

2016 Baja California Sur Giving Guide





Baja California Sur is a truly beautiful place and one of the most ecologically diverse regions in the Western Hemisphere with its unique terrain, breathtaking coastlines and marine habitats. The state's pristine beauty has also resulted in steady population growth with over 637,000 people calling Baja California Sur home in 2010.

Baja California Sur's assets and human capital are great, but so, too, are its growing needs. All across Baja California Sur, economic disparities are visible, from the economic and geographically isolated ejidos and fishing villages to the unregulated neighborhoods of fast-growing cities like Los Cabos, La Paz, and Loreto.

While Baja California Sur faces many challenges, thankfully the state has a growing and vibrant nonprofit sector that is working hard to address the unmet needs in the areas of education, health & human services, community development and the environment. If we are to improve Baja California Sur's quality of life, then a strong and vibrant nonprofit sector is absolutely essential. The support of individual donors is critical to the nonprofits that uplift these communities.

Through the publication of the 2016 Baja Giving Guide, it is our hope that you will be inspired to discover how your passions can support one or more of the local organizations in your adopted community in Baja California Sur.

Join us in making a difference. Give to Baja California today!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne McEnany", written in a cursive style.

Anne McEnany
President & CEO





Connecting U.S. Donors to Make an Impact in Baja California Sur

Established in 1990, the mission of the International Community Foundation is to inspire international charitable giving by U.S. donors, with an emphasis on Mexico and Latin America. Our foundation furthers its mission by working to increase support to local organizations in the areas of health, education and environment – making \$59.3 million in grants since 2000 thanks to the generosity of our committed internationally-minded donors.

Over the years, the International Community Foundation has played an important role in expanding the level of charitable giving to benefit nonprofit organizations and other civic initiatives along the Baja California peninsula. Some of the Foundation's noteworthy contributions have included:

- Partnering with several U.S. and Mexican conservation organizations in 2002 to help acquire and donate Isla Espíritu Santo to Mexico's Commission for Natural Protected Areas (CONAP) to conserve this unique 99 square kilometer island in perpetuity.
- Working together with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$500,000 in support for the designation of the Gulf of California's 244 islands and inlets as a collective World Heritage Biodiversity Site.
- Catalyzing the Malecón beautification project in La Paz through the donation of several sculptures.
- Protecting over 350,000 acres of coastal lands in the San Ignacio Lagoon, the birthing ground of the California Gray Whale.
- In Fiscal Year 2015, provided \$2.6 million in grant to 33 organizations in Baja California Sur.

Key Facts

Assets: \$21.03 million as of 6/30/2015

Grants: \$7.73 million - FY 2015

EIN: 33-0457858
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Geographic Emphasis: Baja California peninsula and the Sea of Cortez region

Countries Served: Mexico, Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, and the United States.

Funding Priorities: Education, Environment, and Health

Giving is Easy!

The International Community Foundation offers many ways for you to make a difference and give to your charity of choice or passion in Baja California Sur.

In addition to establishing a donor-advised fund at the International Community Foundation, there are various ways for individuals to support their favorite non-U.S. charity by making a contribution to the organization's "Friends of" fund at the foundation.

These options include:

1. Send a Check by Mail

Send a check made out to the International Community Foundation. **Include the name of the non-U.S. charity** which you wish to support in the memo line of your check. NOTE: the nonprofit in question must have a "Friends of" fund at our foundation. Your check should be sent to:



International Community Foundation
2505 N Avenue
National City, CA 91950 USA

2. Donate Online at www.donate.icfdn.org

Go to ICF's giving site to learn about all of the local organizations and special initiatives that you can support through our foundation, and to access our online donation form.



3. Send a Wire Transfer

The International Community Foundation can receive wire transfers on behalf of the "Friends of" fund directly from your bank at any time.



4. Donate Stock or Mutual Funds

Gifts of appreciated stock not only allow you to take a tax deduction for the appreciated value of the stock, but you are also not subject to the capital gains tax for the appreciation of those securities. Your broker may electronically transfer the gift directly to our account at Vanguard. ICF will absorb any brokerage handling fees and mail you a tax receipt stating the name of the stock and the number of shares received by ICF.



5. Leave a Legacy

There are several ways to support a non-U.S. charity through planned giving. The simplest way is by making a bequest to the "Friends of" fund at the International Community Foundation for your favorite non-U.S. charity.



