Our Impact

Our Mission

The International Community Foundation seeks to inspire international charitable giving by U.S. donors, with an emphasis on Mexico and Latin America.

12
Number of countries where the International Community Foundation is actively making grants

4,000
Donors served

250
Nonprofit partners since 2002

66
Number of non-U.S. nonprofits for which the Foundation is providing fiscal sponsorship through their “Friends of” Funds

Total Grantmaking

$44 million
International grants made since 2002

$25 million
Total grants made to Mexico since 2002

Countries Served:

Argentina
Brazil
Colombia
Costa Rica
Chile
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Guatemala
Mexico
Panama
Peru
United States

2012 Grants by Program Area:

Health & Human Services 12%
Community & Economic Development 12%
Education 11%
Environment 65%
Arts & Culture .1%

Cover photo: Safe and secure, a curious whale calf plays with eco-tourists in her well-protected nursery, Laguna San Ignacio, BCS, Mexico.
Dear Donors and Friends,

The International Community Foundation was established in 1990, with the vision of making the world a better place by inspiring charitable giving across international borders. For over 22 years, we have worked to build and sustain a strong and vibrant nonprofit sector in the communities that we serve across Mexico and Latin America.

Over the past fiscal year, over 810 donors collectively contributed close to $7.2 million to the Foundation to further our international giving mission. In this same year we have granted nearly $4.8 million to 70 high-impact nonprofit organizations in Mexico, Argentina, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Panama and the U.S. in the areas of education, the environment, health & human services, community development & arts and culture.

Thanks to the collective impact of our many committed donors and the tireless efforts of the grantees we support, we have made considerable progress in realizing the key goals and objectives of our strategic plan: expand and diversify giving to Mexico & Latin America, expand philanthropic services for donors, focus programmatically, grow our endowment, and maximize organizational efficiency.

While the challenges confronting our world today are many, we take comfort in knowing that we have committed donors and friends like you who have the passion and dedication to address critical issues across Mexico and Latin America. Together, we will continue to make the world a better place to live, one community at a time. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Irma Gigli, M.D.
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Environment
What We Do

The International Community Foundation is actively supporting local nonprofit organizations focused on sustainable tourism, land conservation, marine protected areas, fisheries conservation, scientific research and freshwater protection. In addition to program grants, the Foundation is committed to helping nonprofits in Mexico and Latin America strengthen fundraising, strategic planning and board leadership.

17,570
Maritime acres protected at Cabo Pulmo National Park this year from potential coastal development.

94%
Reduction of humpback whale strikes by commercial ships in the Panama Canal thanks to research funded by the Foundation in 2009.

347,000
Acres conserved in Laguna San Ignacio through the support of our Foundation with 207,000 acres protected last year.

“Our partnership in Laguna San Ignacio is another example of how private enterprise, government and community worked together to ensure long-term protection for the rich natural resources that belong to the citizens of Mexico.”

— Martín Gutiérrez Lacayo, CEO, Pronatura México, A.C.

Total Grants FY 2012
$3.11 million
ICF Grantee, Pronatura Noroeste, Secures Long-Term Protection for Laguna San Ignacio

In the last year, Mexico’s National Commission for Natural Protected Areas (CONANP) announced its approval of the first-ever conservation UMA or “Unit for the Conservation, Management and Utilization of Wildlife” to Ensenada-based Pronatura Noroeste. The UMA was issued for the long-term protection and conservation of 207,000 acres of federally-owned coastal lands in Laguna San Ignacio, located in the El Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve in Baja California Sur. The UMA will provide protection to coastal habitats that affect the local ecotourism activities centered around whale watching in Laguna San Ignacio.

El Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve is the largest protected area in Mexico and contains the most pristine whale birthing lagoon in the nation. The Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaino, which includes the lagoons of San Ignacio and Ojo de Liebre, was established as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993 and is on the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance. The lagoon complex provides vital habitats for migratory birds, whales and local fisheries, and serves as a major economic source for the region’s inhabitants. The recently established UMA, which will now be managed by Pronatura Noroeste, will protect the unique biodiversity of these lands and adjoining coastal waters.

The historic UMA agreement between CONANP and Pronatura Noroeste was made possible thanks to the steady support and commitment of the Laguna San Ignacio Conservation Alliance, of which the International Community Foundation is a founding member.

“This is an unprecedented, pioneering effort, where unsustainable development has been replaced with community and government cooperation.”

—— Alberto Szekely, Expert Legal Advisor

While the Alliance has secured the first year of funding for Pronatura’s start-up costs, the UMA will require annual monitoring, patrolling, environmental education activities and field research. The International Community Foundation has begun a campaign for the Baja Stewardship Fund that will help Pronatura manage this 207,000-acre parcel in perpetuity. Your help is needed to raise $495,000 for Pronatura’s on-the-ground ongoing management.

