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Happy Summer!

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-Gloria A. Ramírez, editor

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The Esperanza staff and buena gente express heartfelt condolences to Amy Kastely, Esperanza board member and legal adviser, on the recent passing of her dear mother at 95 years of age. Much of Esperanza's success is due to the involvement of persons such as Amy who have dedicated much time and love to the organization and its gente. No doubt Amy, who is so committed to social justice, learned to be who she is from her mother. And for that we thank her mother. Our hearts and spirits join Amy and her family in sorrow wishing them solace and comfort in the memories of happy times spent with their mother. May she rest in peace.

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