



Kusi Kawsay Andean School

Ayni Scholarship Fund



Here is how you can ensure a child's sense of dignity, self-esteem, cultural identity and belief in their future.

A donation of \$1,620 to the Ayni Scholarship Fund covers a year's tuition for a child to attend Kusi Kawsay! We're so excited by the difference we're already seeing in students attending Kusi Kawsay. Many of our students come from a reality that does not honor their indigenous Quechua language and heritage. In contrast, Kusi Kawsay (Happy Life) creates an environment that nourishes each student's whole being socially, emotionally, physically, as well as academically.

The meaning of Ayni: Reciprocity

Andean tradition and life is based on community and ayni, Quechua for reciprocity. In the spirit of ayni, we would love to name a Kusi Kawsay Scholarship after your family's name, honor an individual or group, or mark a special birthday, event, life achievement, or milestone in celebration of your being part of the Kusi Kawsay community. Donating \$1,620 could come from your family, an extended group of relatives, a group of friends or even a group at the office to support a year's tuition for a Kusi Kawsay student.

Making a difference in the lives of children

Sabina (*Name changed for privacy.) is a 6th grader who's indigenous community is so remote that it takes her 4 ½ hours each day to hike to school and return home. When she arrived at Kusi Kawsay, she was behind in all her subjects, her handwriting was barely legible and she covered her face when speaking in public. But at Kusi Kawsay, we're seeing the "real" Sabina emerge. One of our school's inspired teachers organized a field trip that allowed Sabina to share her deep knowledge about traditional Andean healing plants with her classmates and gain their respect. In a year's time at Kusi Kawsay, she has caught up 2 grade levels, speaks confidently in public (recently demonstrating her physics project) and attracted a wonderful community of friends with her playful and vibrant personality.

Our teachers, fusing Waldorf pedagogy with Andean culture and tradition, foster a joy of learning by helping students delve deeply into subjects like math, literature, reading, the sciences, geography and regional and world history. Along with life skills and tools to navigate in the modern world, our students learn about ancestral wisdom and practices tied to the Andean Agrarian Calendar, gaining a deep sense of pride and connection to all living things.



However, 90% of our students come from families with so little income, that they can't even afford our sliding scale tuition fee of \$7-\$20 per month. Your donation of \$1, 620 not only supports a Kusi Kawsay student for one year; it provides an entire support system to a community; for the student and their family.

We welcome your support of one or more students for a year at Kusi Kawsay. Even more helpful would be making a commitment to contribute to an Ayni Scholarship Fund for 5 years to safeguard the education of a student and know you are ensuring a child's sense of dignity, self-esteem, cultural identity and belief in their future.



Tax-deductible donations for Kusi Kawsay can be made to [Pachamama's Path](#), a U.S. 501(c)(3). Kusi Kawsay is a program of Pachamama's Path and your contribution can be made through our secure website via PayPal or by mail with a check made out to Pachamama's Path at 5543 Pelican Way, St. Augustine, FL 32080. Contact Ann Beckham at (904) 461-4575 for information on stock/wire transfers.

Please contact us at info@kusikawsay.org or via our [Kusi Kawsay website](#) for more information on how to make a wire transfer to our Peruvian bank account, and how to make tax deductible donations in Germany.

Thank you for your ongoing support and contribution. From the Kusi Kawsay Andean School, our staff, teachers, students and community:

Urpillay Sonqollay! (Expression of gratitude in Quechua)