

# Help for the Andes Foundation

Uplifting humanity

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

*Help for the Andes* is a non-profit organization established September 24th, 2001, with registration number 899 of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Chile.

The *Help for the Andes Foundation* seeks to improve the quality of life for the Chilean community, Latin America, and other needy parts of the world, for the present and for future generations. As a civil society under the United Nations Economic and Social Council, *ECOSOC*, the Foundation contributes to the United Nations Millennium Goals, such as: eradicating extreme poverty, promoting gender equality, reducing infant mortality, improving maternal health, and developing global partnerships.

### Our mission

Our philanthropic action is in the realm of health and diet, education, housing, and the distribution of clothing and other basic needs for the needy and disabled. We also work in the areas of social adaptation and communication.

The *Help for the Andes Foundation* serves as a direct link between those in need and those with the desire and means to give.

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## Institutional Development in 2019

### Humanitarian Aid

#### Wheelchair distribution and medical supplies

This year we began a partnership between *Free Wheelchair Mission Inc.*, from California, USA, and *Help for the Andes Foundation* to bring hundreds of wheelchairs for free distribution in needy medical centers throughout Chile. This initiative will be from 2020 until 2023.

In June we made agreements with US charities to continue to receive medical supplies for the coming year, 2020.

Healthcare projects

Alongside the *Hospital Clinic of the Universidad de Chile*, *Help for the Andes Foundation* is collaborating in the creation and development of the following projects:

- Project 1: A new building for the Ophthalmology Service associated with teleophthalmology designed to improve primary health care.
- Project 2: Improve the operative surgical ophthalmology capacity throughout the operating rooms.

It is estimated that in the North Metropolitan area at least 100,000 people will annually benefit through ophthalmological examinations and surgeries.

- Project 3: The acquisition of a Robotic equipment *da Vinci*, with stimulation console for Digestive, Thorax, Urological and Gynecological Surgeries and the training of specialists in these technologies.

The Robotic surgery project is estimated to benefit around 1,000 patients and provide internship for 120 surgeons annually.

We will be presenting these projects to diverse international organizations.

## Social Health and Education

During the first two quarters of the year *Human Touch* and *CrearSer* held workshops and taught courses for 600 attendees on themes such as conflict management, abuse, and child rearing. These seminars were held in the Peruvian mountains, in and around the city of Huaraz, under the guidance of Janet Muñoz, founder of *CrearSer*. The purpose of these seminars was to teach values and social skills to parents, young people, and educators in these remote communities of limited resources and of extreme poverty.

In April, we gave a donation of educational books and school supplies to 400 children in Sucre, one of the poorest cities of Peru, in the region of Huancavelica.

Our associate and volunteer, Janet Muñoz, procured Christmas gifts for 41 children who reside in the Ricardo Palma Carretera Home in Chosica.

In November we held meetings with *CrearSer* in Lima, Peru, to continue our alliance between *CrearSer* and *Human Touch* under the direction of Janet Muñoz, clinical psychologist, to further our commitment in teaching fundamental values.

Our desire is to strengthen the youth, parents, and educators through the educational programs with volunteers from *Help for the Andes Foundation* and *CrearSer* as we continue to work with the most vulnerable areas of Peru.

## Website and Audiovisual material

We have obtained ongoing collaboration from *Notable Films Chile* towards audiovisual material for future projects. We are preparing audiovisuals, photos, films, and videos for this end.

In keeping with the latest internet technology, Anim Paquette and Juan Manuel Rosas Raffo redesigned and updated our website for compatibility between internet platforms and navigators.

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## OUR PROJECTS

### For 2020

*Help for the Andes Foundation* continues to make lasting contributions in the areas of health, education, and social adaptation.

Housing:

Help for the Andes Foundation, through Global Giving, will be procuring donations to construct new, suitable, and permanent houses for 2 vulnerable families from the La Pradera camp in the region of Valparaiso.

The region of Valparaiso has a population of 1,759,167. It is estimated that 19.2 %, or 337,760 persons, live at poverty level. According to the 2002 Housing Census there is a 34% housing deficit that mainly affects low income families. This means that out of 440,704 houses in the region, 149,839 do not own their own homes. Although there are collaborative construction projects between the government, business groups and individuals, there is still much to do. Therefore the civil society takes the initiative with the ultimate goal that these families—by owning their own homes—can

participate in community with a sense of belonging that is fundamental to lead them to discover personal potential and talents, develop skill competence, and acquire self-sufficiency. Our project is directed towards vulnerable groups and homeless people.

This project is aimed to provide a model program that assists families with need of permanent housing to raise their standard of living, health, and security.

In closing

Dear members of our Governing Board, we hope that this account of our year's activities will strengthen our resolve for the tasks ahead in 2020, providing the motivation to fulfill our statutes as we count on the valuable support of individuals, companies and foundations who have selflessly contributed to this cause.

Our sincere thanks to you all,

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