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Dear Members of the Endowment Fund Committee,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$2,000 to support *Strengthening Advocacy Efforts of Women's Organizations in El Salvador to Reduce Violence and Discrimination*. Over the past year SHARE has celebrated many successes organizing for women's rights with our partnering organizations ORMUSA and CRIPDES San Vicente. Workshops were organized across the country to disseminate information about the "Life Free of Violence Against Women", thousands of women marched in San Salvador to call attention to violence against women, women's committees were strengthened through trainings in resource administration and women's rights, and government employees in multiple departments have attended workshops addressing violence against women. These activities have helped to bring violence against women to the forefront of the national agenda; communities and government officials are discussing it openly and attitudes regarding the role of women in society are slowly changing.

While great strides have been made over the past year much remains to be done; El Salvador still has the highest femicide rate in the world with 130 assassinations for every one million women. This grant will support ORMUSA and other women's rights organizations in continuing to disseminate information about this new law and strengthening the organization of women's committees across El Salvador.

We are very thankful for the support of the University Lutheran Chapel as a Grassroots Partner, hosting congregation, and now as foundation as well. We look forward to continuing to grow this relationship and work hand in hand with communities in El Salvador as they address the root causes of poverty and underdevelopment.

With many thanks,

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