





Mexico's economic challenges and Baja California Sur's growing population are stretching the budgets of local governments and civil society organizations. In 2016, ICF and our donors supported over 32 local organizations in Baja California Sur to provide quality education and health care; to preserve the cultural heritage of the peninsula; and to protect the unique marine and terrestrial areas along the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific coast.

You may already know that ICF concentrates on improving environmental, health, educational and community development outcomes in Baja California Sur, granting nearly USD\$3.3 million in our past fiscal year to local organizations. We created this annual Giving Guide to provide you with an overview of the groups we work most closely with as well as some special initiatives.

Beyond grantmaking, ICF's role is two-fold. First, we bring resources and best practices from other parts of Mexico, the United States, and around the world to Baja California Sur. Second, we dedicate significant effort to ensure that our investments, and your dollars, are used wisely – both financially and programmatically. We are proud of the advisory role that we offer to donors, and invite you to contact me to help you find the best local organizations working on issues you care about.

As you look through this Giving Guide, please know that ICF is walking beside these organizations to leverage grants and gifts, provide ideas and partnership, and inspire others to get involved. The result? A stronger nonprofit sector working together to solve common problems in your community.

Please join us in creating meaningful change in your community today by visiting www.icfdn.org or donate.icfdn.org!

Sincerely,

Anne McEnany President & CEO anne@icfdn.org

# Meaningful Giving. Inspired Change.



#### **OUR IMPACT**

ICF is an international nonprofit organization, which seeks to inspire international charitable giving by U.S. donors, particularly those with an interest in Northwest Mexico, to strengthen civil society and promote sustainable communities.



For over 25 years, ICF has been the nonprofit foundation of choice for U.S. donors who are passionate about improving the quality of life for the communities they care about.



Since 1990, ICF has granted over USD \$69 million to carefully vetted education, health and environmental initiatives in Latin America, particularly Baja California and Northwest Mexico.



In FY2016, ICF granted over \$5.6 million to 71 organizations in Mexico, which is having both an immediate and a long- term positive impact on the health, education, environment and development of the country.

#### **KEY FACTS**

TOTAL ASSETS \$21.3 million

FY 2016

TOTAL GRANTS \$7.83 million

FY 2016

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 33-0457858

Driven by Donor Passion,
the International Community Foundation
Leads and Supports Environment,
Education, Health, and Community
Development Initiatives
through Local Non-Profit Partners.

#### **Extensive International Grantmaking:**

The ICF team consists of international development and nonprofit professionals who have lived and traveled throughout the region. We identify the most effective grantees and projects to ensure maximum impact.

#### **Professional Philanthropic Advisors:**

ICF develops grant strategies, researches relevant challenges and opportunities, and identifies custom grantmaking alternatives that support your philanthropic goals and objectives.

#### **Due Diligence & Accountability:**

ICF constantly evaluates and monitors performance of our grantee organizations to ensure your donations are responsibly used.

#### **Full Tax Deductibility:**

Contributions to ICF are eligible for the maximum allowable U.S. federal income tax deduction.

#### **DELIVERING VALUE TO DONORS**

As your strategic philanthropy partner, ICF offers a simple charitable giving process that makes it easy to support the international causes that you care deeply about.

### Giving is Easy!

The International Community Foundation offers many ways for you to make a difference and give to your preferred charity or causes 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.



### 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. To learn more visit <a href="https://icfdn.org/what-we-do/charitable-estate-planning/">https://icfdn.org/what-we-do/charitable-estate-planning/</a>.

### Strategic Partnerships



For over 25 years, the International Community Foundation has been a handson partner to local organizations, leaders, and donors in Baja California Sur. We are continually collaborating with strategic partners to leverage funds and bring new expertise to the issues and regions where we work. In 2016, key Strategic Partners in Baja California Sur included:

























### Municipality of La Paz, BCS Rights and Opportunities Foundation

### Nonprofts by Geographic Area



U.S. public foundation, like ICF. In addition to fiscal sponsorship, ICF's staff offers our shared goals of a more sustainable and healthy global community.



### CABO SAN LUCAS / SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO

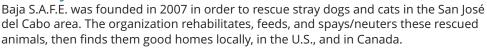
#### Amigos de los Niños



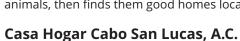


Since 1991, Amigos de los Niños has provided quality health care in Los Cabos to children who would otherwise have no other means of receiving healthcare. All services and medical attention provided to children through Amigos de los Niños are totally free of cost. Many of the doctors who assist in Amigos 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.

www.baiasafe.com



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



#### www.casahogarcabo.com

Casa Hogar is a comfortable, safe and happy children's home set in a camp-like environment providing physical and emotional care for children between 4 and 18 years old. In addition to caring for the children, they are prepared for adoption and to be reunited with their families. The teens still with Casa Hogar after completing high school are provided opportunities for University and/or employment. The facilities include two dormitories, computer learning room, library, kitchen, and soccer field.



#### 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.

#### Give+ Campaign / H+ Fund

### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/give http://hmas.mx/loscabos/

H+ Hospital is Los Cabos' newest and most advanced hospital. H+ combines highly trained, qualified personnel with the newest, state-of-the-art medical technology. The H + Group provides solutions for all health needs and endeavors to redefine the standard for quality in healthcare by focusing on the patient's welfare. With a vision to expand access to quality care in the community, H+ has partnered with ICF and other local partner organizations to create the Give+ Campaign. The hospital will offer the opportunity to donate to the campaign through ICF, and will use funds collected to provide reduced rates on essential lab work and testing, pro-bono services on special-needs cases, and coordinate medical care campaigns.



