

# Help for the Andes Foundation

Uplifting humanity

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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This report gives a summary of our activities and accomplishments for the year, 2022, as part of our quest to better the lives of humanity.

*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 2021

## Humanitarian Aid

### Wheelchair distribution

Working together with *Free Wheelchair Mission Inc.*, this year we received 2 containers with a total of 1,100 wheelchairs. These wheelchairs were assembled and distributed to needy hospitals and medical facilities for use in the transport of their patients.

*Help for the Andes* has a long-term agreement with *Free Wheelchair Mission* that makes these donations possible. We wish to specifically thank Dr. Patricio Mardonez and the volunteers who distribute the wheelchairs to the hospitals and medical centers in the most vulnerable communities in Chile: Universidad de Chile Clinical Hospital, Barros Lucos Hospital and Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Lucio Córdoba Hospital, Roberto del Rio Hospital, CESFAM (family public health center) Norte de Chile, Ezequiel González Cortéz Hospital, Anestimagen, and regional medical health care centers in the southern rural areas of Los Lagos, Castro and Chiloé.

The medical centers have all expressed their gratitude, as these wheelchairs are used to receive patients in the emergency ward as well as for transporting patients for surgery, cancer treatment, medical traumatology, orthopedic care, etc.

We are blessed to be able to provide this basic hospital need for the care of the hospital and clinic patients.

## Education/Housing

### Social integration, workshops and courses

*Help for the Andes* foundation is fully committed to join forces with other organizations that share common goals to effectuate lasting programs for integral human development within needy communities.

*Human Touch* and *CrearSer* held workshops for 22 attendees continuing the same themes that were developed in 2021—conflict management, and child rearing. These seminars were held under the guidance of Janet Muñoz, founder of *CrearSer*,

for vulnerable families in the impoverished Amazon region of Peru. The purpose of these seminars is to give psychological support to young people, parents, and educators in these communities of limited resources and/or extreme poverty.

Volunteers from *Help for the Andes Foundation*, in collaboration with *CrearSer*, continue to work with the most vulnerable areas of the Amazon and the mountainous regions of Peru.

### Project IDA

This year the American organization, Global Giving in partnership with Help for the Andes, has donated funds designated to enlarge the communal kitchen and dining room of the La Pradera Camp in the Valparaiso/Viña area of Chile. The community kitchen attends to the needs of over 100 families.

### Other

Thanks to the collaboration of Jurgen Grothaus, Esteban Salazar, Victoria Cruz and Gabriel García presentations of our projects were made in English and Spanish for national and international organizations. These include documentation, activity reports, and visual presentations. We are also updating the Help for the Andes website.

## OUR PROJECTS For 2023

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

This year we will continue to distribute humanitarian aid, wheelchairs, and medical supplies to the neediest areas of Chile.

Likewise, we will continue working with Global Giving to procure funding not only for the reconstruction of the communal kitchen, but also to construct good quality permanent housing for two families in the La Pradera camp in the region of Valparaiso.

The region of Valparaiso has a population of 1,995,538 (estimated by the National Statistics Institute, INE, for 2022). It is estimated that 19%, or 379,152 persons, live at poverty level. At the time of the 2017 Census there was a housing deficit for 34,615 families in the Valpo region. In the last 5 years this number has skyrocketed with the flood of immigrants have crossed the border with only what they can carry. According to the last count in 2021, within Valparaiso there are 235 precarious informal camps lacking basic infrastructure, such as plumbing and electricity.

Although there are collaborative construction projects between the government, business groups and individuals, there is 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 2023, 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,

Rosita Raffo  
President  
Help for the Andes Foundation

