



Angels of the Amazon



One initiative that has been most significant to us has been the realization of our student education programs. Thanks to the help of our donors, AoA team members, and the local communities, these educational initiatives often result in some of our most inspirational and heartfelt success stories.



**“The greatest gift
you can give
to a child is the gift
of education”**

Nelly Pinedo
AoA team member

We are proud to share the story of one young man who has recently graduated from high school, Jean Carlos. He was born in the village of Buena Vista from a very young single mother. She gave birth, and soon after, left the baby with her parents to search for work in Iquitos. Unfortunately, life in the city was not what she expected.

She started to drift away and so did the support for Jean Carlos. Soon, Jean Carlos was left only with his grandparents. Despite their difficult financial situation, they registered him at school as soon as they could. They worked hard to support him, growing plantains, manioc, fruits and maintaining their home. Most importantly, however, they encouraged him, in a loving way, to attend school every day and do his homework. They were always very involved in Jean Carlo's life. Their dream was that one day their grandson was going to be able to have a better life through education.



Jean Carlos

Angels of the Amazon saw the dedication and commitment Jean Carlos and his grandparents had to improving his education. In 2010, AoA granted Jean Carlos an education scholarship and a sponsor. Upon hearing the news, Jean Carlos smiled brightly, his eyes wide open, like two stars in the night sky. He promised that he would do his best and always get good grades. His grandparents were also overjoyed to hear the news and enthusiastically agreed to fully support Jean Carlos. The grandfather was the most sentimental; he swore that he would put the last of his strength into making sure Jean Carlos would grow up to be an educated man. Jean Carlos made him proud, he excelled in all his classes and kept all his promises. Unfortunately, just a year before Jean Carlos elementary school graduation in Buena Vista, his grandfather's strength ran out and he passed away.



Despite the difficult challenges, Jean Carlos persisted and with help from his Angels of the Amazon sponsor, continued his education in the city of Iquitos. This past December he received his high school diploma. He must know how proud his grandfather would have been on this day. Jean Carlos looks ahead now to continuing his professional career and possibility continuing his education. His dream is to become an engineer. The story of Jean Carlos is just one of many success stories. Together, AoA with support from our sponsors, can change the future, and world, one child at a time. The wave of change continues every time a child discovers the love for learning. Hope never stops!

Education update

AoA continues its support to the schools in the Tahuayo area. We have recently delivered school packets to every child registered in the schools in the different communities of the Tahuayo as the new school year started in March. We value the work of the teachers who serve in underprivileged areas of the Amazon with limited resources. AoA works to assist the teachers in the education of the children.

This summer AoA and our partners at BTCV will continue with the construction of another classroom for the high school. This will be classroom number 4. The students will then have a more comfortable space and more desks and chairs to do their work. The community of El Chino, AoA and BTCV will be working together to reach the same goals, giving the children a better opportunity for the future.



Health care update

The nurses salaried by AoA at the clinic of Esperanza village continue providing a quality service to all patients for regular visits, overnight patients and emergency, 24 hours. We thank our many donors for providing the clinic staffing.



Thanks to your generous support last year we have completed the construction of the first phase (front and side concrete and brick walls). We will now be moving on to the second phase to reconstruct the back walls and roof. Due to some delay in funding, phase 2 of the reconstruction for the clinic was postponed from February to May. The bricks and concrete are at the ready, this is a shovel ready project and we need your help to finish phase 2. This will ensure the clinic will be expanded to meet current and future needs into the future.

The great work and success of AoA's programs is the direct result of donor's contributions. Donors like you make a difference in the world. Thank you for your continued support and trust!

Once child at a time!