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## **Fundraising Home Parties Support Non Profit Organizations**

**ALLENTOWN — March 17, 2008** — Today Inti Designs and Bead ‘n Bauble announced that they will join forces to raise funds for local non profit organizations. The companies will pool their resources, providing an attractive array of affordable and quality merchandise that can be sold at home parties, church sales and other organizations’ fund raising events. Inti Designs and Bead ‘n Bauble will each donate a percentage of the proceeds from these parties to Mountains of Hope, as well as other charitable organizations in the Lehigh Valley.

“Non profit organizations can reach exponential potential through collaboration! Our supporting members can contribute to our organization by hosting a fundraising party and inviting their friends. The parties will raise awareness about the unique bridge of sharing between the Lehigh Valley and Pimampiro, Ecuador,” said Paul Murtha, Managing Director at Mountains of Hope, "The proceeds from these events will help to ensure that our literacy and community development programs can continue.”

“These parties will give the host’s friends a chance to buy great gifts while helping their communities through the non-profit organizations they support,” said Mary Szakmeister, the proprietor of Bead ‘n Bauble. “In other words, this isn’t your average ‘basket bingo’.”

Inti Designs ([www.intidesigns.org](http://www.intidesigns.org)) sells a line of luxury handcrafted Andean items, including beautiful wool blend capes, hand-painted wooden chess sets depicting Inca warriors and Spanish conquistadors, and a line of embroidered tee-shirts with indigenous designs.

Bead ‘n Bauble ([www.beadnbauble.com](http://www.beadnbauble.com)) based in Whitehall, PA, creates beautiful jewelry using sterling silver, semiprecious stones, Swarovski crystals, and other fine materials.

Mountains of Hope ([www.mtnsofhope.org](http://www.mtnsofhope.org)) promotes educational enrichment, cultural exchange, and sustainable community development for the people of Pimampiro, Ecuador. They support a full range of services to the community, including establishing Pimampiro’s first children’s library and teacher resource center, facilitating educational exchange, promoting voluntourism, sponsoring girls’ tuitions, feeding the elderly, and promoting organic agriculture.

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