Arlington Sister City Project
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Dear Friends:

The Arlington Sister City Project is underway. We have heard early reports from the CNR in San Salvador that we are likely to be assigned the village of Teo Cinte. Teo Cinte will be repopulated by 500-800 refugees from the Mesa Grande camp in Honduras who are currently attempting to make their way home. In addition, we are planning to go before the Board of Selectmen on Monday, September 19 to ask for official recognition for our sister city from the Town.

As you most likely realize, our biggest concern in taking on the commitment of a sister city in El Salvador is fundraising. We have pledged to raise $5,000 annually to assist the people of Teo Cinte in rebuilding their community. This money will provide food, medicine and clothing while they re-establish their village, and it will provide funds for rebuilding homes, churches, schools and clinics. To date we have raised about $1,000 through house parties, craft sales and donations. However, it is becoming apparent that a steady source of income will be required to enable us to meet our commitment to Teo Cinte.

At our last Sister City meeting, members agreed to contribute a monthly pledge of between five and fifteen dollars to the Sister City Project. Through such a monthly pledge, we will be able to count on a dependable income to fund the Sister City project, and we are now hoping to raise at least half of our funding in this manner. If you would like to make a similar pledge, we ask you to fill out the enclosed form and return it to our post office box (you can enclose your first month's pledge with it if you'd like). After this, just send in your pledge to our post office box by the first of each month. If we don't hear from you, we'll send a reminder postcard. If you have questions about any of this, feel free to call me at 646-4283. Your help is most appreciated.

Thank you!

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