La Paz Emerging & Sustainable Cities Initiative



Cities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean are urbanizing rapidly – 75% of the region's population lives in cities and 140 of those cities are growing faster than average. La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico is one of those cities. As the state capital, commercial hub, and tourism center, La Paz is growing its population but is struggling to deliver basic services, create employment opportunities, and protect the local environment. All of this leads to a diminished quality of life for local residents over time, but because La Paz is still under one million people, there is a way to steer the city's growth in a more sustainable direction.

Since 2011, the International Community Foundation has worked with the Municipality of La Paz and the InterAmerican Development Bank (IDB) to strengthen the city's participation in the IDB's "Emerging Sustainable Cities" initiative. Partnering with Fundación FEMSA, teams from ICF, IDB and the Municipality of La Paz began measuring environmental sustainability and climate change, urban development, and fiscal sustainability and governance. Since that time, the IDB, FEMSA, the municipality and ICF have achieved the following:

- **Hired GeoAdaptive to carry out the diagnostic and produce new reports on municipal finance, land use change, and climate change vulnerability. GeoAdaptive presented these results in April 2012 to the ICF-IDB-FEMSA-La Paz team.**
- **Featured La Paz at an ICLEI conference in Bonn, Germany, on "Resilient Cities."**
- **Conducted a walkability audit of La Paz.**
- **Hosted multiple workshops with IDB experts and municipal agency directors to select La Paz priorities.**
- **Initiated a climate change action plan and a feasibility analysis of renewable energy for the municipality of La Paz.**
- **Helped the city access funding from the German development agency and the World Bank to implement priority projects in the action plan.**

The resulting action plan will guide the city's infrastructure investments in the coming decades to ensure a sustainable future for La Paz.

Solmar Foundation www.solmarfoundation.com



The mission of the Solmar Foundation is to dignify the most needy and help them achieve a better life through community programs and the activities of the foundation, with a focus on women and children living in poverty. Solmar Foundation supplies critical social services that are not covered by the government. They work with public agencies and non-governmental organizations to combine resources and direct assistance to the areas where it will do the most good, focusing on education and the development of marketable skills.

In September 2014 Hurricane Odile made landfall in Cabo San Lucas as the most powerful and destructive Hurricane in the history of the Baja Peninsula. ICF and the Solmar Foundation were at the forefront of organizations that sprang into action to support relief and rebuilding efforts. Working hand in hand, they raised money from U.S. donors and sponsored a UNDP workshop to educate local nonprofits and community organizations on disaster preparedness for the future.

This collaboration exemplifies the partnership between ICF and Solmar to foster philanthropic giving in the region and serve the needs of local communities.

Cabo San Lucas / San José del Cabo

Amigos de los Niños

www.adlncabo.org

Since 1991, Amigos de los Niños has provided quality health care in Los Cabos to children who would otherwise have no other means of receiving healthcare. All services and medical attention provided to children through Amigos de los Niños are totally free of cost. Many of the doctors who assist in Amigos de los Niños free clinics are from the US, but also many local physicians have been inspired by them and are now doing free clinics and special case work for Amigos de los Niños as well. Amigos de los Niños also conducts a biannual ear, nose and throat (ENT) and audio free clinic which includes specialties in ENT surgeries, audio testing and free hearing aids for children 3 to 18 years of age.



Baja SAFE Salud de los Animales y Familias con Educación, A.C.

www.bajasafe.com

Baja S.A.F.E. was founded in 2007 in order to rescue stray dogs and cats in the San José del Cabo area. The organization rehabilitates, feeds, and spays/neuters these rescued animals, then finds them good homes locally, in the U.S., and in Canada.



Casa Hogar Cabo San Lucas A.C.

www.casahogarcabo.com

Casa Hogar Cabo San Lucas is a project that provides the necessary food, shelter water, and education for boys aged 5 to 17 in Cabo San Lucas. The initiative's goals include educating the boys about moral values, community, and life skills, keeping the boys out of gangs, and preparing them for a better future. The facilities include two dormitories, each housing 30 boys, bathrooms, a dining hall and a large kitchen, a library, a game room, an infirmary, and an artificial turf soccer field.



Gala de Danza, A.C.

www.galadedanza.com

Gala de Danza works in Los Cabos, Mexico to disseminate and promote the creation of the arts and to promote artistic education with the participation and collaboration of several contributors: dancers, actors, teachers, artists, staff, sponsors, and the local community. The Gala strives to promote opportunities for and to improve the quality of life of local underprivileged children and youth.



Gente Joven por un Cambio, A.C.

www.gentejovenac.org

Gente Joven por un Cambio (GJC) is an after-school program dedicated to helping children from ages 8-18 achieve their dreams, by empowering them with a voice, life skills and the freedom to explore. The program is committed to inspire self-awareness, responsibility and accountability. GJC is a safe place for children to learn, with programs that provide education, motivation and teamwork skills to help them make positive changes in their lives and their environment. That growth comes with honesty, trust, gratitude and laughter.



