

“Women creating economic self-reliance in the hope of bringing their families home.”



**Film Screening followed by discussion/Q&A with women filmmakers:
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Location: University Center 107
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Milagros, Spanish for “miracles,” are small gold or silver votive offerings to favorite saints in times of need or as thanks for prayers answered. Milagros: made in Mexico, looks through the eyes of women left behind in their rural villages when their loved ones are driven to migrate to el norte out of economic necessity. In the face of rapid social change we follow the stories of homemakers who have formed new business cooperatives by using their centuries-old traditions of weaving, making cajeta, and embroidering. The film provides an in-depth look at micro-credit and microeconomic enterprises throughout the Bajío region of Guanajuato. The women portrayed in the film work hard to maintain close-knit family ties while balancing their new role as heads of household. We experience their struggles to keep themselves out of poverty and ultimately, with the help of a Miracle, try to find a way to bring their loved ones back home.

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