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Minneapolis Rotaract Club to Celebrate World Rotaract Week with Benefit for Nicaraguan Youth Center

To commemorate World Rotaract Week (March 8-14), the Minneapolis Rotaract Club will be holding the first annual **"Celebration of Rotaract" on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 6 to 9 p.m.** at the Summit Brewing Company Ratskellar Hall (910 Montreal Circle, St. Paul, MN 55102).

This year's event is focused on raising awareness of the activities of Minneapolis Rotaract, and to raise funds for a current joint project with our sister club of Managua-Tiscapa Rotaract in Nicaragua. The evening will consist of a mashed potato bar dinner, Summit Brewery refreshments, and a silent auction.

'Casa Hogar' (which in Spanish means 'a house that is a home') is a center for at-risk girls and adolescents in Managua, Nicaragua. The center provides comprehensive attention to residents in the form of health care, education and vocational training. **All proceeds from the event will go toward financing infrastructure maintenance at Casa Hogar**, specifically providing a reinforced perimeter wall to ensure the safety of residents.

General Admission tickets are \$20 and tickets for Rotaract Members are \$10. All from around the Twin Cities metro area is encouraged to attend to find out more about this spirited group of young people dedicated to the Rotary cause.

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. The Minneapolis Rotaract Club was established on May 9, 1997 and is sponsored by City of Lakes Rotary Club of District 5950. **For more information about Minneapolis Rotaract, please visit www.mplsrotaract.org.**

Casa Hogar facts:

- Casa Hogar was founded on March 15, 1999, under the direction of Arnaldo Zenteno, along with two teachers, who aided 7 girls as a pilot project.
- Today, Casa Hogar has a staff of 8 working under the direction of program coordinator Marlene Calderón Ruiz and has the capacity to treat 30 girls/adolescents at any given time (15 in permanent/in-patient treatment and 15 in out-patient treatment).
- Casa Hogar offers their services to girls and adolescents between 12 and 18 years of age in risky situations related to extreme poverty in their families and environment.