Liga M.A.C. A.C.

www.ligamac.org

Liga M.A.C. is a nonprofit organization located in San José del Cabo that supports low-income families in need, focusing on three fronts: education, health care, and addressing basic needs. Liga M.A.C. reaches out to both adults and children in the community. For education, they have established a program called ACE, which is a scholarship program for good students whose families struggle financially. Another part of the ACE program are ESL lessons, or "English as a second language," which are taught by volunteers. ACE also includes math lessons, community service, social skills workshops, and empowerment programs for girls.





Los Niños del Capitán A.C. **www.losninosdelcapitan.com**

Los Niños del Capitán is a charitable organization in Cabo San Lucas that serves children ages 2-6. It functions as a preschool, kindergarten, and after school center for families of limited economic means that are unable to pay for traditional pre-school or after school programs. Most of the parents in the community work long hours at the various hotels and resorts in the area, leaving children as young as six years old in charge of taking care of their siblings during the day. This program provides work-week support for those children five days a week, feeding them, educating them, and giving them a place to play.



Red Autismo, A.C. **www.redautismo.org**

Red Autismo is a nonprofit civil association that provides children in the Los Cabos area with early evaluation and intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), in order to improve their quality of life. Through their work, they strive to support, guide, and educate families, relatives, teachers, therapists and professionals. Red Autismo is devoted to helping children that fall within the Autism Spectrum or that are facing other Developmental Disorders.

East Cape (including Cabo Pulmo)



Amigos para la Conservación de Cabo Pulmo, A.C. (ACCP) **www.cabopulmoamigos.org**

This community organization is fiercely protecting Cabo Pulmo National Park from threats to its coral reefs, fisheries and marine animals. Volunteers and neighbors have created a recycling program, an interpretive trail, a community pride program and a water quality monitoring program to ensure that Cabo Pulmo National Park remains the treasure that it is today. The area's beauty makes it attractive to major tourism developers which poses a continual threat and makes ACCP's work vital. ACCP is hard at work promoting a vision for the region that balances both natural and social benefits.



East Cape Community Urgent Care Clinic, A.C. **www.eastcapemedical.com**

The East Cape Community Urgent Care Clinic, A.C. (DBA East Cape Health Center) strives to provide all members of the East Cape community with preventative and urgent medical and dental care, regardless of their ability to pay. Community outreach and educational programs allow the Center to reach those who do not have access to health care facilities or resources for their basic health care needs. In 2015, the Center expanded their Medical Clinic allowing more space for a large emergency room, pediatrics, physician specialty services, rehabilitation, X-Ray, ultrasound, laboratory and large public pharmacy. The clinic specializes in emergency services and transport, routine ambulatory, pediatrics, chronic disease, including hypertension, cardiovascular, diabetes and specialized wound care. The Dental Clinic provides care for the community and offers special programs for children in oral hygiene, restoration and extractions, with hands-on education on brushing and flossing techniques. Combined medical and dental services for children are free of charge.



East Cape Guild, A.C. **www.eastcapeguild.com**

The East Cape Guild has helped over 1,000 students stay in school through its scholarship program. Beyond 9th grade, the Mexican federal system requires that parents contribute financially, but many families cannot. The East Cape Guild has strict criteria for students, who work diligently to increase their knowledge and opportunities for the future.



Todos Santos

The Palapa Society of Todos Santos, A.C.

www.palapasociety.org



The Palapa Society is dedicated to the children of Todos Santos, working to improve their quality of life and educational opportunities. The Palapa Society offers high school and university scholarships, English-language classes for adults and children and a bilingual library. For the community, the Palapa Society operates water safety classes, an anti-graffiti/mural painting program and medical support for families in need. Thanks to the support of a dedicated patron, the Palapa Society is currently in the process of designing and developing The Palapa Learning Center Campus.

La Paz

Centro Mujeres, A.C.

www.centromujeres.org



Founded in La Paz in 1991, Centro Mujeres is the first community health organization dedicated to the empowerment of women, youth and families in Baja California Sur. Centro Mujeres provides direct health services to women and teen girls, trains students on issues that affect women's health, and works with government agencies to improve and strengthen policies that affect women and girls. This is accomplished through community programs, direct services, research and advocacy.

