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DiscoverHope Fund to Honor Turk Pipkin and Maggie Miller at Dec. 8 Gala

Austin, TX—Austin-based microlender [DiscoverHope](#), an international development nonprofit, will be hosting “An Evening in the Andes” in the Connally Ballroom at the UT Alumni Events Center on Thursday, December 8. This year’s event recognizes the inspiring founders of two international nonprofits, both of whom are tackling global issues from the supportive home base of Austin.

DiscoverHope will honor Turk Pipkin—author, actor, film-maker, and co-founder of the [Nobility Project](#)—with the Community Hero Award for his passionate drive to educate and better the lives of people across the globe. The Nobility Project works with Nobel laureates and other leaders to advocate basic rights for children everywhere. Through their Kenya Schools Fund, The Nobility Project builds classrooms, water systems and libraries at schools across rural Kenya. In addition, Maggie Miller—DiscoverHope’s founder—will receive an award for her unwavering dedication to empowering women in poverty to create their own prosperity through microcredit, entrepreneurship and education. These two individual embody the power of acting on one’s convictions to create meaningful change in the world.

Maggie Miller sums up the importance of individuals coming together to make a difference, “As Founder of DiscoverHope, I am constantly reminded of how we can create anything working together in unified thought. DiscoverHope has literally materialized out of the love, support, and work of all countless people. My life’s work as the Founder of DiscoverHope has given me the gift of accessing the inspiration of incredible and unique “teachers of life” all over this world. I am grateful to accept this honor on behalf of all of those people who see life with limitless possibility; they are the change they wish to see.”

This gala event features a silent and live auction as well as socially-responsible products from the Andean region. Shoppers can buy jewelry lovingly handcrafted by DiscoverHope’s microcredit recipients, and learn more about how women living on two dollars per day have shaped their own destinies. For dessert, chocolate lovers can savor the mellow richness of Marañón chocolate made from a rare variety of Peruvian cacao, once thought to be extinct. Proceeds will benefit DiscoverHope’s Legacy program which provides funding for their microcredit work in Peru.

In three years, DiscoverHope has funded more than 350 loans and 900 development classes for 2000 participants who have asked for trainings. Microloan recipients have reached a 100% payback success rate. In addition, our loan recipients have reported more than 20% in new income generation directly related to skills and knowledge obtained in DiscoverHope classes—which cycles directly back into their families and communities.

For tickets to the event, simply visit our website: www.lendhope.org.

DiscoverHope Fund is an international non-profit whose mission is to provide opportunities for women in poverty to create their own prosperity through microcredit, entrepreneurship, and training. Their work serves women living on \$2 a day in developing nations so they can shape their own destinies through creation of entrepreneurial businesses.

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