For additional information on how to help protect Laguna San Ignacio’s precious coastal and marine habitat, please visit: www.icfdn.org.
Health
What We Do

The International Community Foundation continues to expand its commitment to the growing health needs in the communities we serve. Over the past ten years, the Foundation has made over $2,860,000 in health-focused grants. Foundation funding provides critical support to charities involved in chronic disease, infectious disease, reproductive health, pediatric health, elder care, human trafficking prevention and psychological support.

100
HPV vaccinations were provided to girls at the Ve’e saa Kua’a mixtec bilingual school in Tijuana’s Colonia Valle Verde last year thanks to the leadership of teen philanthropist, Caitlin Hird.

48
Number of economically disadvantaged elders that have been provided improved living conditions permitting them to retire with dignity during the past year.

17
Health-related grants contributing to expanded community health access, improved family planning, vaccinations, diabetes treatment and support for elders and orphans.

“ICF has been instrumental in allowing us to receive the large US donations that made it possible to create a wonderful children’s dental clinic and provide emergency services to the community of East Cape, Baja California Sur.”

— Charlene D. Wenger RN, MSN, ARNP, Executive Director, East Cape Community Urgent Care Clinic, A.C.
The current epidemic of diabetes in northern Mexico and around the world demonstrates the urgent need for innovative, efficient, technology-supported interventions to prevent and monitor a disease which is now the leading cause of death in Mexico.

Dulce Wireless Tijuana is a foundation-led collaborative study which examines how the chronic care model combined with 3G wireless internet access may facilitate diabetes management to improve patient care for marginalized communities. The main site of this project is the Family Medicine Unit #27 of the Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS UMF 27), located in Tijuana, Mexico.

The Dulce Wireless Tijuana project has been made possible through a unique binational, public-private philanthropic partnership that has included the International Community Foundation, Fundacion Internacional de la Comunidad, IMSS, Fronteras Unidas Pro Salud, the Scripps Whittier Institute of Diabetes, UABC School of Medicine, USACELL and Qualcomm’s Wireless Reach Program.

During the past fiscal year, the Dulce Wireless Tijuana project team initiated an 18-month clinical protocol with 300 patients which is expected to conclude in the summer of 2013. As part of the study, team members are working to consolidate and centralize patient information while extending diabetes education to hard-to-reach communities via 3G wireless technologies and community classes organized by “promotores” (community health workers). A unique feature of the Dulce Wireless Tijuana project is that it utilizes 3G wireless technologies to enhance a chronic care model based on the Scripps Whittier Institute Project Dulce approach. Here, nurses work closely with an interdisciplinary group of physicians at a clinic as well as with outreach workers in the community.
Education
What We Do

The International Community Foundation is committed to supporting expanded educational access in the communities that we serve in Mexico and Latin America. Mindful of the fact that education improves lives and provides people with expanded economic opportunities, our foundation granted a total of $529,828, accounting for 11% of our overall grantmaking over the past year.

1,000
Scholarships awarded to children and youth, from kindergarten to college, in Mexico, Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

41,000
Children and youth served by libraries in Tijuana and Mexico City.

2,800
Storybook reading sessions.

1,080
Literacy workshops.

2,500
Books loaned.

Total Grants FY 2012
$529,828

- 19% Scholarships
- 70% General Support
- 3% Educational Enrichment & After School Programs
- 10% School Building
- 3% Literacy
- 1% Special Education
- 1% Teacher Training

“Partnering with ICF was a critical turning point for our fundraising. Thanks to ICF and our partnership through their transparency and the respect they have earned, we have received the support desperately needed to help children in the orphanages of Tijuana.”

— Lic. María Aurora Garza Hernández, Executive Director, Fundación para la Protección de la Niñez
A growing number of economically disadvantaged children and youth in Mexico and Latin America have limited access to books — this is an obstacle in their learning to read well and hinders their overall development. Low literacy levels and low academic performance mean higher dropout rates.

Libraries play a critical role in reversing that pattern as they provide children with the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The International Community Foundation’s efforts to support libraries and expanded literacy are highlighted through our recent grants to PVO Mexico A.C. (Mexico City) and to the Loyola Library Bookmobile (Tijuana, Baja California).

PVO Mexico A.C. serves more than 5,000 children through four libraries in Estado de Mexico and Veracruz. Their latest success is in Mexico City, with the May 2012 inauguration of the Contigo PVO Reading Room at the Mexican National Institute of Pediatrics (INP), one of the leading pediatric hospitals in Mexico.

Children who are hospitalized at the INP generally do not have access to a recreational space that would make their stay at the hospital less stressful. With the average hospital stay for children at INP being 9 days, and some children hospitalized there for up to 2 months, the Contigo PVO Reading Room is making a real difference in the lives of over 200 children every month.

