

HERMANAS IN HONDURAS

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Honduras is known for its mountains, Mayan ruins, and rich, colorful culture—but also for its growing drug and sex trade, sky-high rates of homicide, and widespread police corruption. In this dangerous environment, impoverished women and children remain in a critical state of risk. But when our partner, Lisa, traveled to this country, she met a Honduran woman with a passion to protect and empower these women. She asked Lisa a simple question: “Can you help us help ourselves?” When Lisa supplied her with simple craft supplies, she watched her transform them into beautiful handbags and accessories. Soon a business was born, employing single mothers, women raised in orphanages, and victims of abuse. Some craft the product from the safety of their own home as they watch their children. Others escape abusive home environments by gathering at the center to work. All women earn a fair wage. As they become self-sustaining, they break the cycles of poverty and desperation that have imprisoned and endangered them. You invest in their freedom and future when you purchase the work of their hands; you “help them help themselves.”



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COUNTRY: HONDURAS • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE



Lily

Lily dreamed of an education. But the search for work was exhausting, unending, and she could barely afford food, let alone tuition. Her dream seemed distant and foolish, so she gave it up. Then Lily began working at Hermanas in Honduras. Here, for the first time she found a stable income, enough for rent, utilities,

and groceries. Here she also found the freedom of working from home and raising her newborn baby boy in safety. But most importantly, Lily found herself dreaming again—and this time even bigger dreams. As Lily pursues her bachelors in Business Administration at a local university, she plans to expand the program, empowering more at-risk women, and spreading the inspiration to dream. When you purchase these beautiful products, you partner with WAR, Int'l and women like Lily to make these dreams come true in safe places.

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