



Newsletter

Your generosity, making a difference



To all of our benefactors,

For many years, you have contributed to the *Wings of Hope* mission, thus supporting a cause dear to your hearts. You have decided to work hand in hand with us in order to realize projects for isolated communities in Peru, which are often left to fend for themselves.

Thanks to your continued support and generosity, we have, to this day, completed a hundred drinking water projects, several food safety projects (family gardens, livestock farming), built elementary schools and installed toilets in small coastal villages in the Andes and the Amazon regions. These rural indigenous communities have solicited our help, and your help, and consequently many things have changed.

The local inhabitants contribute to the completion of these projects by providing manual labor, and this allows them to work together to

develop and improve their standard of living. Men and women work together, as well as the young and the not so young. Hence, these Peruvians recover their dignity and value their project and your contribution. In addition, diseases caused by the consumption of dirty water have decreased thanks to the availability of clean drinking water. Having water in each home facilitates the lives of women and their families every day. The time they save can be spent taking care of children or gardening to increase their income.

All of these communities that you support from so far away are truly grateful to you, our donors. Indeed, these farmers can't believe that people from Canada, and elsewhere, would make a personal sacrifice to help them realize their dream of having daily access to clean drinking water and developing their villages.

Thanks to you, these people can have faith in a better future and know that they have the power to change things in order to continue living in their villages and in accordance with their culture. They collectively improve their living conditions for the good of all. They learn to respect and protect their environment today, and also for future generations. The word solidarity takes on a whole new meaning in their eyes. The fact that they are united by a common cause makes them stronger. It is wonderful to observe the positive impact that your gesture has on these people struggling to get out of poverty.

Thank-you, *muchas gracias*, to all of you for taking part in these *Wings of Hope* projects, sources of hope and change.

Annick Delestre

Food safety in Pujas



The site where water springs from the mountain

A spray irrigation project of roughly 65 hectares is being implemented in the village of Pujas, in the province of Vilcashuaman, in Peru. The agronomist Silvestre Quispe is directing the work. This project has been made possible through the generosity of Madame Lyne Francoeur and her family.

Water is collected from a source on the mountaintop, and then channeled into the reservoir, currently under construction. From there, the water

will be diverted into three pipes, which will reach a vast terrain on the side of the mountain. In order to make maximum use of the small amount of water available, irrigation will take place by spraying under pressure.

The external financing required is \$37,617; the community's contribution of labor is evaluated at \$16,859, and the municipality's contribution is \$5,788.

Solidarity makes everything possible!

Meeting with the farmers of Pujas



Access to drinking water: A few words from Francis



“...In reality, access to clean and safe drinking water is an essential, fundamental and universal human right, because it determines survival, and consequently the ability to exercise other human rights. Our world owes a great social debt to the poor who do not have access to drinking water, because this denies them the right to life, rooted in their inherent dignity. This debt can be partially righted by economic contributions to provide drinking water and hygiene to the very poor.” (Excerpt from *Laudate Si*, 2015).

Peace of mind

For the past twenty years, the *Leave a Legacy/Un Héritage à partager* program creates awareness among Canadians and Quebecers about the importance of estate planning, and in particular making a will. Unfortunately, most people still have a tendency to put this off until it is too late; in Québec, almost one out of two people dies without a will, thus leaving “a bunch of problems” for family and friends to deal with. Why continue to avoid this issue? All those who have already finalized their wills say it has brought them peace of mind.

Including a donation for a cherished cause in one's will is an option available to everyone. All donations to *Wings of Hope*, regardless of the size, are received with gratitude. This legacy bears witness to a lifetime of dedication to a cause. Don't hesitate to consult your notary or financial advisor.

Alexandra Duguay Fund

We regularly receive donations from family and friends of Alexandra Duguay. These contributions are deposited into an internal account named the *Alexandra Duguay Fund*. For our recent donors, I would like to recall that Alexandra died during the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010. She was my son's wife and both were working for the United Nations.

Last May we received a visit from Sister Flora Blanchette, director of the Île-à-Vache orphanage. At her request, we financed the purchase of



Line Beauregard with students from the school.

The diesel generator

a generator for the orphanage and the dispensary (\$7,360), among other projects. In March 2015, Line Beauregard, a teacher from Temiscamingue, did a volunteer internship at the school in Île-à-Vache, inaugurated in 2011 in Alexandra's memory.

André Franche

A re-designed Website

Over the past few months, Annick Delestre has volunteered many hours in order to reconstruct our website using the program *Wordpress*. This will facilitate the management of our site.

Please come to see us at :
www.ailesdelesperance.org
Visits are free!

The Peru Fund

Several families in the United States that have adopted Peruvian children have united under the name The Peru Fund. Their goal is to show their gratitude for their Peruvian child by providing aid to Peruvians in the greatest need. Since the year 2000, The Peru Fund provides annual funding for drinking water projects. A sincere thank-you to each of these families, and in particular

the three leaders: Dorthe, Evie and Patrice.



Dorthe HViid during her visit to Peru



February 13, 2016: Board of Director's meeting with Elizabeth Arias, office manager of Alas de esperanza Peru. In the usual order: Nicole Rouleau, Marianne Strauss, Elizabeth, Annick Delestre and André Franche. Behind the camera: Pierre Cadoret.

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