Closer to the U.S-Mexico border, the Loyola Public Library of the Universidad Iberoamericana is having a profound impact on underserved communities in Tijuana. Expanded book access and reading skills are provided to children through the ongoing operation of their bookmobile, a converted airport shuttle bus.

* The Loyola Bookmobile is not only a ‘first’ for the city of Tijuana, but also for the State of Baja California. Thanks to the support of ICF we are able to improve opportunities for educating our children and enhance the quality of their education."

— Father David Ungerleider Kepler, Assistant to the Rector, Universidad Iberoamericana

With Tijuana’s high dropout rate among grade school and junior high school children, along with very scarce resources and public programs available, the bookmobile is one of the few community-based initiatives in the city committed to providing children with an opportunity to learn outside of their traditional school setting. Over the past year, the Loyola Library Bookmobile reached an average of 3,000 children per month, in the poorest neighborhoods in Tijuana, through its visits to local public schools, orphanages and hospitals.
Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center is a Type 1 supporting organization of the International Community Foundation, whose mission is to connect and motivate students and families from diverse backgrounds through organic gardening, environmental stewardship and nutrition education. Olivewood Gardens and the International Community Foundation share a historic 6.85-acre property in National City, California, which serves as an interactive, indoor-outdoor classroom for children and adults from National City as well as the San Diego-Baja California border region.

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Financials

The International Community Foundation’s financial statements are audited by the independent certified public accounting firm, West Rhode & Roberts. The condensed financial information has been provided below, and the complete audited financials can be accessed online at www.icfdn.org. Our tax return, Form 990, can also be found online.

All financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. We are committed to ensuring the integrity and objectivity of our financial records. As a policy, we maintain donor privacy; we also observe strict segregation of all donor-advised and agency funds as well as adhering to any funder restrictions on gifted funds.

For the entire financial summary of the International Community Foundation’s statement for FY2012, please visit: www.icf.org/annualreport/financials/2012.
YOU make it possible
Thank you to our Donors

**Individual Donors:**
Our individual donors represent a diversity of passions and interests, including committed internationalists and cultural tourists; U.S. expatriate retirees and second home buyers residing in Mexico and Central America; and New American immigrants giving back to their countries of origin. We received over $2.8 million, or 39% of total contributions, from individual gifts this fiscal year.

**Corporate Donors:**
The International Community Foundation collaborates with businesses to achieve their corporate social responsibility (CSR) goals by supporting high impact charities in Mexico and Latin America. We also work actively with the employee matching programs of many U.S. companies. Some of our corporate donors include: Sempra Energy, Qualcomm, Inc., Apple Inc., Baja Expeditions, Organics Unlimited, Orange County Commercial Credit, Halcon Inc., Intuit Foundation, Torrey Pines Bank, The Union Bank Foundation and Waitt, Tieder, Hoffer & Fitzgerald, LLP.

**Private Foundations:**

See www.icfdn.org for a list of our FY-2012 donors.

"The International Community Foundation provides mentorship and support, and delivers measurable results to its nonprofit partners."

— Anthony and Linda Kinninger, Donor-Advisors, Kinninger Family Fund at the International Community Foundation

**Community Foundations & Charitable Gift Funds:**
Looking Forward
Help the International Community Foundation with next year’s priority projects

Environment:
Baja Stewardship Fund
Laguna San Ignacio’s newly protected 207,000 additional acres now need to be managed in perpetuity. Pronatura estimates that $48,000 a year (or an endowment of $1.2 million) will cover trail management, signage, patrolling, scientific research and monitoring, plus education and outreach activities in communities adjacent to the lagoon. To date, the International Community Foundation has raised over $705,000 through its Baja Stewardship Fund, with $495,000 yet to be raised.

Education:
U.S.-Mexico Binational Youth Educational Opportunities Fund
Presently there are 6,500 expatriated or repatriated students that have been identified in Baja California, Mexico, 80% of whom are children of a deported parent. The majority of these children are U.S. citizens. To respond to the needs of these students, the International Community Foundation is partnering with Fundación Protección de la Niñez (FPDN) to secure $25,000 to launch a pilot program to provide academic and enrichment programs at the Francisco Villa School in eastern Tijuana.

Health:
TB Fund for the Californias
Along the California-Mexico border, there are tuberculosis (TB)-specific public health challenges due to the high volume of two-way migration, as well as the highest TB rates in Mexico. The growing number of multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) cases among trans-border residents complicates this challenge.

The International Community Foundation is leading the charge to finance Puentes de Esperanza, a unique cross-border program that is providing vital directly observed therapy (DOT) to MDR-TB patients. A total of $200,000 annually will sustain this program with a long-term goal of raising $4 million to endow the program in perpetuity.

