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ICF Releases Needs Assessment for Baja California Sur

In April, ICF released a new research publication that is designed as a blueprint for increasing private philanthropy, volunteerism, and collaboration in Baja California Sur (BCS). The report outlines needs in education, community and economic development, health, environment, and arts and culture for the state, and by municipality (Los Cabos, La Paz, Loreto, Comondú, and Mulegé).

In 2004-5, ICF asked the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur (UABCS) to conduct personal interviews, a literature review, community-led participatory meetings, and rural site visits to ensure that the information they gathered was validated at the community level. Their 800-page detailed analysis has been translated into English and summarized for easier reading.

In addition, ICF asked UABCS to identify nonprofit organizations that are currently working in BCS and provide due diligence

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Border Philanthropy Partnership and ICF Spearhead Study on Corporate Giving Trends Along Mexico's Northern Border



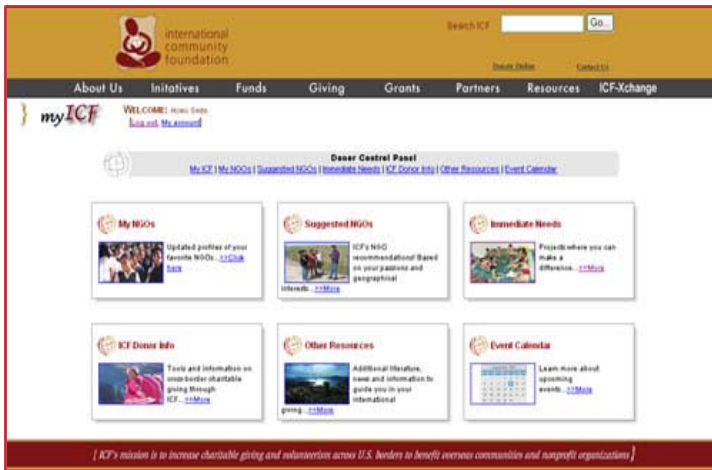
Recognizing the need to redefine corporate giving among corporations operating along the U.S.-Mexico border, the Border Philanthropy Partnership (BPP), an alliance of 9 funders and 21 U.S.-Mexico border community foundations, undertook a study led by ICF entitled *Corporate Giving Trends in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region*.

The study assesses general levels of giving by Mexico's maquiladora industry to better understand their philanthropic policies. It identifies and describes specific cases of community participation by maquiladoras, and assesses some of the outreach efforts of nonprofit groups that are actively working with companies operating maquiladoras in the border region.

Surveys were conducted among nonprofits, maquiladoras, and corporations that operate in the six Mexican border states (Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas). Over 800 maquiladora facilities were surveyed, with 110 maquiladoras from Fortune 500 companies and major third country multi-nationals participating in the study. The sample set represented 8.2 % of total maquila employment

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ICF Launches ICFXchange a Donor-Grantee Service for Baja California



ICFXchange was born. ^{The ICFXchange homepage.}

ICFXchange has several advantages over traditional due diligence that donors might perform to assess their charitable giving options. First, ICFXchange allows nonprofit grantees to publish their profiles with past project successes and previous due diligence directly online. ICF offers comments and recommendations on each of ICF Grantee profile. ICFXchange helps ICF donors and registered users make giving decisions by offering them the latest available transparent grantee information. For those grantees that have a “Friends of” Fund at ICF, their direct online giving service is also available on ICFXchange.

Second, ICFXchange lists community needs, updated media articles with geographic and programmatic references, and links to other resources. ICFXchange also has links to ICF publications including the *Needs Assessments for Baja California* and *Baja California Sur*, as well as *Blurred Borders*, our cross-border research for philanthropic opportunities.

ICFXchange also features new project opportunities that grantees can update on a regular basis for donor consideration. The projects opportunities are classified by fields of interests and geographic reach, so that donors may easily browse among the project profiles to identify the projects that interest them. By providing direct and timely information about grantee projects that address current community needs, ICF hopes that ICFXchange will greatly encourage charitable giving and volunteerism.

ICFXchange is intended for use by ICF existing and potential donors to increase the level of communications, interaction, and accountability that they have with the nonprofit organizations in Mexico. In the future, ICF plans to offer expanded NGO information for other communities in Asia and the Americas where our foundation is active. ICFXchange is also designed to stimulate expanded giving through new online giving and donor-advised grant authorization capabilities.

We encourage our donors and friends to visit ICFXchange (<http://www.icf-xchange.org>) and to offer their comments. ICFXchange can also be accessed through ICF's home page. Please contact Anne McEnany at anne@icfdn.org or Hong Shen at hong@icfdn.org with technical difficulties or troubleshooting issues.

ICF is pleased to announce an online service for its donors and grantees that will help to identify common points of interest, potential projects to support, and opportunities for volunteers. ICFXchange (<http://www.icf-xchange.org>) was launched in March 2006 thanks to the funding from an anonymous donor, the Reinhart Foundation and Wells Fargo Bank, as well as the hard work of ICF staff, particularly, Hong Shen.

