Dear friends.

As many as half of Nicaragua's women and girls have suffered domestic violence. A recent headline in one of the country's newspapers, "The Murder of Ángela Herrera in La Joya," speaks to the high rate of femicide in Nicaragua. Usually domestic violence cases only make the paper when they end in murder, but everyone knows that for every woman killed, there are countless other women living in perpetual fear for themselves and their children.

This month we invited Maria Eugenia Delgadillo of the Axayacatl Women's Association to come to New Jersey and share the stories of women standing up against domestic violence in Nicaragua. Not only did she speak powerfully on behalf of silenced women, she showed us how hundreds of women are using their voices to fight back and build new lives.

If you had the chance to meet Maria Eugenia on her 10-day speaking tour, you heard how the women in her hometown of Masaya are organizing and working to change antiquated, paternalistic laws. You learned how Axayacatl educates law enforcement, public officials and the press to recognize domestic violence as a clear violation of law requiring immediate action -- including alerting Axayacatl to provide support and safe haven in a calm, beautiful and caring environment.

Our $10,000 Campaign to Help Axayacatl Build their New Center

For more than a decade PeaceWorks has been proud to partner with Maria Eugenia and the women of Axayacatl. Recently, we have been working to support the construction of a beautiful new facility that the association is building on land that was donated to them. With spaces to run training programs and self-
help groups, gardens and therapy and counseling rooms, Axayacatl will finally have the physical space it needs to help women catch their breath in a safe environment, start again and fight. This month we have set a goal to raise $10,000 to help finish the “rough” construction of the new Axayacatl Women's Center (walls and roof for all rooms). Thank you for your support with this project that will help so many women in desperate need.

Meanwhile, the women of Axayacatl also need material donations like sewing machines, bicycles and appliances. We've included a list of items needed in our next shipment. In addition to donations, we need bodies to organize, pack and load our 71st material aid shipment on May 13th at the United Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. Lunch will be served!

**May 13**th **Come Pack PeaceWorks 71st Humanitarian Aid Shipment to Nicaragua.** Not available then? Come to our pre-shipment packing day on Saturday April 29th at our storage facility in Stirling, NJ. Details on the included flyer.

It will cost $10,000 to ship the material donations, worth around $40,000. A donation to the PeaceWorks general fund is greatly needed to make the shipment possible.

We are grateful to Maria Eugenia for all she has taught us, and so inspired by what women in Nicaragua can accomplish with the gift of friendship and solidarity. We look forward to extending the kindness and generosity of our community to many more women in Nicaragua.

Paz y solidaridad,
Denis, Diane and the entire PeaceWorks Board

I would like to contribute to help build the new Axayacatl Center for Women: $__________

I’d like to contribute to the general Peaceworks Fund for aid shipments, partner support, etc. $__________

Please add me to the PeaceWorks email list for meeting reminders and events announcements.

Name: __________________________ Email: ____________________________

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71ST
MATERIAL AID SHIPMENT TO NICARAGUA

VOLUNTEERS
AND DONATIONS NEEDED!

Saturday May 13th, 2017, 10am-4pm
United Presbyterian Church. 525 East Front Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060. 973-543-4724
Contact: Austin Haeberle, cinemaus@gmail.com

Pre-Shipement Workday
Saturday April 29th
10am-2pm
Shrine of St. Joseph
1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ

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Requested Material Aid Donations for the People of Nicaragua

Pre-Shipment Workday (volunteers needed): Saturday April 29th 10am-1pm
Shrine of St. Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ 07980

Shipment Container Packing Day (volunteers needed): May 13th, 2017 10am-5pm
United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front St., Plainfield, NJ 07060
Contact: Austin Haeberle, cinemaus@gmail.com

The following list is a partial list for gently used material aid donations requested by PeaceWorks’ partners in Nicaragua. Please contact us for large items. We can NOT accept: medicines, electronics that do not work, tube TVs, items made of glass or ceramic, books in English, stuffed animals or winter clothing. We do not accept things in disrepair.

