

Refugio Rafael

Located in a Quechuan community in Marquina, Bolivia, people in this Andes Mountain area provide for their families through roadside markets and day labor. Living conditions are simple. Clothes are washed by hand. Small vegetable gardens and chickens provide food. Meals are prepared on small propane burners. Plumbing and electricity are limited.

The Refugio is a unique community support facility, staffed by local people and assisted by international partners. It provides education, economic development, medical assistance, and homes for single moms and their children.



Economic Development

The Refugio provides work space and mentors for artisans to develop handcrafts and goods for international and local markets.

Please consider donating or participating in a service project at Refugio Rafael. Make donations via PayPal at the website or write checks to "Bolivian Orphanage Project". Visit www.refugiorafael.com or Contact Susie Zavotka : szavotka@hotmail.com

Health/Wellness Program: Provides health education and medical support for community members.



After School Program: Provides supplemental education for 100 students where public school is only a half day.



A Secure Home: Housing units and staff provide support for families in a traditional home setting. Currently four families receive housing, food assistance, medical, and social services.