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is proud to announce

E speranza

a **giving circle** for tola, nicaragua

hosted by **Michelle Chackerian** and **Paula Harrell**

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Join a community of donors from the Bay Area to learn about development issues in Tola, Nicaragua. Support grassroots sustainable development initiatives which affect positive change in this underserved community.

Group members will learn about the issues through readings, discussions and guest presentations from experts in the field. Members will review a series of grant proposals submitted by our community-based NGO partners in Tola and conclude the circle by making a collective decision on how they can make the greatest impact with their pooled funds.

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what is a **giving** circle?

The Giving Circle model is designed to engage donors in international philanthropy. The goal is to connect people in the U.S. who have a desire to learn and give to exceptional social entrepreneurs in the developing world. A giving circle is a group of members who join together and pool their funds to provide grants to small international projects. Through a series of meetings the members, hear speakers, discuss curriculum materials and review a portfolio of projects. Ultimately the group works together on grant making decisions.

The minimum grantmaking commitment for Esperanza is \$500 per individual (\$500-\$2,500).

Should you be unable to join in the Esperanza Giving Circle we still welcome the participation of any donors who wish to contribute to the grantmaking pool. We also encourage you to think about providing a partial or full sponsorship to support the participation of another engaged philanthropist.

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