School Supplies
* notebooks, pens, pencils, calculators, scissors, etc. (even gently used supplies are good!)
* Art supplies for children and teens

*Sewing Items
* Sewing machines (good working order)
* Sewing supplies - needles, thread, zippers, spare parts for machines
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Medical supplies (we cannot accept any medicine)
* Dentistry equipment
* Bandages, gauze, ace bandages, cast supplies, etc.
* Blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, etc.
* Reading glasses & eyeglasses
* Wheelchairs
* Canes, crutches
* Commodes
* Physical therapy equipment and supplies
* Medical examination table, lifts for disabled persons
* Please contact us if you know of a medical office or hospital that is upgrading and can donate old equipment

Sporting equipment & uniforms
Nicaraguans are huge baseball players – an email to a coach or families with grown kids could put old equipment to good use!

Toys
* Toys for young children (legos, blocks, puzzles, etc. – we can not accept stuffed animals or cheap plastic toys) (Please, no books in English unless about learning the English language)

Musical Instruments
* Guitars (nylon string)
* Musical instruments (all desired)

Household Items
* Linens, blankets, table cloths
* Towels
* Kitchen items – pots, implements, eating utensils, etc. (please, no glass or ceramic items).
* Electric Appliances
* Fans
* Blenders, heaters, mixers, etc.
* Extension cords

Furniture & appliances
* Washing machines, refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.
* Working air conditioners
* Tables, end tables, folding chairs, desks, bed frames, file cabinets, etc. (Please contact us first for bulky items. Generally, we cannot accept upholstered furniture)
* Women’s, Girl’s, Men’s, Boy’s, Baby
* All kinds of boots and rain gear is needed
* Sandals, sneakers, dress shoes, etc. (tie pairs together!)

Computers & Electronic equipment
* Laptop computers (no older than 4 years, with wiped memory)
* Desk top computers (recent, with wiped memory)
* Printers/copiers (recent, extra cartridges are necessary)
* Flat screen TVs and monitors (Sorry, we do not accept old tube TVs)
* Projectors
* Cameras (video and photo, but not too old)

Gardening and farming tools, equipment and supplies
* Gardening tools – heavy duty – shovels, hoes, rakes, wheelbarrows, clippers, etc.
* Gardening supplies – trays, pots, pails, hose, etc.
* Sprayers for fertilizer of pesticides
* Fencing and netting
* Drip irrigation tubing

Carpentry Tools
* Carpentry tools – screwdrivers, hammers, wrenches, chisels, saws, planes, etc.
* Electric tools – saws, drills, sanders, routers, etc.
* Boxes of screws, nails, etc.

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WALLS
WE ARE
PROUD TO
BUILD

PeaceWorks
$10,000 Campaign for the new Axayacatl Women’s Center. Your help is needed!

"When you walk into our office you won't immediately see a desk, a computer. We have those things, but when a woman who feels destroyed from domestic violence comes to us, we want her to feel safe. We must first build trust. That's why it was very important that we consider beauty and comfort, as well as functionality, when we designed our new center."

Maria Eugenia Delgadillo
Axayacatl Women’s Association

The women of Axayacatl have made huge progress towards building their new women’s center. It is our great hope that the PeaceWorks community can raise another $10,000 to get the rough work done (remaining walls & roof), so that the finishing work can begin. Can you help build a few more walls... and create a safe, nurturing space for the women of Masaya?
SAVE THE DATE
First Friends Benefit Dinner

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
6PM

Mayfair Farms
481 Eagle Rock Ave
West Orange, NJ

Guest Speaker
Judith Sloan is an actor, audio artist, writer, radio producer, human rights activist, educator and poet whose work combines humor, pathos and a love of the absurd. She is the founder of Earsay, an artist driven non profit arts organization dedicated to uncovering and portraying voices of those often ignored by the mass media.

Tickets $75
for sale soon at
www.firstfriendsnjny.org