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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PUERTO RICO ANNOUNCED A GRANT TO HOGARES TERESA TODA

San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 19, 2009 – José Otero-García, Puerto Rico State Director, announced that a Grant of \$75,000 was awarded to “Hogares Teresa Toda, Inc”.

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

Otero-García indicated that a grant of \$75,000 was approved to the Institution for the purchase of a passenger van, a walk-in commercial refrigerator/freezer and the installation of a plastic roof in the snack area. “Hogares Teresa Toda, Inc.” provides to the girls exceptional service including medical, mental health and social worker services, dental care, formal education, transportation, tutoring and supervised studies.

The award ceremony was covered by TV Channel 18 and will be part of the TV Program “Desde Mi Pueblo”. They interviewed José Otero-García and Mrs. Nereida Rodríguez, Community Program Director, and both talked about the Agencies Programs.

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