



Annual Report 2019-2020

PENNT site Cochabamba, Bolivia



Chalice has been partnering with the PENNT group, a foundation of the Archdiocese of Cochabamba, since 2007. The title is an acronym that, in Spanish, means School Support Program for Working Boys and Girls, which is the central mission of the staff serving youth in the impoverished urban outskirts who are at high risk of dropping out of school to find work to earn an income for their families. The site supports children who work on the streets through sponsorship and an after-school support program, so they can remain in school and still help their families

Child



- 783 children and teens are sponsored through PENNT site.
- 62.2% attend elementary and secondary levels.
- 32.8% attend higher or university education.
- 5% are studying in special institutions or doing compulsory military service.
- The site provides medical and dental care.
- Youth also receive ophthalmic care and the site provided glasses to students who needed them.
- During periods of pandemic lockdowns, staff delivered vouchers for basic food items, snacks, and meals to the families of children and teens involved in the after-school programs.

Family

- The site works with 529 families, grouped into 37 family circles
- Site staff conducted training sessions on a variety topics, some which had been requested by the circle members. The sessions addressed difficulties common to all of the families.
- Site staff worked with both mothers and children to increase understanding of nutrition.
- They also provided resources and information to families to help protect them from COVID-19, including personal hygiene, household cleaning and extra precautions.
- Site staff delivered food packages to support the families in the sponsorship program .



Community

- 151 sponsored children and their 243 parents/guardians took part in parish festivals of Virgen de Guadalupe, San Carlos Borromeo and Virgen Inmaculada Concepción (in accordance with public health guidelines).
- 44 families in the community received vouchers for groceries at Christmastime.
- Through mobile messaging, site staff continued to education family circle members on topics such as gender-based violence and bullying prevention.
- Staff also used mobile messaging to deliver information about COVID-19, prevention, and resources such as virtual doctors.
- The family circles held spiritual activities using online platforms. They shared videos and prayers and held virtual prayer meetings, celebrations and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- The family circles created a video to celebrate the "Month of the Bible."

