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 2018 and have set the stage for future growth and service.

2018 Successes

Thank you for helping 19 youth graduate this year from our orphanage youth training program, Preparing for Independence. While still living in local orphanages, the youths have met with us weekly for two years participating in life-skills classes, Biblical studies and becoming prepared for the future.

After graduation, several girls moved into our transitional home, while others applied to receive an educational scholarship through our program. Thank you for giving these nineteen youth the support they need to continue to pursue their dreams. Your love and encouragement are the reason they have succeeded.

Your giving allowed us to open our third women’s sustainability project with Hilos y Semillas (Threads and Seeds.) We have 12 women who have joined the new community in the neighborhood of La Esperanza. After their weekly Bible study, they work together making knit pieces and jewelry. The three sites reach 37 women in total who are building a strong community to provide for their families. They have begun selling at fairs throughout Perú and the US and are reaching out to sell their beautiful items in stores.

Hands of Hope

- Led 2nd REFINE women’s conference
- Distributed soccer gear to community
- Education classes and training for emotional healing and relationships
- Ministered in the local jail
- Held a baptism for youth
- U.S. Administrative Assistant
- Supported Hilos y Semillas project
- Youth retreats and outings
- Administrative duties & social media
- Snowshoe for Peru 5k event support
- Translation and sponsorship support
- Four sponsors visited their youths
- Wrote letters of encouragement
- Shared pictures of family
- Provided for educational needs
- Celebrated birthdays via cards
- Prayed for each other
This year, thanks to a grant from the Ayers Foundation, we were able to open the third floor of our youth transitional home to six new girls! Four of the young ladies graduated from Preparing for Independence training program. We are excited to have 15 girls in the home!

Due to the many girls on our waiting list and understanding that the 2nd and 3rd floors are in close proximity, it was determined to house only girls in this space. Thank you for your prayers as we continue to keep the best interest of our youth in mind and begin looking for alternate housing for the boys program.

This year we added a third intergenerational Peru Crew mission trip in July, allowing 12 more people to serve with us in Perú each year. Thirty youth sponsors are providing an education and building relationships with our youths! The number of monthly partners increased to 55. Their consistency is a tremendous resource. The matching funds end-of-year campaign resulted in generous contributions that totaled over $32,000 towards counseling and youth programs. The 6th Annual “Snowshoe for Peru 5k” event raised over $10,000. The financial efficiency of our program continued to be exceptional with 89% of our donations going directly to serve the youths and women in Peru.

As 2019 is underway, I am thankful for YOU. Your generosity is the key to providing assistance to so many deserving young people in Perú. 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
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