

Help for the Andes Foundation

Uplifting humanity

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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.

Institutional Development in 2017

Humanitarian Aid and Medical Development

Seminars for the Humanization of Medicine

The prestigious North American doctor, Patch Adams visited Chile in December, thanks to the efforts of Juan Manuel Rosas and team. The doctor has traveled the world in a campaign to promote compassion, sensitivity, and communication with patients—teaching that love is essential for the humanization of medicine.

His latest visit gave many adults and young people a chance to renew their commitments to love, humor, and creativity in their actions. These principles

have been promoted since the beginning of the Gesundheit Center, 40 years ago, when it began as a pilot hospital project for humane holistic medicine.

On December 4th, Dr. Hunter Doherty, known as “Patch Adams” participated in two activities. The first was a meeting with the academic community of the Medical Faculty of the Universidad de Chile, organized by the Nursing Department. The meeting was entitled after their project, “Humanización de la Formación para un Cuidado Digno” (Training for Humane Care) which scrutinizes the role that medicine has taken in our society today. Patch Adam’s presentation emphasized the joy of attending to people with compassion and loving care.

Later that day Dr. Adams visited the innovative “Anestimagen” Medical Center in San Miguel that is under the direction of Doctor Patricio Mardonez. The center’s mission is to give health services at an ethical price in a center with high technology and international standards. Caring especially for children and those with different abilities, the center has a strong commitment to the patients and their families.

Distribution of medical supplies and equipment:

This year, 2017, *Help for the Andes* worked in alliance with the following European and North American organizations: the Swiss association of the Order of Malta; and the U.S. associations of International Aid in Michigan, Medical Bridges in Texas, and Project Cure in Colorado. Through these alliances we were able to make the following donations whose commercial value was approximately \$360.000 USD.

- A 40 foot container of clinical beds was donated to the elderly of Fundación Las Rosas. Fundación Rosas has 30 homes throughout Chile and provides lodging, food and care for 2200 senior citizens, the majority being over 80 years old.
- A 20 foot container with equipment, supplies, medical beds, wheelchairs and walkers and prescription eyeglasses was donated to Pequeño Cottolengo in Rancagua, a center that gives complete care to 195 handicapped children.
- Through Medical Bridges in Houston, Texas, we were able to donate to the Municipality of Llay Llay a 20 foot container of medical supplies and equipment for their health centers.

- *Help for the Andes* distributed a donation from U.S International Aid in Michigan to the community of Santa Maria, in San Felipe, of a 20 foot container of medical supplies, medical equipment, wheelchairs, and walkers.

Universal Health Coverage Day:

Help for the Andes contributes with Global Health Strategies and the Rockefeller foundation to commemorate the Universal Health Coverage Day, December 12th, in alliance with leading health organizations who unite to urge governments to provide universal health care—aiming to make quality health coverage available to all without creating financial burdens.

The provision of fair, equal access to quality health care throughout the world will depend on the performance of the health care systems, networking organizations, individuals, and government entities working together towards this common aspiration to promote, establish and maintain health care.

Universal Health Coverage Day each 12th of December has the support of *Help for the Andes* as a part of 700 organizations throughout the world.

Social Health and Education

Human Touch Workshops: With the continued collaboration of clinical psychologist, Janet Muñoz, several workshops were held at the CREAR.SER center. These workshops, centering on personal growth and social skills were directed towards young people and adults from the most vulnerable neighborhoods of Lima. They benefitted 20 families

OUR PROJECTS

For 2018

The Human Touch
Courses/Training

In coordination with both public and private institutions, our program “The Human Touch” under the direction of Janet Muñoz, Clinical Psychologist and founder of CREAR.SER, will celebrate workshops and activities in Peru on the

following topics: women's mental health, personal growth, and the formation of values.

"The Human Touch" program promotes development of self-esteem and communication skills to give the participants the personal tools necessary to take control of their own lives with self-assurance—to determine their future and to have a positive impact on their families and communities.

International Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid

As always, we will continue in our mission to obtain and coordinate donations and humanitarian aid for hospitals, medical centers, and for the disabled and vulnerable, enabling them to have access to supplies and equipment that would otherwise be impossible to obtain.

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