



DCF Newsletter – September 2025

Dear friends of DCF,

The past few months have been full of experiences that remind us of the strength of community—its diversity, its creativity, and the commitment we share. Together, we've celebrated inspiring milestones:

- The graduation of the **Pifo Youth Leadership Club**, where young people showed how their voices and ideas can light new paths for change.
- The launch of the **4P Guide**, the result of months of collective work to protect children and adolescents from alcohol and drug abuse.
A moving **intergenerational gathering in Sigsipamba**, where laughter, learning, and flavors brought generations together.
- And the inspiring **visit of international representatives of the LACT program**, who discovered first-hand the richness of Pifo's culture and community spirit.

Welcome to this month's journey with us!

The DCF Team



Pifo Youth Leadership Club

Over the past weeks, more than 40 young people joined the Community Youth Leadership Training. This wasn't a typical course—it was built together with them, shaped by their own needs, experiences, and dreams.

The sessions were alive with energy: dynamic activities, deep reflections, and trust-filled conversations guided by facilitators who connected as mentors and companions.

The graduation day was pure celebration—live music, diplomas, prizes, and above all, recognition of each young person's creativity and commitment. But more than an ending, it marked a beginning: new initiatives, projects, and dreams that will continue transforming Pifo through the power and leadership of its youth.



The 4P Guide: A Community Achievement in Pifo

In Pifo, something inspiring has taken shape: the 4P Route — a community guide to address drug and alcohol abuse among young people. The name comes from its four pillars: Promote, Prevent, Protect, and Participate.

What makes this guide unique is that it was designed by the adolescents themselves. They shared their concerns, their ideas, and their dreams for a healthier future. Their message was clear: **real care must come from the community, not just from outside institutions.**

The 4P Route doesn't point fingers or punish. Instead, it opens doors for dialogue, prevention, and support. It invites young people to feel cared for, not judged.

Parents, teachers, community leaders, and local organizations also joined the effort, making the guide a true collective achievement. It is now being shared in schools, families, and neighborhoods, helping everyone talk openly about risks and solutions.

Most of all, the 4P Route shows what is possible when youth lead and the whole community comes together. It is more than a document — it is a living tool that brings hope, unity, and protection to Pifo's young people.





Intergenerational Gathering in Sigsipamba

On Friday, July 18, the **Casa Social of Sigsipamba** came alive with voices and laughter from all generations. Children, teenagers, and adults played together in dynamic, funny activities. Later, everyone rolled up their sleeves for a pizza-making workshop—kneading dough, sharing recipes, and enjoying the simple pleasure of cooking as a community. This gathering was a beautiful reminder: when generations come together, they weave bonds of trust and solidarity that make our community stronger.



The Karlsson Játiva Charitable Foundation – LACT Programme in Pifo: Building Bridges

The Karlsson Játiva Charitable Foundation, through its LACT Programme, supports organisations and projects in the Andean region that promote education, health, welfare, and the relief of poverty and hardship for children and their families.

They are one of the main sponsors of the community project and at the end of August, we welcomed several of their representatives for a two-day visit to Pifo. The journey began with a breakfast in a community dining hall that quickly turned into meaningful encounters with neighbors, adolescents, and local authorities. Meals, stories, and reflections created a warm space of dialogue and connection.

The second day brought moments of cultural exchange, from local cuisine and traditional performances to a visit with *Las Warmis*, women artisans who proudly showcased their crafts and stories of resilience. Each activity highlighted the creativity and strength of the community, especially its women and youth.

For the adolescents, the visit was something completely new — and above all, very inspiring. LACT shared: *"the change in the adolescents is evident"*. The visit ended with a moving graduation ceremony that celebrated the achievements and hopes of Pifo's youth. It was a moment of culture, unity, and inspiring leadership — and a chance to strengthen the relationships that make new realities possible.



Thank You for Being Part of This Journey

We are deeply grateful to every young person, family, community leader, and partner institution that has made this journey possible. With your energy and commitment, we continue building a Pifo that is stronger, more caring, and full of hope.

Join Us in Building the Future together with the community of Pifo

As we are working on our Community Plan 2026, we warmly invite you to sponsor our work. With your support, we can continue nurturing leadership, protecting children, and strengthening communities in Pifo and beyond.

Every contribution, big or small, helps us take the next step in this journey.

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