



GARDEN OF HOPE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

As hot magma pours from underwater volcanoes, it violently clashes with its delicate world. The ferocious power enables fire and lava to thrive beneath sea level, pushing clouds of steam and ash towards the distant surface. In the middle of this destruction, the salty water forges something uniquely beautiful. As magma meets copper,

tucked within the rocky earth, it creates the rare Larimar stone, a reflection not of volcanic chaos, but of peace and elegance. But this stone represents something much deeper for the rescued Dominican women at Garden of Hope. The abuse, addiction, and slavery that once brought chaos to their lives can now transform into futures of dignity and promise within a community of safety. As they use the Larimar stone to create rings, necklaces, and earrings, they are reminded of all that they have overcome. When you proudly wear the work of their hands, you join them in that celebration and share stories of hope, healing, and new beginnings.



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Yessica

Yessica grew up longing for the love she never found within her family. In her search to fill this desperate need, she fled to the streets of the Dominican Republic, where drugs and prostitution quickly consumed her. This shattered lifestyle left Yessica broken, used, and pregnant. As she mothered her son, the weight of providing for his needs trapped her



in prostitution's hallow embrace. Night after night, the dark streets pulled Yessica in, using her as an object behind closed doors. Desperate, she prayed for escape and for the hope of freedom. At Garden of Hope, Yessica found a new path and a bright future. Today, she leans to make hand-crafted jewelry and earns an income with dignity. Amidst a safe and loving community, Yessica can care for her son, knowing her own beauty, value, and meaningful purpose.

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