

*Cascade Investment Advisors*  
**CHARITABLE LENDING  
NEWSLETTER**

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## THIS MONTH WE'RE FOCUSING OUR CHARITABLE LENDING EFFORTS ON A GROUP IN PARAGUAY

### The San Ignacio Group in Paraguay



In honor of International Women's Day occurring this month on March 8th, we decided to focus our charitable lending efforts on a group of women in Paraguay.

Mrs. Maria is one of the members and also president of the group. She operates a small business specialized in the sale of beverages and sausages. Maria is proud to help support her family and give them a better quality of life. Together with her group, she is requesting a loan of \$4,425

USD to buy sausages like chorizo and salschicas along with many beverages. With this money, she'll be able to purchase many more products to sell to her clients.

### Empowering Women in Paraguay

One of South America's least densely populated countries, Paraguayans are made up of over 95% mestizos, or of mixed Spanish and Native American descent. Unfortunately, corruption is widespread and the country is widely known for money laundering and organized crime.

We hope by lending to women's groups like Maria's in Paraguay, we will be able to reduce the percentage of people living in poverty, which currently sits around 60%.

Please join Cascade Investment Advisors this month in making a microloan to female entrepreneurs by joining our Kiva team at [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org)!