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Puerto Rico—Rural Housing Service

# Community Building

## Hogares Teresa Toda, Inc. Awarded Grant For New Van; Needed Repairs

### Outline of Need:

“Hogares Teresa Toda, Inc.” is a non-profit organization in the municipality of Loiza, Puerto Rico with a mission to provide up to 24 young girls, ages six to twenty one, and victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment a foster home environment where family love and sensitive care are permeated throughout daily life and activities.

Their present vehicle is 21 years old and has many mechanical problems, the freezer in use is too small and is 18 years old and their snack area roof has several water leaks.

### How Rural Development Helped:

USDA Rural Development in Puerto Rico provided a Community Facilities Grant of \$75,000 to Hogar



*José Otero-García, USDA Rural Development State Director for Puerto Rico announced a grant of \$75,000.00 for “Hogar Teresa Toda, Inc.”. The funds come from the Community Facility Program.*

Teresa Toda, Inc. José Otero-García, USDA Rural Development State Director for Puerto Rico, indicated that the grant was approved to the Institution for a purchase of a passenger van, a walk-in commercial refrigerator/freezer and the installation of a plastic roof in the snack area.

### The End Result:

“Hogares Teresa Toda, Inc.” provides to the girls exceptional services including medical, mental health, social worker services, dental care, formal education, transportation, tutoring and supervised studies.

Sister Ines Peña, Executive Director of “Hogares Teresa Toda, Inc.” thanked USDA Rural Development for the aide the institution received. She said that now her girls will have secure and safe transportation, better quality food and if it rains they can use the snack area without any problem or inconvenient.

## Fast Facts

**Program:** Community Facilities Grant

**Investment:** \$75,000

**Partners:** Hogares Teresa Toda, Inc.

**Congressional District:**

- Senatorial District—8
- Representative District—37

**Demographics:**

- Loiza,
- Population: 30,060 (2010 Census)

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