Here, ICF has identified over 200 nonprofits that have proven leadership in their communities to address important local needs. A key feature of ICFXchange is its profile of qualified NGOs which donors can support. In many cases, good projects never reach the desks of potential donors due to lack of access to information, so

ICF Board Member Dr. Irma Gigli Discusses Her Commitment to ICF



If I am to explain my commitment to the International Community Foundation and its mission, especially on issues connected to cross-border health, I must revisit my life in Argentina and my development as a physician. I went to school in Cordoba, Argentina; my choice of career was my own. I developed a passion for medicine after a serious illness as a child. In medical school I had some non-academic difficulties due to the political situation of the country, which was the reason I moved to the United States. This decision was difficult for me and for my parents, particularly for my father who always had envisioned that my life in medicine should focus on helping those in Argentina who did not have easy access to the most essential medical care. Though I was living in a different world and using different tools to express my care and concern for human beings, I tried to fulfill his dream. I began to serve on committees dealing with education, medicine and science in this country as well as in the international community. I was fortunate to meet Richard Kiy, it was clear to both of us that I could serve Latin America and those in need by participating in some of the ICF activities.

The last three years as a member of the Board of ICF have been a constant learning experience. Last year Richard organized *Dialogues on Cross Border Health Issues* and I served as Chair of the one day symposium. What an eye opening experience! Speaker after speaker presented heart-breaking documentation of a wide range of problems relevant to the mission of ICF. Groups working in Tijuana presented their work on malnutrition in children, sexual abuse and prostitution across the border, infectious diseases, vaccination issues, etc., most of the work being accomplished with very limited resources. There is no question in my mind that this is an activity that should be repeated on a yearly basis with the presence of members of the community in order to encourage a dialogue with potential donors as well as to expand health related philanthropy.

A few months later I had the opportunity to visit, in my home town of Cordoba, the Fundacion Tarpuy, which is the recipient of funds from an Argentinian donor who has established a Donor Advised Fund with ICF. Five programs are presently supported by this fund. Their mission ranges from providing postdoctoral fellowships for electrical engineers to support for children in the *barrios*, the tin towns that surround the city. The people living in the area are deprived of the most elementary necessities. With the help of Tarpuy, a number of *comedores infantiles* have been established to feed children; for many this may be the only meal they eat each day. After school classes teaching computer skills, folklore dances, and physical education keep children occupied in meaningful activities and away from danger. Some of these children are then selected to participate in a special program to enhance their formation in high school and give them the opportunity to aspire to higher education or specialized technical training.

All this charitable work is being done by very conscientious volunteers. It is offering a valuable service and helping to improve the standard of living in a community so neglected and with so little hope.

I am grateful to ICF and its dedicated staff for the opportunity to be of service and give back some of what so generously I was given.

A native of Argentina, Dr. Gigli is a Professor of Medicine and Dermatology and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas-Houston (UT-Houston). Dr. Gigli is currently the Walter & Mary Mischer Professor in Molecular Medicine & Associate Director of the Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases. In addition, she directs the Research Center for Immunology & Autoimmune Diseases at the Institute of Molecular Medicine, UT-Houston. She has served as President of the Society of Investigative Dermatology and on the Council of several NIH institutes and advisory committees. She is on the board of the Pew Charitable Trust and has served on a number of national and international committees dealing with education and health in the United States and third world countries. Currently Dr. Gigli lives in Houston and La Jolla.

VOSH-Illinois Collaborates With ICF to Provide Medical Services in Baja California Sur

By ICF Donor Natalie Venezia Sager

A group of 24 volunteers comprised of six optometrists, two opticians, one dentist and trained laypersons from VOSH-Illinois (Volunteers for Optometric Services to Humanity-Illinois Chapter) and the Rotary Club of Oak Lawn, Illinois working in conjunction with ICF and DIF of Loreto and Fundación Deborah Wayne in San Ignacio provided free eye and dental care to over 1200 people in the towns of Loreto and San Ignacio, Baja California Mexico from Jan 12-22, 2006. The primary mission of VOSH is to facilitate the provision of vision care worldwide to people who can neither afford nor obtain such care. This fits in precisely with the goals of ICF, which helped to facilitate and fund a portion of the trip.



The need for all of these services is overwhelming. Working together with local governmental and social services and the local residents allowed everyone who desired, to contribute to the welfare of the community. The VOSH-Illinois team, under the leadership of optometrists Dr. Sandra Bury and Dr. Keith Hedrick and dentist, Dr. Terry Bartolini, brought everything they needed to treat the patients, including expensive and fragile equipment and over 10,000 pairs of glasses to donate and dispense. Additionally, Dr. Bartolini donated a dental clinic to the municipality of Loreto to encourage the town to be self sufficient in this regard. In return, the municipalities advertised the services of the doctors to the local community, reaching out particularly to the rural areas, and attracted local residents, many of whom had never seen a dentist or eye specialist before. DIF-Loreto and San Ignacio-based Fundación Deborah Wayne helped to register and organize the approximately 200-plus patients a day. Members of the local community also became involved by providing critical translation services, organizational efforts, lunch for the volunteers and assistance in numerous other invaluable ways.

