



Featured grantee for April 2017

Chicuchas Wasi School for Girls



Dining for Women



Changing the world one dinner at a time

Introducing Chicuchas Wasi



The Chicuchas Wasi School for Girls promotes gender equality, self-esteem, and human dignity for indigenous girls of rural Cusco, Peru, by educating, empowering and preparing them for economic independence and unlimited opportunity.

Where in the world?

Chicuchas Wasi School for Girls is in Cusco, Peru. Situated high in the Andes at 11,000 feet, this tourist destination is famous for its Incan ruins. Although the urban and coastal regions of Peru have seen an increase in economic growth in the recent past, the rural, indigenous poor have not. People on the outskirts of Cusco live in stark poverty and oppression, resulting in entire families being without schooling, malnourished and in poor health.

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What are we supporting?

DFW's grant of \$50,000 will cover \$35,000 of CW's teacher salaries and \$15,000 of the school meal program for two 10-month school years. CW prepares girls to become future leaders for social change, to end gender inequality, malnutrition, female abuse and child abandonment. The program stresses the academic and personal skills needed for a life of dignity, equality and economic independence.



Direct impact – 112 students
Indirect impact – 155 parents (105 mothers)

Life Challenges of Women in Rural Cusco

The women of Cusco endure poverty, malnutrition and customs that favor education for boys but not girls. Girls are encouraged to find a man to support them, leading to lives of servitude and teen motherhood. Oppressed and unable to care for themselves or their children, common ramifications include child abandonment, alcoholism, domestic violence, and depression.



Budget

How Dining for Women's grant of \$50,000 will be used over two years:

Item		Total
Personnel	Teacher/director salaries (including taxes, pension, etc.) for part of eight full-time and two part-time personnel	\$35,000
Food program	Food program costs, including food (nutritious, daily hot meals, plus morning oatmeal for those who need breakfast), propane, salaries for cook and cook's assistant	\$15,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$50,000

About the Featured Grantee



Since 1987, Chicuchas Wasi has focused on the human rights violations of abandoned children, some as young as age 6, living on the streets of Cusco. CW has been serving Cusco's indigenous Quechua community ever since, and has become well versed in the underlying causes of child abandonment and poverty in the region.

About the Featured Grantee



CW has 29 years of hands-on experience and success serving the poor children of Cusco. In 1997, it created the first School for Girls with thirteen 4 year-olds. In 2012 a new primary school was opened to almost full enrollment. Today's graduates who go on to high school have been recognized as some of the highest achievers, and are noted for their leadership skills. CW's robust, far-reaching curriculum enhances the health, vitality and lives of the students, resulting in student and parental pride.

Share Your Thoughts



1. Why is it important for the students' mothers and fathers to be included?
2. What are some of the specialized skills a CW teacher might possess?
3. What will be the long-term effect of educating these girls?

April 2017 Sustained Program: Health in Harmony

The sustained grant to Health in Harmony (Indonesia) funds training or continued support to women to fulfill positions of leadership or highly-specialized technical jobs; establishes organic gardens so women are empowered as household financial managers and providers; engages the wives of illegal loggers in starting small businesses that will help their husbands make the transition to new livelihoods; and provides widows with pairs of mated goats to establish goat herds to serve as an economic “safety net” in times of hardship and improve each widows’ economic independence.

