



# ARLINGTON TEOSINTE SISTER CITY PROJECT

2 Communities, 1 Family

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## Arlington Family's Adventure in Teosinte

This autumn an Arlington family spent two months living in Teosinte. Stephanie Koontze, an OB-GYN, helped out in the village medical clinic. Her husband Charlie Radoslovich, an organic farmer, worked alongside villagers in the fields with farmers and local leaders to facilitate a shift to organic farming. In Teosinte, where most families subsist on the food they grow, soil is being rapidly depleted by herbicides, slash and burn clearing, and erosion.



Pierce students, Ben and Ella, attended the village school, played soccer and did chores with their new friends while enjoying beautiful mountains, lush gardens, tons of butterflies, pupusas, and warm hospitality from the whole community. "It is a community that highly values family and has great affection for children," said Stephanie. Eighty-year old, Don Tonio, told her, "the sisterhood with Arlington has been wonderful," and gave her a big hug.

## Our Partnership with APS

The Arlington public school curriculum "Learning from International Friendship" is thriving and changing.

ATSCP continues to be active in all APS schools, teaching students about Teosinte's culture and history. This year we are excited to partner with Arlington Community Media Inc. who will train all fourth graders to plan, shoot, and edit short videos to send to Teosinte and air on ACMi TV channels. Using video equipment donated by ACMi, students in Teosinte will make their own video for Arlington students to enjoy.

We continue to partner with Arlington High School Spanish language students to translate these projects. Last year ATSCP established relationships with both the Ottoson and the High School Spanish language clubs. Through this unique friendship we continue to strengthen the ties between both towns' youth, advance global awareness, and promote social justice in Teosinte and beyond.

## Need a Perfect Holiday Gift?

Teosinte craft items are unique and you can feel great about your purchase – all proceeds benefit the women's cooperative and educational scholarships for Teosinte youth. In addition to beautiful handbags, wallets, and placemats, we have new artisan jewelry and freshly roasted coffee! A bag of fresh El Salvadoran coffee beans makes a perfect teacher and/or hostess gift. To purchase, please join us for a wonderful, holiday shopping opportunity and refreshments hosted by amigas and amigos of Teosinte.

### Important Dates for Salvadoran Craft and Coffee Sales

Sunday, November 22, 5:00-8:00pm  
Monday November 23, 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Dray Home, 130 Jason Street

Thursday, December 3, 5:30-9:00pm (Bishop craft fair)  
Knights of Columbus; 15 Winslow St Arlington

Saturday, December 5, 3:00-5 :00pm  
Calvary Church, 300 Mass Avenue

Call 781-643-0769 for information or to place an order  
for coffee and crafts

## Help Fulfill Their Dreams

"My name is Rosa Guardado, I am one of 19 students receiving ATSCP scholarships. I am 24 years old and finishing my thesis for the program in Psychology at National University in San Salvador. If I can become a professional, I can give back to the community that has given me so much."



YOUR donations make it possible for bright and dedicated youth, like Rosa, to pursue their dream of higher education, a career, stable income, and a better future for themselves and their families. Your generosity helps pay for tuition and school supplies for high school and college students who would otherwise be unable to afford them. Help us make their dreams of education come true. Honor a loved one by making a gift of education in their name. Please make a tax-deductible donation to ATSCP this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support.

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## BECOME AN AMIGO!

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$60** helps pay for a university student's shared housing for a month.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$100** helps pay for a high school student's transportation, food, and supplies for a month.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$200** helps pay for an university student's tuition, books, and school supplies for a year.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$325** helps pay for a university student's tuition, books, school supplies, and rent for a month.



Please make checks out to: U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities/Arlington-Teosinte  
Send to: Elizabeth Dray, ATSCP, 130 Jason Street, Arlington, MA 02476

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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