to independence. Eros, Luz, Eyni, Caroline, and Miguel have successfully finished their degrees for high school, tourism, Luz de Vida transitional program, accounting, and pharmaceutical technician respectively. They continue forward to the next step in reaching their dreams. Your love and support are the reason they have succeeded.

Thank you for helping our U.S. office to grow, as well. Due to the recent growth and to successfully implement our business plan, the board has approved my being the first paid Director on the U.S. side, along with an hourly book-keeper and our volunteer administrative assistant. After 8 years, I am elated to see our team grow and continue to work towards the betterment of those in Peru. Thank you!

#### Doers of the Word

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PEOPLE FROM 10 STATES IN U.S.

PARTICIPATED IN MISSIONS TRIPS

- Conducted eye exams for 300 people
- Provided training for youth & staff
- Led REFINE women's conference
- Education classes for emotional health, hygiene, and relationships
- · Visited and supported orphanages
- Distributed soccer gear to youths

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LONG & SHORT TERM VOLUNTEERS

SERVED IN U.S. & PERU

- U.S. Administrative Assistant
- Supported Hilos y Semillas project
- Counseling & group therapy sessions
- Administrative duties & social media
- Snowshoe for Peru 5k event support
- Translation and sponsorship support
- Provided flood relief and life kits

28

YOUTH SPONSORS

PROVIDING EDUCATION

- Six sponsors visited their youths
- Wrote letters of encouragement
- Shared pictures of family
- Provided for educational needs
- Celebrated birthdays via cards
- Prayed for each other
- Encouraged and shared stories

# Cheerful Giving

In April 2017, Peru was hit by several weeks of torrential rains causing the worst flooding in over 20 years. Houses, buildings, and streets were destroyed and mosquitos and infections became prevalent. *You were kind enough to be a part of relief efforts giving over \$6,000 in donations*. You provided more than 100 'life' kits to families in need. You provided them with clean water, boots, gloves, repellant, and other items to help them recover from the disastrous flooding. Thank you for helping families get the repairs they need for their homes and for helping us fix the damage

done to our facility.





Eleven new youth sponsors joined, bringing the total to 28 people building

relationships with our youths. The Preparing for Independence outreach program has been providing weekly training to 25 youths still living in local orphanages. The number of monthly partners increased to 27. Their consistency is a tremendous resource! The matching funds end-of-year campaign resulted in generous contributions that totaled over \$25,000 towards our programs, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Snowshoe for Peru 5k" event raised over \$6,500. The financial efficiency of our program continued to be exceptional with 91% of our donations going directly to serve the youths and women in Peru.

#### Path Forward 2018

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INCREASE # OF HILOS Y SEMILLAS PROGRAM SITES

FROM 2 TO 3

x 2

INCREASE # OF MONTHLY PARTNERS FROM 27 TO 54 +1

BEGIN PROGRAM FOR BOYS TO LIVE AT TRANSITIONAL HOME

**NEW PROGRAM** 

# Thank You

Volunteers who give their time, donors who give with their finances, and partners who provide support all combine to deliver new opportunities to Peru's at-risk youths.

As 2018 is underway, we are reminded that we can help so many deserving young people in Peru, but the key to providing more assistance is **YOU**. Clearly these plans are dependent on your continued support - donors and volunteers willing to change the lives of the youths and women in our programs. Please pray about how you may continue to be a part of their future success!

Thank you for being a part of our family!

Robyn Hanson, CEO Corazón de Esperanza