



Accompaniment Packet

This packet will provide helpful tools as you walk in solidarity with our Salvadoran brothers and sisters.
Your experience of accompaniment has just begun...
Now it can continue at home!

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- Fundraiser Ideas
- Words for the Journey





SHARE El Salvador Information Sheet

Our Mission

SHARE strengthens solidarity with and among the Salvadoran people in El Salvador and the United States in the struggle for economic sustainability, justice, and human and civil rights.

Core Values

- **Women's Empowerment:** Provide education and holistic development opportunities to women and girls to improve their economic, social, and political positions in their communities and organizations.
- **Citizen Participation:** Promote active engagement in democratic processes, community decision-making, and advocacy campaigns.
- **Leadership Development:** Nurture the skills of a broad base of people, including women and youth, to prepare them to be democratic leaders who empower others.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Advocate for and raise awareness of environmental justice, including preventing and responding to climate change.
- **Human Rights:** Accompany the struggle of victims of forced disappearance, torture, and grave human rights abuses as they seek the truth, justice for their families, and reparations for the damage they've suffered.

Examples of Our Work



Community Organizing and Development Projects - We work with grassroots organizations in El Salvador on a variety of development projects aimed at creating **long-term sustainable change**. SHARE supports women in Chalatenango, La Libertad, and the North of San Salvador with supplies and training for **small organic family vegetable gardens**. Not only does this improve their families' diets, it also sets a higher goal of more sustainable agricultural practices in the region. Women also become more involved in **community organizing**, learning tools to create change at the national level, and advocating for their rights as rural women. Women from El Buen Pastor Community, at left, benefit from women's empowerment initiatives with the UCRES organization.

Grassroots Partnerships and Delegations - We facilitate **grassroots partnerships** between schools, universities, parishes, and solidarity committees in the United States with communities in El Salvador, and Honduras. We lead **delegations** centered around these partnerships and on special themes, including El Salvador's presidential elections in 2019. In December 2015, we led over 100 people on a delegation commemorating the assassination of the four US Churchwomen, killed during El Salvador's brutal civil war because of their social justice work and commitment to the poor.



Advocacy - We support advocacy projects that demand **environmental justice** and **human rights** throughout El Salvador. These initiatives range from petitioning for investigation of human rights abuses that occurred during the civil war to creating policies that will strengthen food sovereignty in the region. In cooperation with CONFRAS, we support vulnerable communities in La Paz with training and supplies to plant climate change-resistant crops and trees. The project also includes workshops for school children on caring for the environment.

Keep the Third Pillar Alive!

Accompaniment

Physical, spiritual, moral

Advocacy

Financial

Financial Accompaniment

is vital to SHARE's continued solidarity and the just transformation of El Salvador

INDIVIDUALS

make up over



60% of all support to SHARE



I give to SHARE because I know I'm making a difference!

MANY DELEGATES



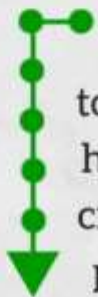
return home not knowing what to do next

And it's EASIER than you might think!



Just \$0.66 A DAY (\$20/ month) can help youth leaders learn peacebuilding strategies

A GREAT WAY



to honor your experience is by helping the Salvadoran people create just solutions to current problems by giving to SHARE

BECOME A SHARE VISIONARY TODAY! SHARE-ELSALVADOR.ORG/DONATE



Make a commitment to social justice—become a sustainer today!

We invite you to participate directly in the creation of a new model for sustainable, long-term development by becoming a SHARE sustainer!

Your contribution will provide hardworking, organized Salvadorans the support they need to overcome the challenges of poverty and injustice. With this form, we ask you to pledge a monthly or quarterly gift to SHARE.

Whatever you can give, we can make your monthly contributions easy with automatic credit card processing! Prefer to give by check instead? Submit the form below with your check and leave out your credit card information.

- **\$50 a month** will help the youth in one community implement a self-sustaining economic initiative. Your contributions will continue to give back over the years.
- **\$40 a month** can help a rural woman grow and maintain an organic vegetable garden to maintain her and her family's nutrition.
- With **\$20 a month**, over a year you can help SHARE's partner CONFRAS plant and maintain fruit trees to enrich the diet of school children.
- For the cost of a movie ticket, **\$15 a month** will help youth leaders purchase a month of school supplies or develop public speaking and leadership skills including anti-violence tactics.

