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FORWARD EDGE INTERNATIONAL TO RESCUE PROSTITUTED GIRLS FROM NICARAGUAN CITY DUMP

Vancouver, Wash., March 22, 2007 – Forward Edge International made a \$30,000 down payment on a two-acre property in Managua, Nicaragua to house *Hogar de Esperanza* (translated *Home of Hope*) on Wednesday, March 14.

Hogar de Esperanza will be a home for at-risk girls currently living in La Chureca, a community inside the Managua city dump. Some families, desperate to meet basic needs, have prostituted their daughters – girls as young as 11-years-old. These girls are urgently in need of a safe haven!

In addition to providing for the girls' basic physical needs, the home will provide spiritual counseling, educational assistance and vocational training.

Many people in La Chureca are uneducated and unskilled with little hope for financial advancement. This is especially true of the women, most of whom do not possess the skills necessary to support their families.

"*Hogar de Esperanza* is an opportunity for us to give these girls the tools they need to make a living and hopefully rise above the extreme poverty we see in the dump," said Forward Edge International President Joseph Anfuso.

A generous donation recently made from SouthLake Foursquare Church in West Linn, Ore., combined with funds raised at a 2006 Forward Edge banquet, will cover the cost of the land.

Plans to develop the property call for construction of several modest homes for the girls and staff, guesthouses for short-term volunteers and a large multi-purpose meeting and dining facility. The projected cost of these improvements is approximately \$250,000.

The girls are ready to go! It is time for this vision to become a reality and Forward Edge needs help.

"Join us in welcoming these girls home," said Anfuso.

Donations for *Hogar de Esperanza* can be on-line at www.forwardedge.org or mailed to:

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