

# Descansa en Casa

(Rest At Home)

## Introduction

The Daedalus Foundation, in cooperation with Intermediaciones Digitales S. De R.L., Tegucigalpa, Honduras, presents the Descansa en Casa (DEC) service to satisfy an unfulfilled requirement for repatriation of the remains of Latino migrants and immigrants whose deaths occur in the United States, Canada or any country in Central America. DEC is responsible decision and a legacy of tranquility.

The initial focus of the DEC program will be upon citizens of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, under 65, who reside in Mexico, Central America, the United States, and Canada.

DEC is a new, nominal-cost service that was developed to cover the financial costs associated with repatriation of remains, to facilitate their transfer, and to provide coverage of funeral arrangements for those dying outside their countries.

## Background

Today, a fear exists within the Latino immigrant community that they might die without arrangements for their remains to be returned home for eternal rest with or near other members of their families. Compounding that fear is the thought that without proper arrangements, they might be cremated or buried in mass or unmarked graves far from their homes. Many families feel very strongly about facilitating the burial of a loved one in the country of their birth. For those people, nothing is more important than the care and handling of their loved ones and the expedited return of their remains to their own country.

The DEC service will fulfill one of the most desired wishes of Hispanics residing abroad at the time of death, that of returning their bodies to their places of origin, or other location as specified by the individual, for their eternal rest.

## How DEC Works

Upon notification of the death of a DEC member, DEC's mortuary services partner will be notified and the partner will arrange for immediate mortuary services and commence arrangements for repatriation of the remains of the member. The costs associated with the DEC services will be covered through a low-cost term life insurance policy that will be issued for the DEC participant. Dependent upon the level of coverage selected by the DEC participant, there may also be funds remaining after all expenses that will be forwarded to the participant's family to cover expenses associated with funeral arrangements and burial at home.

## Strategic Partnerships

The DEC sponsors seek strategic partners to participate in various aspects of the service and are willing to entertain proposals.

## Additional Information

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