Como Vamos La Paz

www.comovamoslapaz.comg



Como Vamos La Paz, A.C. is a watchdog organization that strives to improve the quality of life for the residents of La Paz by reducing negative impacts of urban development on the environment and ensuring that the local government has the needed fiscal and administrative capacity to sustain economic growth, offer quality public services, and work in partnership with its citizens. The organization does all of this by empowering civic participation in local decision-making.

Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz, A.C. (FANLAP)

www.lapazninos.org



Located on the outskirts of La Paz, Colonias Marquez de Leon, Laguna Azul, Villas de Guadalupe and Vista Hermosa are among the poorest neighborhoods in the area. FANLAP started providing nutritional meals to students in these neighborhoods in 1996, and has since expanded its services to include a scholarship program, a library and a family/student program that helps students improve learning and problem-solving. Hundreds of students have benefitted from FANLAP's dedicated volunteers and staff.

Fundación Cántaro Azul, A.C.

www.cantaroazul.org



Fundación Cántaro Azul is dedicated to improve the health and well-being of people living in marginalized communities through the design, implementation and evaluation of water and environmental solutions. Cántaro Azul works through a participatory approach with individuals and communities, and collaborates with academic centers, government institutions, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society. With these interventions, Cántaro Azul is changing the water landscape in Mexico.



Pelagios Kakunjá

www.pelagioskakunja.org/en



Pelagios-Kakunjá is a nonprofit organization with the main objective of studying migratory marine species in the Mexican Pacific. They initiated the first shark-tagging program in the region; tagging sharks and deploying underwater tag-detecting sensors (ultrasonic receivers) at Guadalupe Island, many sites in the Gulf of California, as well as Revillagigedo Archipelago, Islas Marias and Clipperton Island. Pelagios aims to generate baseline information for the regional management (CONANP and INAPESCA) and implementation of conservation strategies for sharks and other migratory marine species. They have studied sharks during the last 10 years at several MPAs in the Eastern tropical Pacific (Isla Guadalupe, Revillagigedo, Cocos, Malpelo and Galapagos), gaining valuable knowledge on the benefits, drawbacks, and challenges of marine protected areas in the region.

Raíz de Fondo Jardines y Educación A.C.

www.raizdefondo.org



Raíz de Fondo Jardines y Educación A.C. offers educational opportunities to children and adults to enhance the quality of life through organic gardening, nutritional advocacy, promotion of a sustainable culture and community resilience. Three community gardens in La Paz serve as platforms for advancing this mission. Once abandoned lots, these urban oases now provide a space for residents to cultivate gardens, attend workshops and events, and build community connections. In addition, Raíz de Fondo offers extension services to help empower local groups to create their own autonomous community and school gardens throughout Baja California Sur.

Magdalena Bay

Vigilantes de Bahía Magdalena, A.C. (Vigilantes)

www.facebook.com/vigilantes.bahiamagdalena



Vigilantes is dedicated to the health of Magdalena Bay, which provides a habitat for sea turtles, shellfish and commercial fisheries. By testing water quality, monitoring mangroves and educating local decision makers, students and fishermen, Vigilantes is making a positive impact on the bay's ecological balance. Equally important, Vigilantes is ensuring that fishing will be a viable activity for future generations.

Loreto

Eco-Alianza de Loreto A.C.

www.ecoalianzaloreto.org



Eco-Alianza de Loreto is a key local organization that is working to protect the Loreto Bay National Park. Through education and outreach, collaborations with local fishermen, enforcement/surveillance on the water, testing of local water quality, partnership with local officials, and recycling, Eco-Alianza is comprehensively addressing the threats to the marine protected area. This year, Eco-Alianza inaugurated the Community Center for the Environment, which will be a local and regional hub for conservation, community, and educational cooperation.

Laguna San Ignacio

Baja Stewardship Fund

Large-scale land conservation is achieved through careful management, scientific monitoring, good neighbor relations, and an on-site presence. This year, our Foundation's partners secured hundreds of miles of coastal concessions and continued negotiations for more protected lands along the Baja California peninsula. Today, lands under management total over 600,000 acres in Laguna San Ignacio and Bahía de los Angeles alone.



Photo: Octavio Aburto





San Ignacio Whale Conservation Fund

Every year, hundreds of California gray whales travel over 10,000 miles, from the summer feeding grounds in Alaska to the winter breeding and calving destination of Laguna San Ignacio, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In 2012, Pronatura Noroeste was granted conservation management of 207,000 acres of federally-owned lands along the lagoon's shoreline. This decision puts the responsibility for protecting and managing those lands in Pronatura Noroeste's hands. Pronatura Noroeste must conduct the following activities: enforcement/patrolling, monitoring and follow up, addressing threats, and carrying out outreach and education for the local community.

