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Lily Mott of Placid Drive



This is Carlotta, one of the Peruvian scholars, and her family in Huilloc outside of Cusco.



Lily's Laptops

Lily Mott's amazing project to help Peruvian girls accomplish their dreams

For the past six months, I have been raising money to buy laptops for Peruvian scholars with dreams of breaking out of the cycle of poverty and becoming professionals. After raising the money and buying the laptops, I set out on an adventure to Peru at the end of May 2018 right after my last day of school.

Peruvian Hearts, the nonprofit with whom I had coordinated my project, empowers impoverished girls to accomplish their dreams and transform the futures of their families and communities. After Skyping with the girls, I became excited to travel to Peru to meet my new friends and deliver the laptops.

Upon my arrival, I was greeted with an overwhelming amount of hugs, welcome signs, and even rainbow confetti. Over the next three weeks, I met each and every one of Peruvian

girls and was captivated by the joy and motivation they bring to the world every day.

The girls are majoring in systems, geological, and chemical engineering, education, law, mathematics, and many other impressive fields of study. They live in desolation throughout the city of Cusco and hardly have enough resources to sustain their families, let alone spend money on university educations. Peruvian Hearts not only provides the girls with university tuition but also with glasses, electricity or running water for their homes, braces, and other essentials to ensure educational success.

Eight new scholars have been added to the Peruvian Hearts family, and I will be continuing my Lily's Laptops project in order to raise money for the new girls. I am also hoping to share my experiences with my classmates



Aldy, Yinnifer, and I exploring Machu Picchu. It's so much larger and more beautiful in person!



Llamas were everywhere in Peru! This one was walking around my hotel, and I managed to get a picture with him.

at Evergreen High School through social media connections in our Interact Club this year.

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