

The Albergue, Chota, Peru

Through two bake sales, a car wash and other donations, Kids Sending Smiles raised nearly \$1300 to help The Albergue, a children's shelter in Chota, Peru. The Albergue was started in 2003 by the municipality of Chota, a small city in the northern Andes Mountains. There are 10 children that live at the Albergue. They came to the Albergue because they were abandoned by their families or their families were not able to care for them.

Funds from Kids Sending Smiles were used to purchase a table and chairs for the facility and to turn an old building on the property into a recreation area for the children complete with book shelves, books, games, puzzles and other activities. Funds were also used to purchase school supplies for the children, which allowed some of the kids to compete in a local science fair. New wash basins and other necessities were also purchased for the shelter.

In addition, KSS sponsored a holiday gifts for the children. With the funding donated by KSS, each child at The Albergue received a toy, an article of clothing, a tooth brush, and a bar of soap. In addition, KSS purchased a Christmas tree, decorations, a DVD player and a variety of movies for the center.