#### 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 Cabos Humane Society**

#### http://www.loscaboshumanesociety.com



Los Cabos Humane Society is committed to a safe, compassionate, and prosperous Los Cabos for all. LCHS offers accessible sterilizations and vaccinations at their Animal Center and through outreach clinics. The fully staffed Animal Center provides animal care, adoption, foster care, and educational programs, offering a vital contribution to the health & well-being of the local communities. They promote the humane treatment of all domestic animals through community awareness and the active lobbying of elected government officials. The LCHS operates exclusively on donations, they receive no government funding.

#### 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.

#### **Solmar Foundation Fund**

#### www.solmarfoundation.com



The mission of the Solmar Foundation is to dignify families and individuals in need and help them to achieve a better life through community programs and the activities of the foundation, with a focus on women and children. The Foundation offers critical social services that are not covered by the government. They work with other public agencies and non-government 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.



### EAST CAPE (INCLUDES 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.

## http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/east-cape-community-urgent-care-clinic-a-c



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. 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.



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 antigraffiti/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 constructing The Palapa Learning Center Campus, where after-school programs, a new public secondary school, and other community development programs will be offered beginning in 2017.



#### **Todos Santos Community Fund**

#### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/todos-santos-community-fund

This fund supports the people of Todos Santos, Mexico, through a variety of special initiatives and organizations. As a community-driven Fund, this fund allows residents of Todos Santos and the greater BCS region to 'give where you live'.



### 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, A.C.

#### www.comovamoslapaz.com

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.





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.





#### www.cantaroazul.org

Fundación Cántaro Azul is dedicated to improving 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.



#### La Paz Community Fund

#### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/international-community-foundation1

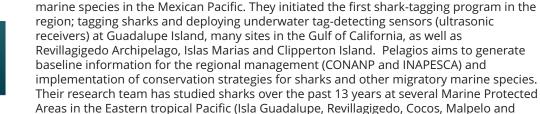
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Pelagios-Kakunjá is a nonprofit organization with the main objective of studying migratory

Galapagos), gaining valuable knowledge on the benefits, drawbacks, and challenges of



#### www.pelagioskakunja.org



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, Raiz de Fondo offers extension services to help empower local groups to create their own autonomous community and school gardens throughout Baja California Sur.



#### MAGDAI FNA 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 is a local and regional hub for conservation, community, and educational cooperation. In 2014, staff offices and the COASTKEEPER® water testing laboratory were completed, and Eco-Alianza supports water quality monitoring in the Bahía de Loreto as part of the LORETO COASTKEEPER program.



#### LAGUNA SAN IGNACIO



#### Baja Stewardship Fund

#### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/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 Bahia de los Angeles alone.

#### **San Ignacio Whale Conservation Fund**

### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/san-ignacio-lagoon-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 Iagoon'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.



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#### **Baja California Disaster Relief Fund**

#### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/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. In 2014 and early 2015 this fund was instrumental for supporting relief and rebuilding efforts in the wake of Hurricane Odile.

#### Southern Baja Food Security Initiative

#### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/southern-baja-food-security-alliance

In 2013, ICF surveyed 600 low-income families in La Paz and Los Cabos to ask about food intake and nutrition; 44-52% responded that their families lacked the funds to buy healthy, fresh food and the food that they consumed was not nutritionally sufficient. ICF took up this call to action, launching an alliance of 14 organizations to develop and pilot solutions. In 2015, ICF financed two demonstration gardens at community kitchens in atrisk communities in La Paz and Los Cabos. Next year, ICF hopes to expand this effort to 4 new gardens and to build infrastructure for a Food Rescue Center in Los Cabos, where fresh produce — currently unused but available — will be distributed to families that need it most.



#### **Baja California Waterkeeper Fund**

### http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/waterkeepers-baja-californias-regional-fund



The Baja California Waterkeeper Fund supports a regional collaborative of ten individuals (WATERKEEPERS) at local organizations working throughout the Baja California peninsula to fight for clean water and healthy communities. Collectively, the Baja WATERKEEPERS monitor over 75 sites along the coastline for bacteria and pollutants that may pose public health risks. In addition to making the water quality monitoring results available to the public, Baja WATERKEEPERS organize community education workshops, beach cleanups, and lead efforts to restore and protect watershed ecosystems.

### 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.

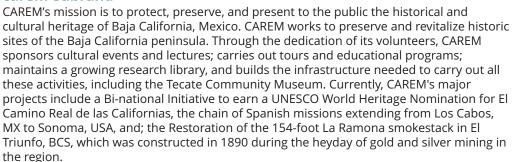
#### Corredor Histórico CAREM, A.C.

http://www.carem.org/

UNESCO Nomination: http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/12

La Ramona Restoration: http://donate.icfdn.org/#npo/la-ramona-







#### 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 Bahia de los Angeles, Laguna San Ignacio, Magdalena Bay, and the Upper Gulf of California. Pronatura is also home to the Bahia de los Angeles Coastkeeper program.

### International Community Foundation

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