

**Deysi Cheyne Romero**  
Executive Director of the Institute for Women (IMU)



SHARE is pleased to announce that Deysi Cheyne, Executive Director the Institute for Women (IMU) is coming to the U.S. to meet and speak with our supporters and friends.

Deysi is a familiar face to SHARE, having worked in collaboration with us in our new target zone over the last two years. Some of us welcomed her into our homes during her 2004 U.S. tour when she shared analysis of the current state of women's rights, globalization and trade, and the severe impact of the coffee crisis in El Salvador.

Deysi brings over 25 years of experience in the defense of women's rights. Possessing a Masters in Psychology, she is part of an international working group of women in post-conflict societies and has traveled extensively as a voice for the rights of Salvadoran women. For the last twelve years she has led IMU as it has sought to promote the political and civil participation of women to advance locally and nationally public policies that promote the dignity and empowerment of women.

In collaboration with SHARE and the Melida Anaya Montes (MAM) organization, IMU organized approximately 500 women from eight locations to create a national women's platform for the 2004 presidential election. IMU proudly represented the issues and organizing efforts of Salvadoran women at the United Nations Beijing +10 Conference. At the local level, IMU has formed two local women's associations in SHARE's new target zone in Chalchuapa.

Presently SHARE and IMU are embarking upon a new mission, the formulation of a Women's Center --or La Casa de las Mujeres-- in Chalchuapa. A vision rising from needs put forth from nine women's circles of 450 women between the ages of 15 and 70, La Casa de las Mujeres would provide a much needed public space to house meetings, workshops, and vocational and gender equity trainings.

As it becomes increasingly difficult for our counterparts to visit because of greater visa restrictions, Deysi's presence is a unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with our Salvadoran brothers and sisters engaged in the ongoing struggle for economic and social justice.

Please join us in welcoming Desyi Cheyne Romero.

