

Sponsor a Young Person in Peru

What is sponsoring? Sponsoring a young person in Peru is one of the most effective ways you can support the young adults we work with. Over a 6-month period, you will provide one young person with all the financial aid he or she needs to improve his/her state of health and education, integrate into the community and find dignified work. You will give one of these young adults a chance to become the independent and successful person he or she deserves to be. How will my sponsorship money be spent? 100% of the charity sponsorship money you donate will go directly to support the particular young person you are sponsoring, providing him or her with:

- 6 months accommodation
- 6 months food

- 6 months transport
- 6 months toiletries
- Recreational activities to encourage links and friendships with peers
- Microcredit for starting up a small business

The young person will also receive all the youth counseling support he or she needs, both during your 6-month sponsorship program and for a further 6 months after sponsorship ends. Unlike many other charities, The Colour of Hope will not pool your money at project level because we value the relationship between you and the individual young person you are helping. It's also important for you to know exactly how your money is being spent. You won't be paying our administration or any other overhead costs. The Colour of Hope is a small charity and we keep our overhead costs to a minimum, covering them with charity grants, corporate sponsorship and unrestricted donations. Making lasting change Funding young people is about making lasting change. The money you donate will not only make an impact on the quality of one young person's life, but on the lives of his/her children. Some of the girls we support already have young families to raise, and many are single mothers. A reliable source of income for our young mothers means improved access to education and healthcare, better living conditions and a healthier diet for their children. How much does it cost to sponsor? It costs £75 (approximately \$150) a month for 6 months to fund a young person (£450 / \$900 in total). That might seem a lot, but it works out as £2.50 (approx. \$5) a day - what you might easily spend on a coffee, a pint of beer or a bus fare. If you can't sponsor on your own, why not team up with a friend, workmate or member of your family and cover the costs between you? You could even ask your local church, school or youth group to club together to raise the funds. Also, remember that sponsorship only lasts 6 months because after that, the young person you are helping will hopefully have found a job or started to run a small business and begun to support him/herself. You don't need to make a long-term financial commitment, but simply enough to get your young adult on his or her feet. £450 (\$900) is quite sufficient to cover all the young person's basic needs, but it's also realistic - it will not allow the young person to become used to a life he or she may not be able to lead once your support ends. Why sponsor rather than make a one-off donation? We're very grateful for all one-off donations, but the most effective way to help us is by committing to a 6-month sponsorship programme. It means that we can give a young person all the financial aid and youth counselling he or she needs without having to worry whether we will receive enough donations to complete his or her programme. It's also much more rewarding for you because you will have a link with an individual young person who can share with you how his or her life is improving thanks to your support. When you sign up to the sponsorship program, you'll receive a photograph and details of the young person you're going to help. You can write to him or her as often as you like during the programme and we will send you regular progress updates. The Colour of Hope aims to be a paperless charity as far as possible in order to protect the environment and keep administration costs to a minimum. Correspondence will be via email unless you are unable to access an email account and need to receive information by post. How do I begin sponsoring? If you'd like to sponsor a young person, or if you'd like more information about The Colour of Hope Sponsorship Programme, please contact us.