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### **Theta Beta Collects Supplies for Dominican Republic School**

Providence, RI- Theta Beta Graduate/Professional Chapter is collecting school supplies until Friday June 19 for their annual donation drive to Escuela Barrero, an underprivileged school in Dominican Republic. Since 2002, Theta Beta has devotedly hosted donation drives to help the school cover its needs.

At a glance, La Escuela Barrero is a battered two room structure located in the mountains of the Dominican Republic yet it houses an invaluable service - education. Being the only school in the area, it serves 50 to 60 students, grades 1 through 8.

Nery Garcia, Theta Beta member explains the eye-opening reality of Dominican children, “the families of these children live in poverty and can barely afford to purchase the customary uniforms, never mind books and school supplies. Teachers rely on donations to cover the expenses of day-to-day operations.”

Garcia along other Theta Beta members from Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Florida are collecting supplies and encouraging everyone to donate. Donations can either be monetary or gently used and new items such as notebooks, pens, book bags, toys, and much more.

“Our goal is to provide each student with his or her own book bag and all the basic items necessary for classroom learning. Last year was a success, help us make this year the best,” Garcia adds.

For more information and/or to donate, contact Nery Garcia at [ejemplar87@yahoo.com](mailto:ejemplar87@yahoo.com).

Theta Beta Graduate/Professional Chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/ Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. exists to promote the goals of the Sorority in the Rhode Island community as well as provide personal and professional support to Graduate/Professional Hermanas and mentorship for undergraduate chapters all while actively participating in community service initiatives.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. was founded on December 1, 1987 at Binghamton University as an organization that would provide sisterhood and support while also promoting academic achievement, service to the community and cultural enrichment. Today, the sorority's purpose remains to unite women committed to seeking the political and social advancement of the underrepresented populations.

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