

As we wind down 2021, we're focusing our charitable lending efforts on an entrepreneur from Puerto Rico



LINDA'S STORY

Linda was raised in Carolina, Puerto Rico. As a child, her family would go visit relatives in Aguadilla, where she played on the family farm and fell in love with nature. She also developed a passion for cooking, and pursued studies in the Escuela Hotelera de Mayagüez and graduated Summa Cum Laude.

She now works as a private chef. Dreaming of a product that would contribute to preserving the flavor of Puerto Rico, Linda wanted something organic that would work for all recipes and dietary preferences. Something for vegans, vegetarians, meat-eaters, fish, for poultry, for those who don't really have cooking skills, for students, for busy parents. Some people told her it couldn't be done, but her love for cooking and for the flavor of Puerto Rico made it possible.

Linda developed a delicious sauce, and has built a steady customer base of people who can't live without it. Demand is growing and her product has potential for export. She is requesting \$7,000 USD to hire employees to help with the expansion. Additionally, she needs to purchase a commercial refrigerator and a small solar power system to protect the product and produce from the frequent and widespread power outages in Puerto Rico.

GIVING A HELPING HAND

Our goal in lending through [kiva.org](https://www.kiva.org) is to assist individual borrowers to start and grow businesses and build brighter futures for themselves, their families and their communities. We're particularly interested in helping to provide economic empowerment to communities and individuals like Linda in Puerto Rico that lack access to the financial mainstream.

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