YES! I want to sustain SHARE's development work in El Salvador by making a monthly gift

of: \$50 \$40 \$20 \$15 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Credit Card #: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

3 Digit Security Code: _____

Please detach this form and mail to
SHARE El Salvador, 2425 College Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704
Or go to www.share-elsalvador.org click "donate", and select your recurring gift frequency
Questions? Call 510-848-8487 or email jose@share-elsalvador.org



We need your help to continue our transformative work!

Stay connected in solidarity with SHARE and the people of El Salvador through our three pillars of mutual accompaniment. Here's how YOU can live out accompaniment:

- **Physical, Spiritual, and Moral Accompaniment**

Building lasting relationships between communities in El Salvador and the United States by creating opportunities to share experiences, joys, and struggles. By joining a delegation, you've already begun the first pillar!

- **Advocacy Accompaniment**

Advocating for US policies, and supporting Salvadoran advocacy efforts that promote respect for human rights and sustainable solutions to poverty and rural development. Stay up to date respond to action alerts, and "like" **SHARE** on Facebook, IG, or X ! When we stay connected, we can work with you as you walk with Salvadoran communities.

- **Financial Accompaniment**

Supporting communities as they seek just development and sustainable alternatives to poverty. Read below the many ways you can live out the third pillar and engage your community.

Physical, Spiritual, and Moral Accompaniment

- Join SHARE on a **delegation**. Delegates learn first-hand about El Salvador's history, present challenges, and hopes for the future while building relationships with people, communities, and organizations working for change.
- Host a **tour** of Salvadorans in your community. Raise awareness about the reality in El Salvador with your home community through a visit with Salvadoran community organizers and community members. Contact Accompaniment Coordination of the SHARE Foundation for more information at delegations@share-elsalvador.org.
- Invite your family, friends, and community members to join you on your next grassroots sistering delegation. Show pictures and share your stories!
- Like SHARE, CRIPDES, PROVIDA, CONFRAS, and other Salvadoran counterparts on Facebook and follow SHARE's social media to stay up-to-date on events and information.



Advocacy Accompaniment

- Sign up to stay up-to-date on important issues and receive action alerts.
- Participate in local advocacy efforts regarding human rights in your community!
- Write Romero quotes on the sidewalks of your school or other community, public, trafficked spaces. Take a photo of your art and post it to Instagram and Facebook tagging SHARE Foundation -El Salvador and using #Romero.
- Use the hashtags #Romero and #DisappearedButNotForgotten on Twitter and Facebook to join others in the movement to remember all of the disappeared in El Salvador and live as a voice for truth and justice just like Monsignor Romero.
- Advocacy actions
 - ✓ Educate your friends, family, and community about US policies and the reality in El Salvador. Encourage them to join in advocating for human rights!
 - ✓ Contact your local Salvadoran Consulate office or local immigration non-profit and ask how you can help.
 - ✓ Advocate for driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants in your state!
 - ✓ Write letters, call, and visit your Congressional Representative to talk about the realities of immigration and the impact US policy has on El Salvador.
 - ✓ Inform them about the violence and lack of opportunities that push Salvadorans out of their countries.



Sample Letter

Dear _____

I am writing you today, to urge you to divert funds from the aid the US government gives to militaries and police forces in Central America and instead use that money to support community-based alternatives. The people of Central America have suffered under the hard hand of militarized police forces for decades, and it is past time the US government withdraws its support of these institutions that force the people of Central America to live in fear. Alternatives to this security model are being developed in the region, including community-based violence prevention and social programs in healthcare and education. I implore you to support these courageous initiatives and stop funding security models that repress the people of Central America.

Sincerely,

Financial Accompaniment

More than half of the funding for SHARE's community projects and scholarships comes from individual donors like you. Without this support, none of our work would be possible. **You are now an advocate** for the communities you visit. It is in your hands to help ensure that this important work continues.

Please join SHARE in supporting these communities as they address issues of poverty and injustice!

___ **Sign up to be a SHARE sustainer. \$50 a month** will help the youth in one community implement a self-sustaining economic initiative. **\$40 a month** can help a rural woman grow and maintain an organic vegetable garden to maintain her and her family's nutrition. With **\$20 a month**, over the course of a year, you can help SHARE's partner CONFRAS plant and maintain fruit trees to enrich the diets of school children. For the cost of a movie ticket, **\$15 a month** will help youth leaders purchase a month of school supplies or develop public speaking and leadership skills including anti-violence tactics.

