



# Annual Report 2019-2020

## Down Syndrome Association Site (ASDC)

### Cochabamba, Bolivia



Chalice has been partnering with the Asociación de Síndrome de Down Cochabamba (Down Syndrome Association of Cochabamba) since 2014. ASDC is a support centre for children, youth, and young adults with Down syndrome. Thanks to sponsorship, the site provides physiotherapy, rehabilitation, vision, speech, and music therapy for the children.

### Child



- ASDC supports 156 sponsored children.
- For youth aged 14+ they offer pre-occupational workshops on music, dance, crafts, cooking, physical education, self-esteem, and personal care.
- In 2020, the site introduced a bakery program.
- The site also introduced early sensory stimulation programs for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old.
- 140 sponsored children received new backpacks through the gift catalogue.
- All children and youth have age-appropriate therapies tailored to their needs, in areas including physiotherapy, visual therapy, school support, music, daily life skills, speech therapy, physical or development, oral and auditory stimulation and preschool stimulation.
- During the pandemic closures, the site staff moved their programming online. The one-on-one therapies were not interrupted because they were conducted virtually.

### Family

- Parents became more involved in their children's therapies during the pandemic lockdown, and actively took part in virtual sessions.
- The site conducted online workshops for parents on topics related to their child's development.



### Community

- More than 14 youth will benefit from the bakery workshop with equipment bought through the Chalice gift catalogue. The youth will bake bread which they can sell.
- 40 children will benefit from the physical therapy equipment also purchased through the gift catalogue.

