

ABOUT US

We are an artesanía (handicraft) family from Ayacucho, Peru. We have been hosting travellers since 2010 through Workaway and Couchsurfing, and in recent years we have expanded into our own organisation. Our main mission is to help people from disadvantaged backgrounds in Ayacucho so that they can grow and thrive. We usually support families by hosting free English classes for the local children and giving handicraft work to mothers.

THE COMMUNITY CANTEEN PROJECT

We are currently looking to start a community canteen (*comedor comunitario*) to feed kids in our community who are in need. The impact of COVID-19 on our community has been catastrophic. Children here have not gone to school since the start of the pandemic in 2020, and online learning is not an option here as many families here do not have access to computers or the internet. Many parents have also lost work due to the pandemic and as a result, families are now struggling to put food on the table.

We hope to help our community in these trying times by providing a meal to the children from these struggling families. We already have the minimum equipment we need to get started: we have enough kitchen utensils and a woodfire oven for cooking. All we need is enough funds to pay for the actual ingredients. For around 70 USD, we could feed 20 children for a week (Mon-Fri). We hope to expand and feed more children and the elderly in the future, but we have decided to start with this.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER: COMMUNITY CANTEEN PROJECT

We are currently looking for a volunteer who can help us start up the community canteen project. The main role of the volunteer will be looking after the crowdfunding project and taking photos/videos for social media.

Requirements are:

- Intermediate knowledge of Spanish and English or above. This is because the volunteer will need to be able to communicate with the family and the volunteer coordinator to organise everything.
- Minimum 2 months stay (longer stays would be even better!).
- Must be double vaccinated. This is for the safety of the family as you will be living in their home.
- Must be able to start ASAP.

You will be expected to spend maximum 2-3 hours/day on work and will have plenty of free time. You will not be teaching English as we have not yet restarted the classes. But otherwise, your experience will be the same as our regular English teaching volunteers – you will be provided accommodation and food at the family home, and have the opportunity to learn traditional Peruvian handicraft if you wish (for more info and photos, see [our website](#)).

If you are interested in volunteering with us in this role, please email Akiho at winason.ayacucho@gmail.com (in English) with a little bit about yourself and why you would like to take up this role, as well as any questions you have. We look forward to hearing from you!! 😊