Sea of Cortez (Regional)



Baja California Disaster Relief Fund

The Baja California Disaster Relief Fund responds to community-based needs arising from disasters that impact areas throughout the Baja California peninsula. Most recently this fund was dedicated to supporting relief and rebuilding efforts in the wake of Hurricane Odile.

Baja California Sur Alternative Economic Futures Fund

This fund works to protect the Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve from toxic mining and safeguard the economy of Baja California Sur. The Sierra de la Laguna captures the majority of the water consumed in the southern part of the state. Each year it only rains about 4' in La Paz, Todos Santos and Cabo San Lucas, while in the Sierra de la Laguna the average rainfall is 40'. Yet, this unique place and the surrounding region are threatened by several open-pit gold mining projects. A gold mine that lasts a decade can continue to contaminate for centuries. Open-pit gold mining has devastating consequences on both land and aquatic ecosystems, as well as on Baja California Sur's regional economy.



Baja Regional Waterkeeper Fund

www.waterkeepersbaja.org

WATERKEEPERS Baja Californias is a regional collaborative of six organizations working throughout the Baja California peninsula to fight for clean water and healthy communities. Each member of WATERKEEPERS Baja Californias monitors their beaches for bacteria once a month every year. Collectively, the program monitors over 75 sites along the coastline of the Baja California peninsula for enterococci bacteria, a recognized indicator of human sewage contamination and public health risk.



Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, A.C. (CEMDA)

www.cemda.org.mx

Based in Mexico City, CEMDA has several branch offices (including one in La Paz), all focused on enforcing the environmental laws of Mexico. CEMDA protects and advocates for clean air and intact forests, as well as marine and terrestrial protected areas that are well regulated and flourishing. CEMDA informs the public and local groups about upcoming projects, including those in mining and coastal tourism development.



Comunidad y Biodiversidad, A.C. (COBI)

www.cobi.org.mx

COBI merges its scientific focus with a commitment to local community livelihoods. Working with fishing cooperatives throughout the Baja California peninsula, COBI has demonstrated that fishermen can manage their own catch in a sustainable way. COBI's Mexico City office promotes policy and legislative reform that supports responsible fishing and helps fishermen improve their practices. In the past 12 years, COBI has restored over 47,000 marine hectares, improved the lives of over 14,000 community members, and helped sustainably manage over 100 marine species.



Defensa Ambiental del Noroeste, A.C. (DAN)

www.dan.org.mx



DAN is an environmental, legal nonprofit that works closely with community-based groups throughout the Baja California peninsula and the Sea of Cortez region to train them on relevant Mexican laws and then works with those groups to ensure that those laws are followed. This support includes the legal analysis of cases involving threats to the environment and the conservation of ecosystems, species and landscape, development of strategies to apply legal tools and lawsuits, analysis of the legal framework affecting or to be considered in decision making processes, conservation programs and projects, training seminars and workshops, and legal advice for the integration of environmental grassroots organizations.

Pronatura Noroeste, A.C.

www.pronatura-noroeste.org



Pronatura Noroeste is a regional office for the longest-standing conservation organization in Mexico. Their award-winning work on marine protected areas, fisheries reform, private land conservation and scientific research on endangered species is responsible for creating most of the protected areas along the Baja California peninsula. This year, Pronatura is proactively implementing marine and land conservation in Bahía de los Angeles, Laguna San Ignacio, Magdalena Bay, and the Upper Gulf of California. Pronatura is also home to the Bahía de los Angeles Coastkeeper program.

Sea of Cortez Impact Fund

<http://icf-xchange.org/seaofcortez>



Dubbed as the “Galapagos of North America” by Jacques Cousteau, the Sea of Cortez has a rich marine and terrestrial biodiversity with many species found nowhere else on earth. Unfortunately, the Sea of Cortez faces many threats due to unplanned development, over-fishing, pollution, and poaching of sea turtles and other rare species.

The International Community Foundation’s Sea of Cortez Impact Fund supports the best of the best. Vetted by ICF staff, this fund provides core operating support to leading environmental nonprofits with proven track records of marine and terrestrial conservation in the Gulf of California region.

Eco-Regions Served:

- Upper Gulf of California Delta
- Bahía de Los Angeles
- Bahía de Loreto
- Punta Muchudo-San Cosme Corridor
- Bahía de La Paz
- Cabo Pulmo

Donors contributing to this fund will receive semi-annual reports providing details on the progress being made by these nonprofits to collectively advance key environmental and conservation objectives in this truly unique coastal and marine-eco-region.

For more information on the Sea of Cortez Impact Fund, visit **www.seaofcortezfund.org**.



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