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BREAK-THE-FAST SUPPER:
Thurs. Feb. 19th
Joyce 48 Mt. Hope St 6:30pm

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:
Belated Greetings to
Ginny and Winnie. February
birthday greetings to Linda,
Nora and Mike.....

IT SHALL GO ON.....
Joyce Katzberg is presently
finishing recording her first
recording: "It Shall Go On"
produced by Jon Campbell and
includes many of R.I.'s finest
musicians.....

Yes, we women experience sacrifice and trouble but we're struggling for progress for our children — or it may not happen for our children, but for our children's children."

Lucila Mejía de Morales
President of Bolivia's National
Women's Peasant Federation

Norman Garcia
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W O M E N

The "feminization of poverty" is a reality whose impact is felt most keenly in the developing world: women are the first to be thrown out of work when jobs are lost, the first to go without when food is scarce.

Consider also that:

- A third of the world's households are headed by women, due chiefly to divorce or abandonment, migration by men in search of work, and war.
- Rural women of the Third World produce at least half the world's food.
- Yet nutritional anemia affects half the women of child-bearing age in developing countries (compared with seven percent in developed countries).
- Four times more malnourished children are female than male.
- Female life expectancy in 14 of the world's poorest countries is less than 50 years.
- Two-thirds of the world's illiterates are women.

Millions of Third World women are caught in a vicious cycle. Illiterate and without property, they cannot get training for better jobs, or bank credit. Yet for their families to survive, they must work.

- *are half the world's population,*
- *comprise more than a third of the official labor force,*
- *perform two-thirds of the world's working hours,*
- *receive a tenth of the world's income,*
- *and own less than a hundredth of the world's property.*

OXFAM AMERICA

Expanding people's opportunities, fostering their self-sufficiency, and promoting their participation in decision-making processes that affect their lives: these are goals which Oxfam America hopes to accomplish in *every* project we fund.

But Oxfam America recognizes the critical role of women's work and women's income in the survival of poor families. We think working directly with Third World women is crucial to begin solving many of the world's major problems. That's why nearly one-fifth of the 221 projects we funded last year focused exclusively on women.

With your help, Oxfam America can continue to:

- provide training in new and traditional income-generating skills;
- provide training in accounting, management, and marketing to make women's enterprises viable in the long run;
- improve women's access to credit and to productive assets;
- provide training in literacy, health care, nutrition;
- promote the organizing of women and development of leadership skills so they can voice their collective rights and concerns.