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# *Project El Salvador*

The Mission of Project El Salvador is to support the people of El Salvador in implementing their own vision of justice. We express our solidarity and deepen our relationship with El Salvador by creating awareness in the United States of the plight of the marginalized in Central America and by supporting grassroots community development through funding of projects in El Salvador.

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## ***New Project Funding Empowers Women***

*By Linda Gottschalk & Mary Alice Bramming*

Project El Salvador continues to receive requests for financial support from various Salvadoran groups and/or programs. In order to consider a request for support we require a proposal describing the objectives of the project as well as a detailed budget. In this newsletter, we will highlight three projects recently approved for support by the Board of Directors. All three projects were submitted by the Concertación de Mujeres de Suchitoto.

The Concertación has been in existence since the final years of the Salvadoran Civil War, working to improve the lives of women, addressing issues of violence and inequality which marginalize women of the community. Using its online platforms as well as in-person meetings, the Concertación engages with existing associations in the community, as well as establishing new ones to affect change and bring about the empowerment of women in their communities.

All three of these projects are related in their support and strengthening of the position of women in their communities. Because of you, our loyal and generous supporters, Project El Salvador is proud and happy to provide funds to help insure the continuation of this important work.



# ...New Project Funding...

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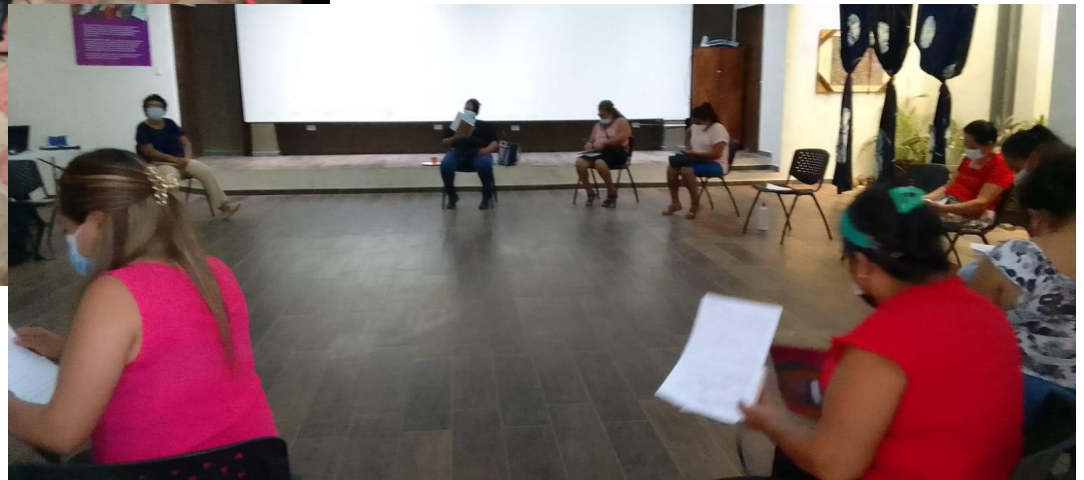
## Women's Reproductive Health

The first project proposes to prevent adolescent pregnancy and promote sexual and reproductive rights by means of campaigns to raise awareness of these issues. They develop courses for women and men to foster basic education and understanding of the issues surrounding reproductive rights and pregnancy prevention.



## Violence Prevention

The second project proposes to counter violence against women by conducting workshops and talks in ten communities in the area of Suchitoto. The work will center on establishing an understanding and appreciation of the stories of women who have experienced violence, thus illustrating the sources of violence and its prevention.



## WOMEN IN FARMING

The third project which is new and exciting, involves improving women's understanding of organic and sustainable agricultural production and animal husbandry leading to the adoption of new methods of farming.



**Welcome to our Newest Board Member:  
*Susana Avelar-Recinos***

Susana has worked in victim services since 2006. She was born in Denver. Her father who was from Soyapango, El Salvador, came to the US as a refugee in 1980. Susana grew up in both Denver and El Salvador. She lives in Denver with her husband, their two sons and the family dog.

Susana has been connected to Project El Salvador since a very young age, and treasures her memories of Fr. Jim Barnett and the work he started so many years ago. Susana is looking forward to keeping the legacy of "Padre Jaime" and Project El Salvador going strong. The three projects highlighted in this newsletter have been an inspiring way to come on board.  
**BIENVENIDA, SUSANA!**



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- \* Make a one-time / monthly donation to Project El Salvador.
- \* Make a one-time / monthly donation to a specific project:
  - *Microlending, Radio Victoria, Center for Arts and Peace, Community Organizing, or the Fr. Dean Brackley, S.J. Scholarship Fund*
- \* Include Project El Salvador in your will.

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*We were sad to say farewell to Erin Kelly at our Annual Meeting in April. Erin's contributions over many years as Board Secretary and writer of donor acknowledgements have been invaluable. She will be sorely missed. Erin's ties to El Salvador are strong and deep, and so we are comforted in knowing that this is not an Adios, but rather Hasta Pronto! Mil Gracias, Erin!*

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