

## Picaflor House Annual Report







### **Picaflor's Mission**

Picaflor's Mission: Our after-school programme seeks to provide free education and nutritious meals, so that Peruvian children can break the cycle of poverty and access better opportunities for their future.



### **Our Goals:**

Provide a safe space for children to spend time outside school

Improve access to and quality of education for children in rural communities

Provide additional learning opportunities to enrich education

Provide daily free nutritious lunches so kids can learn and grow



## Picaflor House Provides children with:

## **A Safe Space**



We care deeply about the safety of the children. Providing them with the opportunity to attend to Picaflor means that children can learn and play in a safe environment surrounded by responsible and loving teachers and volunteers.

## **Homework Support**

Often, the parents do not have the time or knowledge to fully help their children with their school work. Therefore, at Picaflor we dedicate time to support children with their homework to ensure they understand what they are learning at school so that they can achieve their full potential.



## A place to play

Play is a fundemntal part of child development and is a great way to socialise with friends. Having a safe environment to do so is what we offer at Picaflor. Before lessons start children have the opportunity to play with friends on the play equipment that was rovided by our generous donors.



## Our new classroms on the new site

#### **Our Construction Timeline:**



#### **January to April 2022**

After receiving generous grant funding, we started a capital campaign to expand Picaflor House at the beginning of March 2022. By the end of March 2022, both planned classrooms were complete and ready to use. From the 1st of April 2022, the children and teachers were in their classrooms using our new spaces.

Picaflor House is now operating with our well-built facilities. The school has a total of 8 rooms in use. We have the two new classrooms, which can each accommodate large groups of students and, in addition, there is one main building, which houses an office, a small library, and a classroom for our kindergarten classes.



## Free Daily Nutritious Lunches

All our work would not be possible without eating a rich and healthy lunch. This year we were happy to welcome 'Call in the Calvery' group who funded and built our new greenhouse on the property, where we grow fresh, healthy vegetables, fruit, and herbs. These are grown, cooked, and used to provide nutritious lunches to the students each and every day.

Each day, two chefs prepare homemade, balanced traditional dishes for both the students and the teachers. All the dishes cooked are vegetarian and are accompanied with a refreshing drink. Not only is the food delicious, but each portion allows the children, as well as the adults, to have enough energy to teach and study throughout the afternoon.

We strive to provide a menu that supports healthy brain and body development. This way, students are growing into successful adults by both getting the nutrients they need and using that energy to grow in their educational journeys.

Due to the success of our lunch programme, we are contemplating adding onto our kitchen so the students can eat in a fully-furnished place, rather than in their classrooms.









## **Literacy at Picaflor House**

#### A Little Learning Goes a Long Way

Pablo (not his real name) is from a rural town in a different province, around 2 hours from Oropesa. He and his three siblings were visiting their aunt and uncle in in Oropesa during the summer holidays, to help with the family's cows, sheep and pigs.

Pablo is in the second grade and Spanish is not his first language, so reading is hard for him. However, he is excellent with numbers! He also makes a real effort to study and improve. The further you get from the big cities in Peru, the worse the quality of education gets. Even a couple of months at Picaflor House gives rural children the opportunity to learn new things and advance a little further academically.





Literacy can be a big problem in Peru, particulary in rural areas. There are a number of reasons for this:

- There is little access to books.
- The schooling is of a lower standard.
- The children speak Quechua as a 1st language.
- Rural school attendance is lower due to work requirements.
- No access to the internet.



## **Picaflor House Outreach Programmes**

#### **Mobile Library**

While we can't follow Pablo when he goes home, but the Picaflor House Mobile Library does **improve access to and quality of education** for children in mountain communities a little closer to the city. The library started operations on 3rd January, taking books, teachers and learning resources to five rural communities around Cusco. We have had a consistent attendance of 90 children across the five villages, ranging in age from 3 to 16 years.

Our teachers provide books for the children to read and then let the children draw their favourite characters and tell the group the story that they have read. Often our teachers need to read with the children as many have low literacy levels. Our target audience was children from 6 to 14. However, most children are **charged with the care of their younger siblings**, so wouldn't be able to attend without them. Our interns have been helping the teachers by overseeing activities with the young kids that help them develop motor-skills, as well as colour, number and letter recognition.









#### **Chicas Unidas To Empower Rural Girls**

We have long been aware that girls and women in Peru still have fewer opportunities than their male counterparts. And, as with everything else, this is particularly true in rural areas. Our women's empowerment project works to address this by helping women gain financial independence through setting them up a business. But recent community visits have left us wondering if we can do more.

Georgia, one of our fabulous interns, set up and ran a focus group in one of the villages in March. This was to find out what issues girls and young women face in the communities and what support they really need. The results showed that the attendees felt that they don't have a place to express themselves, often have low self-esteem and self-confidence and have limited knowledge about sexual and reproductive health.