**Go to share-elsalvador.org, click "donate", and select your recurring gift frequency.*

___ **Send a letter to family and friends.** Tell them how your time in El Salvador has inspired you and ask them to support this important work. In the letter, include a brochure and return envelope. Phone those people who do not respond in two weeks. Be sure to send thank you letters to those who give!

___ **Organize a fun event.** Host a mystery dinner, a movie night, a trivia night, a tournament, or one of our other creative ideas as listed on the following pages!



**Need some fundraising inspiration?
Check out these great ideas to engage your network:**

1. **Travelogue.** Have a family and friends over for dessert. Show them a video or photos of your most recent trip to El Salvador and ask them to donate.
2. **Gallery night.** Print enlarged copies of your best delegation photos and sell to the highest bidder! Don't forget to explain the significance of the photos to your audience!
3. **Progressive dinner.** Start at one person's home for appetizers and progress to the next person's house for soup or salad, the next person's house for the main course, and the last person's house for dessert. Charge by the course or for the whole package.
4. **Pupusas supper or spaghetti dinner.** Use a church basement or union hall, sell tickets in advance, and recruit 50 people to come. You can charge extra for a special dessert or beverages.
5. **Garage or yard sale.** Feel good about cleaning out your closets to support an important cause. Ask your friends to donate items too. Advertise the sale as a fundraising event to draw more attention!
6. **Handicrafts sale.** Sell products made by Salvadoran artisans working in fair trade workshops or cooperatives. Bring a suitcase of crafts to the U.S. with you and donate the proceeds.
7. **Trivia night.** Charge entry fees and provide a prize to the winner or winning team.
8. **Car wash.** Organize a free car wash with a suggested donation amount of \$10.
9. **Rent-a-Youth Auction.** Auction off your youth to members of the congregation for whatever time frame you designate. The youth are then, in turn, helping with the fundraiser and the congregation is getting something in return. This works great if you pair it with a dinner or something like that. Make it fun!
10. **Service Board.** Church/ community members post odd jobs or service projects around their homes and the price they would pay for the service. Youth take the postings and sign up to do the task for the donation.
11. **Dodgeball/ ultimate frisbee/video game tournament.** Charge entry fees and give a prize to the winner or winning team.
12. **Gingerbread Competition.** Hold a competition to decorate gingerbread houses or gingerbread people at your office, school, or with friends and family. Participants vote for the winner with monetary contributions. The one with the most "votes" wins and all funds raised go towards the cause.



13. **Christmas Decorating.** Many businesses don't have time to decorate themselves and don't mind paying for your help. Get a group of volunteers to sign up local businesses for decorating. Send in your décor group for the main event, and you can even offer to return and clean up when the holiday season is over.
14. **Christmas Light Removal.** How many times have you driven through a neighborhood weeks, or even months after Christmas, and seen several houses that still have lights dangling from the eaves? Why not help these people out by offering to take their lights down for them? You can either charge a flat fee or ask for fair donations. At least two people should work together per house so one person can hold the ladder, safety first.
15. **Second Collection.** If you attend religious gatherings, see if you or someone from SHARE can give a brief talk about SHARE's work while the collection bin is passed around a second time.
16. **If you go to a church, synagogue, temple, or mosque, ask if there is a discretionary or social justice fund.** Many groups have small pools of money available.
17. **Invite people to donate to SHARE instead of birthday presents, housewarming gifts, or holiday presents.**
18. **Get your whole school/community/club involved.** Set a goal with an extra awesome reward! Have an admired teacher or community leader commit to doing something funny (like shaving their head or letting selected students/ members throw pies in their face). Everyone will want to pitch in to help reach the goal!



Hello friends,

Thank you for committing to accompany the Salvadoran people in their struggle for truth and justice, and for environmental and human rights. Without people like you women and young people would not have the opportunities to be involved leaders in their communities. Because you stand in solidarity with the Salvadoran people, they have the necessary tools to struggle for a better El Salvador!

Our hope for you is that this experience in El Salvador will not stay in El Salvador. We hope that you will go home a different way and be a witness to all you have seen and heard. As always, do not hesitate to contact any of the SHARE Foundation staff if you have questions, comments, or need ideas. We also want to walk with you through this journey. May this packet serve as a guide as you accompany our Salvadoran brothers and sisters!

Peace,

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