



OUR STORY



The Cafe Femenino Foundation (CFF) was founded in 2004 by Gay and Garth Smith of Vancouver, WA driven by the desire to improve the lives of women and children in remote communities that produce organic coffee. There was a concern with the lack of basic human rights for women and girls, so they focused on improving the status and standard of living for these individuals and their families.

Over 10 years later, CFF is still working hard to enhance the lives of women by empowering them with skills and income producing opportunities. We provide small grants and micro-loans to help these women and their families diversify their income sources and improve the nutrition, health and education in their community.

CFF is a volunteer-driven organization ensuring more of the funds raised go directly to funding grant requests.



A Coffee Child's Christmas
Each year, the foundation funds A Coffee Child's Christmas- a cup of cocoa and traditional Christmas bread to more than 2,600 impoverished children in 50 Peruvian communities.

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visit our website to find out how you can help improve the lives of women coffee-producers.

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Enhancing the lives of women and families in coffee producing communities around the world.



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NURTURING HOPE

CFF offers hope, opportunity, aid and encouragement to disenfranchised women in the poorest and least accessible areas of coffee growing countries. These women perform much of the physical labor required to grow and harvest coffee, yet they have little influence on decisions about their families. They are typically uneducated, impoverished and disconnected from resources. The women we serve live in remote villages that generally lack potable water. Their homes are rustic, often housing a dozen or more family members in one or two rooms with dirt floors, an indoor fire pit for cooking and a bucket of dirty water for washing dishes. Most women have never received health care. They marry young and have as many as 10 or more children. When coffee income is low, they and their children often go hungry.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We work through well-established, in-country farming cooperatives to foster positive change, address gender inequality, reduce poverty and abuse. The grant requests we fund are generated directly by the women living and working in the coffee producing villages.



Through the generous donations from coffee roasters, coffee importers, coffee drinkers, schools, universities and you, CFF continues to make a difference in the lives of these women and their families.

Donate online or adopt a grant today at www.coffeecan.org and help us continue to change lives around the world.



ENHANCING LIVES

In Bolivia: coffee product training for the women; coffee quality workshops.

In Colombia: healthy kitchens with clean water and vents for smoke; re-planting of farms and gardens following devastation by aerial herbicide spraying.

In Guatemala: library and reading program for children; micro-lending program for women producers to encourage income diversification, tools and supplies to improve the conditions of their farms and quality of their coffee.

In Mexico: cervical cancer screening and reproductive health workshops.

In Nicaragua: leadership training; reproductive health workshops; and cervical cancer screening.

In Peru: clean water storage system; health workshops; dental care and education for children; kitchen ventilation projects; malnutrition reduction programs including small animal breeding, quinoa crops and community gardens; income diversification projects to address the “lean months”; a sustainable micro-lending organization owned and operated by women of Peru; wet mills and drying patios to improve coffee quality.

In Sumatra: early education centers for pre-school children; leadership workshops for the women and raised drying beds to improve coffee quality.