

FLIGHTS & ACCOMMODATIONS

No Visa required for US Citizens.
- Airline tickets furnished by
Southwest Airlines

Join us on this family friendly trip to the lush mountains and rainforests of Costa Rica. Upon arrival, Gray Line will take us to the Casa Conde Suites in San Jose for one night. The next morning we will travel to CATIE to begin the project.

During our work, we will stay in one of two hotels on the CATIE campus. All meals and morning work session meetings will be held in the campus cafeteria.

At the end of the day you can relax with a swim in the pool, enjoy a game of billiards, have drinks at the bar



or take a stroll through the campus botanical gardens.

We will return to San Jose on our last night and stay at Casa Conde Suites before returning to the US.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pledge your club's DDF to this project.

<http://www.matchinggrants.org/global/project1581.html>

Pledge funds from your club to "sponsor" part of this project.

Host a fundraising event

Share this project with other Rotarians and work friends.

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THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS:

Community Wealth Builders
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Rotary Club of Denton **Districts 5790 & 4240** **GG# 1978399** **Matching Grant # 1581** **International Service Project** **Costa Rica**

Support
Young Women Entrepreneurs
Develop an
Ecotourism Business
in
Turrialba, Costa Rica



Host: *Club Rotario Cartago, Costa Rica*
Int'l Host: *Rotary Club of Denton, TX*



EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN in COSTA RICA

Join Denton Rotary Clubs and Host Rotary Club of Cartago in 2019 for this service project in Turrialba, Costa Rica. Pledge your club funds and/or DDF to



help us raise \$40,000 for young women entrepreneurs living in rural Costa Rica to launch their Ecotourism enterprise—RETUS.

This Service Project Will:

1. Refurbish a 1942 house on the CATIE campus to be the RETUS office and their Eco Hostel for tour group guests.
2. Teach a series of three, 3-day workshops in Business, Marketing, Finance, Social Media and Tourism to 20 women on how to launch their ecotourism business and to work with global tour operators.
3. Build aquaponic gardens (including fish) in their communities.

ABOUT ROTARY, UNT and CATIE

The University of North Texas. (UNT) collaborates with *The Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center* (CATIE) in Costa Rica to offer a Masters of Science degree in **Sustainable Tourism (MIST)** on the CATIE campus.

CATIE has offered their “Sustainability House” on campus to be the office for the *Entrepreneurs of Sustainable Tourism in Turrialba* (RETUS). By working with and learning from students in the **MIST** program, these rural women started their business to take advantage of the exploding ecotourism business in Costa Rica.



WHAT YOU WILL DO

1. **Refurbish the Sustainability House**— We are looking for people who have experience in light carpentry, electrical, plumbing and painting.
2. **Assemble 4 Aquaponics gardens.** Build and install the gardens in the communities and stock with tilapia. Train selected women in the community to manage the gardens and harvest the greens and fish. Rotary logos will be placed on the barrels for tour groups to see.
3. **Are you a teacher? Do you speak Spanish?** You will be training and mentoring our young women entrepreneurs (ages 19—26). Create, prepare and teach the lessons in business, marketing, finance, and social media to the women.
4. **Rotaractors and Interactors** will work on the Sustainability House, learn to build with bamboo, repaint the recycle bins and take an educational tour of the botanical gardens.

