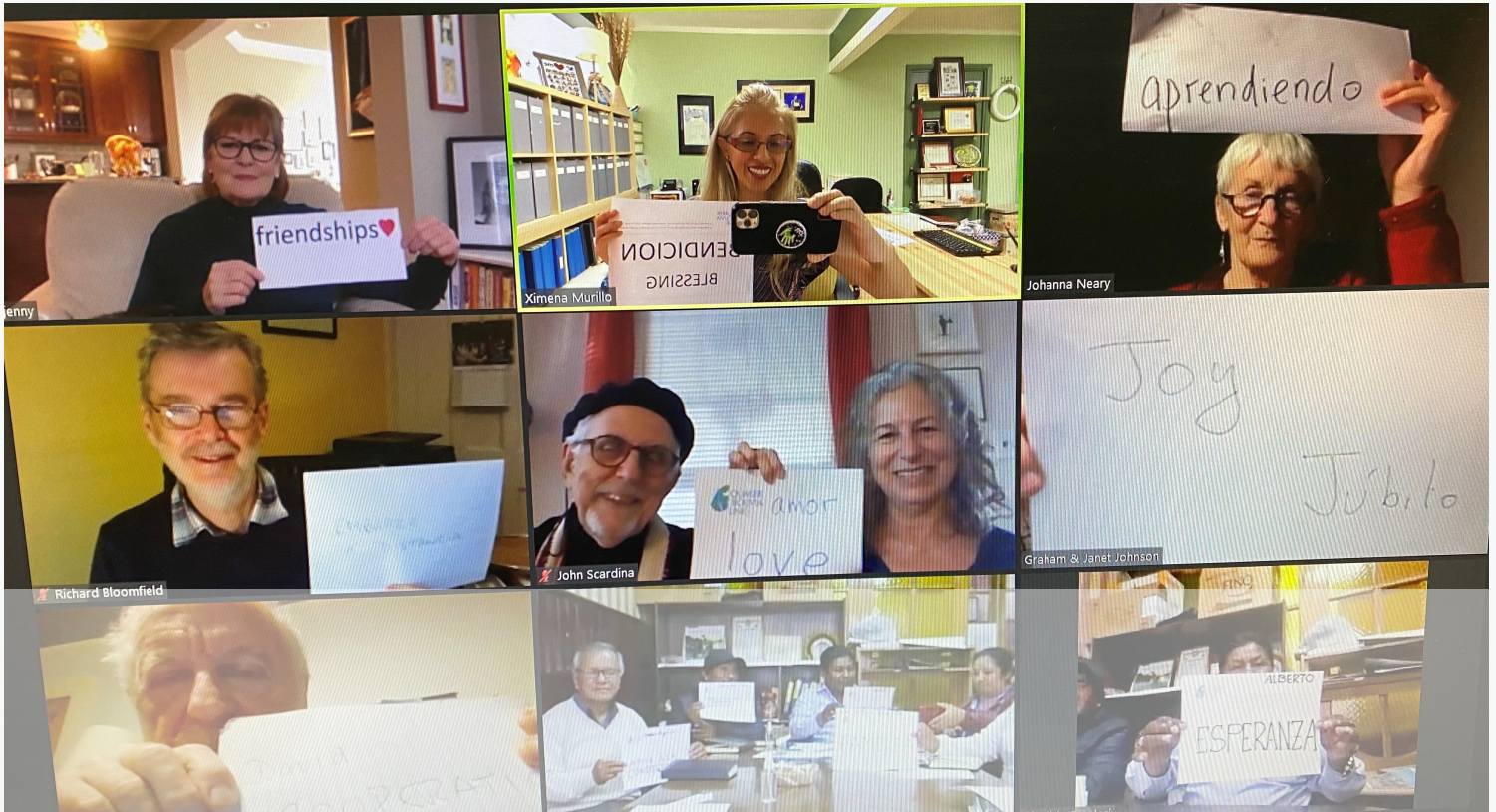


Our Last QBL-USA Newsletter



Dear Friends,

Quaker Bolivia Link was founded in 1995 to address issues such as clean water, food security, and economic development amongst the Aymara people of the Altiplano. Over the past 25 years, much has been accomplished, and there is still much work to be done! Climate change, COVID-19 and other challenges have added another dimension to these indigenous people's daily lifestyle challenges, and now more than ever, we might proclaim, "El agua es la vida - water is life"!

Quaker Bolivia Link-USA (QBL-US) will be ending its own operations at the end of 2020. Quaker Bolivia Link-UK (QBL-UK) and Fundacion Quaker Bolivia Link (FQBL) in La Paz will continue this good work: read about the upcoming projects already funded for 2021 and beyond in this newsletter.

"QBL means friendships, blessings, learning, joy, love, hope, cooperation, and much more. Thank you for everything QBL-USA!"

We need your most generous support right now! Our goal is to raise \$10,000 through this newsletter, which would allow us to cover all of our expenses and end this chapter of North American Quaker support for development in Bolivia.

And, work will go on – with United4Change (U4C) overseeing our North American funding for work in Bolivia – and much good work will still be done (more about it on the last page).

It has been a privilege to serve as the Clerk of QBL-USA. I will be joining the U4C Board as of January 2021 and will continue my relationship with the Bolivian Board and our staff in La Paz – Efrain Cotijri Ventura and Nilda Condori – as the newly funded Rotary projects get underway. Please remember this good work in your end-of-year giving and help us move into this new chapter of Aymara support.

John Scardina



Your Support is Appreciated!

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Note: As of December 2020

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Despite all the challenges we are facing with COVID-19 in Bolivia and the world, we are happy to announce that the Rotary Global Grant is being already implemented to provide access to clean and safe water to two indigenous Aymara villages! Phina Litoral and Quinoani are located in Coro Coro, one of the most vulnerable rural areas of La Paz. Additionally, we will work with these two villages to provide sanitation training as well as COVID-19 prevention to both villages and other nearby Aymaran communities, reaching more than 500 indigenous people!



Continuing with QBL's legacy in the United States

Beginning in January 2021, donors and supporters of QBL-US can further this life-giving work – bringing water and sanitation to vulnerable indigenous communities in Bolivia by making tax-deductible contributions directly to United4Change Center for International Development & Global Citizenship (U4C). U4C is a U.S. 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization (EIN 35-2385293) that has been working in rural and mining communities of Bolivia in education, healthcare, economic development, peace education, since 2012.

Two members of the QB-US board (John Scardina and Jenny Reddick) will join the U4C board of directors, providing ongoing guidance, support, and oversight of this work. U4C will continue its longstanding collaboration with QBL-UK as well as FQBL in Bolivia. If you would like to continue with the QBL legacy in the United States, please make your contributions to U4C (www.united4changecenter.org/donation-form) under the option of Water4All QBL.

QB-US and U4C are hopeful that the people of the Altiplano Region of Bolivia will continue to benefit from the generous support of our USA donors through this new arrangement. While transitioning from QB-US to U4C in terms of project management, our goals and work remains steadfastly the same. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Scardina at 610-864-9505



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WATER4ALL QBL

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