

Annual Report 2019-2020

Arica site Arica, Chile



Chalice has partnered with the NGO Corp de Proyectos Solidarios Caliz (Chalice Solidarity Projects Corp) since 2012. Families in this northern city face high unemployment and frequent water access or safety concerns. Our site oversees the care of both children and elders in the sponsorship program. In addition to family funding, during the course of the year the site provides a variety of workshops on verbal and non-verbal communication, empathy, conflict resolution, emotional management, self-esteem, study habits, and communication between parents and children. In addition, the site offers adult employment skills training, especially for women and indigenous communities, as well as constant follow up on the sponsored elderly.



Child

- Arica site supports 785 sponsored children and 72 sponsored elders.
- 98% of school-aged children are enrolled in an education program.
- The site is planning monthly virtual activities for sponsored children which will be both a workshop in personal development and a social time for children and parents.
 Topics will include verbal and non-verbal communication, empathy, conflict resolution, emotions, self-esteem, and study habits.



- Arica site works with 481 parents organized into 27 family circles.
- The family circles show strong solidarity, and when one family suffers misfortune, the others will fundraise and collect food.
- During Lent, site staff gave special talks for the circles about the Christian faith.
- When the pandemic began, the site used mobile messaging app groups to maintain communication. The staff sent weekly updates about sponsorship, to give information or to share prayers.
- Arica site staff used mobile messaging and video apps to teach skills workshops to mothers. They taught them to build furniture and planters.
- Chalice supporters provided extra funds for families with children with disabilities to buy diapers and medicine.
- 200 families of sponsored children received extra groceries and cleaning supplies.





Community

- 25 mothers took part in a workshop teaching them to sew face masks.
- The mothers sewed 890 masks for children and families at Christmastime.
- The facilitated the Live Online workshop series through their Facebook page. The series of workshops were: Mental Health and Emotional Well-being, Resilience in Times of Pandemic, Family conflict resolution, Anxiety and Stress, Social Support Networks (Benefits and Rights); and How to be Positive.