International Community Foundation Endowment Fund:
Twenty-three years after the founding of the International Community Foundation, we are growing, evolving and thriving. Our Foundation currently serves over 4,000 donors to provide critical grant funding to over 75 nonprofits in Mexico and Latin America which focus on the development of education, the environment and health. To more effectively implement our grantmaking and special initiatives, ICF needs to grow our endowment fund by $5 million over the next 5 years.

See our progress! Schedule a site visit at (619) 336-2250
Make a Difference
Internationally

Establish a Donor-Advised Fund
A donor-advised fund is a charitable giving vehicle administered by the International Community Foundation and created for the purpose of managing charitable donations on behalf of an individual, family, or company. A donor-advised fund offers the opportunity to create an easy-to-establish, low cost, flexible vehicle for charitable giving as an alternative to direct giving or creating a private foundation. Donors enjoy administrative convenience, cost savings, and tax advantages by conducting their grantmaking through a donor-advised fund.

A donor-advised fund may be established with a minimum $5,000 contribution. Once you meet the minimum and your fund is established, you can continue to add to it anytime, receiving tax benefits with each new gift.

Donor-advised funds may be established by individuals and couples, family foundations and companies. Groups of friends can also come together to establish donor-advised committee funds. Our Foundation also offers donor-advised corporate funds to companies interested in making a difference in the communities and regions in which they operate internationally.

Support Your Favorite Non-U.S. Charity by Contributing to their “Friends of” Fund
Donors interested in supporting a specific non-U.S. charity in Mexico or Latin America should consider giving to one of the over 60 “Friends of” funds at the International Community Foundation. Contributions may be made through an existing donor-advised fund or directly to the organization’s fund by check, stock transfer or secure online gift. There is no minimum gift size for a contribution to an organization’s “Friends of” fund. For a complete list of all the organizations that we support, visit our web site www.icfdn.org.

Make a Planned Gift
One of the most significant ways to further the long-term mission of the non-U.S. nonprofits that you support through the International Community Foundation is by leaving a lasting legacy of your commitment to the causes that you cherish most through a planned endowment gift. One of the simplest ways that you can accomplish this is by establishing an endowment fund at the International Community Foundation and thereafter...
How to Give

including a charitable bequest in your last will and testament or making beneficiary designations in your life insurance policy, checking account, or 401K/403b retirement plan. Alternatively, you may designate one of the International Community Foundation’s many existing “Friends of” funds or “Field of Interest” funds as a beneficiary of your charitable bequest.

The International Community Foundation can also work with you and your professional advisor to establish a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) or a Charitable Lead Trust (CLT).

To learn more about making a charitable bequest for the benefit of the International Community Foundation, or establishing a CRT or CLT, contact your attorney or accountant. If you have additional questions, please contact Richard Kiy at (619) 336-2250 or rkiy@icfdn.org.

Align Your Giving with Your Favorite Passion by Donating to a “Field of Interest” Fund

The International Community Foundation maintains several “Field of Interest” funds to help our donors align their giving to their favorite passions. These funds include:

- Baja California Disaster Relief Fund
- Border Health Fund
- Laguna San Ignacio Whale Conservation Fund
- International Children’s Fund
- International Water Emergency Relief Fund
- Sea of Cortez Fund
- TB Fund for the Californias
- U.S-Mexico Binational Youth Educational Opportunities Fund

Benefits of Giving through the International Community Foundation:

- Professional Grantmaking: The experienced program staff at the International Community Foundation has proven expertise in identifying superior grantees in the fields of health, education, environment, social development (including family and children’s issues), community & economic development and culture, ensuring that your donation will make the greatest possible impact. The International Community Foundation also researches and develops grant strategies and recommends timely grantmaking opportunities.

- Tax Deductibility: As a qualified US public charity, contributions to the International Community Foundation are eligible for the maximum allowable federal income tax deduction. In fact, as a public charity, cash gifts through the International Community Foundation permit a donor to give up to 50% of his/her adjusted gross income in a given year versus 30% through a private foundation.

- Due Diligence and Accountability: Financial and programmatic oversight is especially critical when giving overseas. The International Community Foundation’s grant management policies ensure that funds reach the targeted charitable organizations and are used properly. The International Community Foundation undertakes follow-up site visits to charities receiving funding and donors may receive periodic financial and programmatic reports to give them a proper accounting on how their monies were invested and the resulting social impact.
"The International Community Foundation is really the complete package. It is their support, along with the work of our dedicated volunteers, that made it possible to construct a reading room at the National Institute of Pediatrics."

— Ana Mary Mondragón de Sánchez, Board Member, PVO Mexico A.C.