



# A CALL FOR DONATIONS

The Casa Cultural Tejiendo Sororidades is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization operating since almost 40 years in Cali, Colombia. The organization's emphasis lies on the promotion of educational and cultural activities for children and women from the poor neighborhoods of Cali, with the primary objective to educate them about their rights and strengthen their self-esteem. The consequences of Colombia's decades-long armed conflict and the narco-culture have reinforced Colombia's patriarchal and machismo culture and have rendered violence against women as something mundane and socially accepted. As a consequence, many women suffer from domestic violence, discrimination and stigmatization. In order to counter-act these realities, to contribute to a cultural change and protect and defend the rights of women in Cali, the Casa Cultural is offering various activities and services:



«The Casa Cultural is my sanctuary, and everything I know, I have learnt here.»  
Ana, 63 years

- ❖ Judicial and Psychological Counseling
- ❖ Cultural and Artistic Activities and Workshops such as Theatre, Choir, Dancing or Sewing
  - ❖ Computer- and Reading and Writing Classes
  - ❖ Spiritual Workshops erasing fear, stress and grievance
- ❖ Workshops and Conferences on topics such as Rights of the Woman, Gender, Sexuality, Health and Civic Participation
  - ❖ Promotion of Literature; a communitarian Public Library and a monthly Reader Circle
- ❖ Children's Area: Hour of Fairytales, Choir, Dancing, Workshops and Holiday Programs dealing with the Protection of the Environment or Human Rights , fostering values such as Nonviolence, Justice, Equity and Respect for ethnic and sexual Diversity

«Thanks to the Casa Cultural, I have learnt to read and write properly. Here, I have learnt what rights I have»  
- Martha, 56 years



## Why donate to this organization?

I, Katrin Geyer, 23 years old, with a Bachelor degree in International Relations and Human Rights, have been working in this organization for the past three months. I am personally deeply impressed how this organization's persistent, systematic and responsible work for almost 40 years has resulted in a true change for so many women and children. I personally guarantee the organization's seriousness and that every cent you donate will be invested into the organization's activities. If you donate, please indicate as subject **Casa Cultural** and send me a message to the below mentioned email, as you will receive by the end of February a digital photo album with the activities that YOU helped to sustain. If you donate more than 50 Euros (and live in Europe), you will additionally receive by the end of April a beautiful handmade pillow cover produced by one of the women in the workshops here at the Casa Cultural. Any amount helps them to continue with their valuable work. Please transfer the money to:

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