So our new project, *Chicas Unidas*, will implement girls-only spaces, supported by female facilitators. These spaces will offer girls and young women opportunities to explore different activities, form relationships with one another, express their concerns and find ways to address any issues they face.



# Our Amazing Supporters, Volunteers, Interns and Groups

The generosity of donors is what makes it possible to carry out the important work of teaching these children life skills in order to make them self-sufficient and successful adults. Our many volunteers provide their valuable time and often raise funds and contribute both physically and monetarily to our projects. This year, we had the privilege of having a group from Durham University return to Picaflor House. They had a great trip and did a fantastic job with the kids. Some students helped with homework, and in addition, our teachers at Picaflor House helped our Peruvian students with core subjects, and then in English, learning basic classroom words in their last lesson.





The greenhouse was sprouting, and the cooks were busy working hard to feed the kids a nutritious lunch of quinoa, avocado, and tomato, so they would get the necessary nutrients to keep growing and learning. Then, the place was a flurry of activity as the volunteers helped make kites and put on traditional costumes to dance with the children.

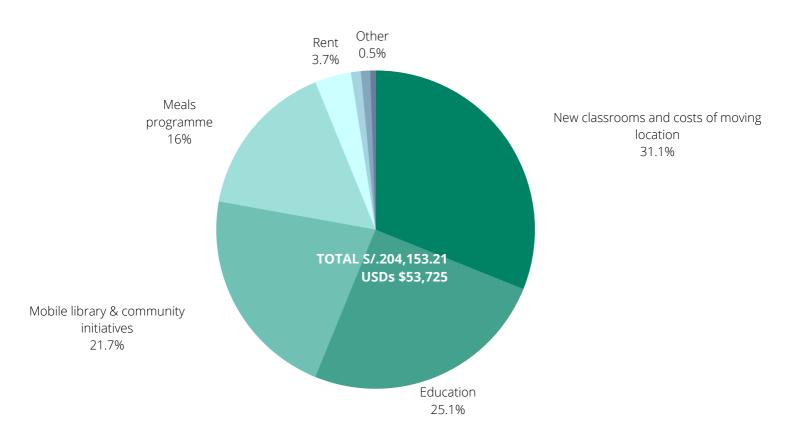
In addition to the UK group's physical work, they each personally raised donations in order to continue funding the important work Picaflor House does every day. With these funds, we can continue to change the trajectory of these Peruvian childrens' lives, providing education, and a safe place to grow into their bright futures.

We have been lucky to have a number of interns in 2022 who have contributed their personal skilles to Picaflor House, bringing new ideas and creativity to the children.

## **Picaflor House Finances 2022**

The following accounts are based on the Peruvian financial year, which follows the calendar year: 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The incountry financial accounts are prepared by a Peruvian registered accountant in accordance with Peruvian law.

Expenditure 2022	Amount in Peruvian Soles	Amount in USDs exchange rate of 3.8
New classrooms and costs of moving location	S/.63,441.66	\$16,695
Education Programme	S/.51,227.36	\$13,481
Mobile library & literacy programme	S/.44,221.20	\$11,637
Meals & nutrition programme	S/.32,656.27	\$8,594
Rent	S/.7,540.00	\$1,984
Healthcare	S/.2,053.00	\$540
Administration & General expenses	S/.1,915.63	\$504
Other	S/.1,098.39	\$289
Total expenditure 2022	S/.204,153.21	USD \$53,725



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Our hearts have been especially warmed this year, by the continued support of so many people around the world. *Thank you for believing in what we do at Picaflor House* and for continuing to support us.

Our work wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers, or the kindness of our generous donors and fundraisers. We are extremely grateful to you all! And of course, *thank you to the children of Picaflor House*. They have thrown themselves into learning and life at Picaflor House with so much enthusiasm! With your support, we continue to improve access to and quality of education in rural Cusco, *creating brighter futures for our communities' children*.







### **How You Can Help**

#### **Donate**

By donating to Picaflor House you help improve access to and quality of education in rural villages, creating brighter futures for children.



#### **Donate Now**

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### **Spread the Word**

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Help us reach more people by telling your friends, family and colleagues about Picaflor House and why you support us. By sharing our social media posts with your friends and followers, you help us reach people who would otherwise never hear about us.

#### Volunteer



Join our dedicated team of staff and volunteers in Peru! Use your skills to support disadvantaged children and have meaningful experiences at the same time.

#### Volunteer

#### **Fundraise**

Use your connections to fundraise for us! For fundraising ideas and support to organise your fundraising event or activity, please email us at

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#### CHILD PROTECTION

At Picaflor House we take child protection very seriously. For details of our Picaflor House Child Protection Policy, Donation Policy and Volunteering Policy please contact us at:

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