



YALE ALUMNI SERVICE CORPS

Lima, Peru

Community(s): Ventanilla, Lima
Partner: Global Volunteers
Projects: Education (primary and secondary), health care, painting, and sports
Volunteers: 2026 (30) Trip Producer: Andrew Burgie '87

A group of 30 Yale Alumni Service Corps (YASC) volunteers embarked on an inaugural service trip to Lima, Peru, which took place March 7 – 14, 2026. Partnering with [Global Volunteers](#), an organization that mobilizes short-term volunteers in hands-on service to local people on long-term community development projects to help children and families reach their full potential, the group's projects focused on education (primary and secondary), health care, painting, and sports.

About the community:

The projects took place in a children's home on the outskirts of Lima run by “Sagrada Familia” (Sacred Family), a shelter for vulnerable children who otherwise have nowhere to go. The goal of this community is to care for and protect children who have been left homeless or neglected by giving them the love, care and individualized attention that all children need and deserve. The shelter feeds, nurtures, and educates over 1,200 children aged from birth to seventeen who have been abandoned, orphaned, or who have faced abusive or otherwise dangerous family environments. Many of these children come from the most destitute parts of Peru, such as the Amazon region and bursting settlements that sprawl into the hills along the city's edges.

Sagrada Familia functions as a small village or community in Ventanilla for the children in need. In addition to the facilities, one would expect to see at a children's home (dormitories, dining halls, sports courts, etc.), the community provides education for all children (preschool to high school), a trade school (bakery, carpentry, music and sewing), workshops, and a health clinic. For more than 25 years, thousands of children have called Sagrada Familia home, and have benefited from the life-changing care they have received there.