

Fundraiser supports Guatemalan communities



Funds needed. Cecilia Bardsley, a sewing project coordinator and fundraising coordinator for the Canadian Central American Relief Effort, helps Guatemalan women in Volcancito with their sewing by hand at the Multi Skill Centre CCARE built over the last few years. There's no electricity in their town. CCARE is hosting a gala event Feb. 5 at Le Treport Banquet Hall to raise money for Guatemalan communities. *Supplied Photo*

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The Canadian Central American Relief Effort is hosting a gala event Feb. 5 in Mississauga to raise money for Guatemalan communities.

A Grand Latin Evening, taking place at Le Treport Banquet Hall, features a buffet dinner, silent auction and Latin entertainment and music. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$50. Call 905-849-8350 or e-mail hrossi@cogeco.ca.

CCARE in Halton and Peel has been around for about 10 years, helping improve the lives of those less fortunate in Central America. Funds generated from A Grand Latin Evening will help support ongoing projects in the Merendon Mountain in Guatemala. "The Mayan Chorti communities of those mountains have hope now; we are helping them to become self-sustainable communities by providing education, health and economic development," said Hilda Rossi, one of the event's organizers, who has visited Guatemala several times to help out and is going again next month.

She said they've been providing support to many communities in Guatemala for the last several years. The next mission will be there Feb. 27 to March 14.

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