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Friendship Bridge Announces New Partnership with Freedom from Hunger

DENVER, CO – [Friendship Bridge](#), a nonprofit microcredit and education organization based in Colorado, is pleased to announce a new partnership with Freedom from Hunger, an international development organization that partners with local agencies who invest in women in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Freedom from Hunger's more than 20 years of experience in capacity building for group-lending and adult education make it the right partner to aid in the assessment and strengthening of the Friendship Bridge credit program.

Having clear and effective processes and procedures is integral to the success of all microfinance organizations. Friendship Bridge is seeking to strengthen its lending programs through improved credit processes and internal controls as well as employee training and the implementation of enhanced pay, reward and recognition programs. This joint effort will ensure the organization is well positioned to serve our clients' needs. As part of its mission, Freedom from Hunger shares its proven programs by training and collaborating with local partners. A partnership between Freedom from Hunger and Friendship Bridge will help both organizations achieve their missions.

"We are very excited about partnering with Freedom from Hunger," said Karen Larson, Executive Director of Friendship Bridge, "They have a wealth of expertise to share and we hope it is the first of many more strong partnerships that we leverage to strengthen our programs and to help create economic independence for our women clients in Guatemala."

About Friendship Bridge: Friendship Bridge is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides microcredit and educational programs to impoverished women in Guatemala so they can become the agents of change in their families and their communities.

About Freedom from Hunger: Freedom from Hunger's self-help programs invest in women and their determination to feed their children, safeguard their health and send them to school. Their combination of microfinance, practical education and access to health care, helps women earn and save more money, buy more and better food, and pay for health care.

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