The response of the people

Men, women and children of all ages took advantage of the services provided by VOSH. Women left with a smile after being able to see the expressions on the faces of their loved ones for the very first time. An eight year old girl who could hardly see came in with her classmates. She was dressed a bit differently, not really part of the crowd, and was somewhat uncooperative during testing. However, her face lit up with a sweet smile after she was fitted with glasses, and her wave to her classmates seemed to signal the beginning of a whole new life and the possibility of continuing her education. The first question she asked after her exam was "how do you say 'thank you' in English?" There were also frequent complaints of teary, watery, burning eyes as many had a condition called apterygial, which is a blood vessel growth impinging at the peripheral edge of the cornea, sometimes to the point of reducing vision. Their apterygial was solved with the simple and inexpensive remedy of using eye drops to bring relief. And a 45-year-old mother of 4 who takes in sewing to earn money but could no longer see her stitches was able to get her first pair of reading glasses, which will allow her to continue to support her family.



There are many ways to help our neighbors—both financially and physically. Both ways are admirable. Both are rewarding. But neither can be successful without a coordinated and joint effort of different people working together. It takes all of us giving in whatever way we can to better this world.

For more information, please email Natalie Venezia, the coordinator of the VOSH trip to Loreto and San Ignacio, at ncvenezia@yahoo.com. To learn more about Fundación Deborah Wayne, visit www.icf-xchange.org.

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documentation for them. UABCS identified 48 nonprofits that could provide full documentation; 43 other groups provided contact information and some documentation. Over 40 U.S.-based groups working in BCS were also identified.

ICF identified five emerging opportunities for increasing philanthropy, volunteerism, and collaboration in BCS:

- 1) encourage U.S. retirees and second homebuyers to join Mexican nonprofits as board members, volunteer consultants, or advisors;
- 2) forge partnerships between U.S. and Mexican sister city groups and service clubs to raise funds and identify new volunteers;
- 3) develop tour packages and service projects for corporate annual meetings, cruise passengers, and conventions;
- 4) replicate or franchise successful nonprofits from the U.S.-Mexico border, the interior of Mexico, and in La Paz into other communities in BCS; and
- 5) expand U.S. nonprofit relationships in Baja California Sur beyond environmental projects.

ICF will be working on strategies to implement each of these opportunities with its donors, colleagues, and partners beginning in 2006.

“Baja California Sur’s Community-Based Opportunities & Needs” is available electronically at www.icfdn.org in summary form (English only), in full detailed chapters (English and Spanish), and with reference materials (English and Spanish). Nonprofit information can be found at www.icf-xchange.org. Please contact Anne McEnany at anne@icfdn.org with any questions.



A future marine biologist goes for a ride in Baja California Sur.

ICF and FIC Organize First Binational Gala Promoting Cross-border Regional Philanthropy

On **September 8th, 2006**, the International Community Foundation (ICF) and its Baja California based sister foundation, Fundacion Internacional de la Comunidad (FIC) will hold their first joint gala celebrating their efforts to expand regional cross-border philanthropy in the San Diego-Baja California border region. The theme of this first ever gala will be “**San Diego-Baja California: One Region towards a Brighter Future**” and will be held at the Kona Kai Resort in Shelter Island. Malin Burnham, President of Burnham Real Estate and Lic. Mauricio Fernández Margain, President of FEMA Automotriz, will be the two Honorary Co-Chairs of the event.

Today more than ever before, there is a need for business and community leaders in both San Diego and Baja California to work towards a common future, but that will only be possible if civil society is strong on both sides of the border. Yet, for many residents of this region, the border remains a physical and psychological barrier, particularly since 9/11, dividing rather than uniting the 4.5 million people that live here.

As ICF’s President, Richard Kiy noted, “the wide array of trans-boundary issues in the San Diego-Baja California region can not be resolved by government alone. Collective cross-border civic action is needed by the public, private as well as the nonprofit sector if our binational region is to fully take advantage of its true potential in this age of globalization.” Kiy continued, “Here philanthropy has an opportunity to play a catalytic role.”

Apart from being a celebration of the collective cross-border charitable efforts of both ICF and FIC this first binational gala hopes to raise greater awareness about emerging philanthropic opportunities in the San Diego-Baja California border region. Proceeds from the gala will support ICF’s Sustainable Communities Fund and FIC. For more information on the gala and sponsorship opportunities contact Anne McEnany at 858-677-2915, anne@icfdn.org

ICF Granted Out Over \$1 Million from Nov. 2005 to March 31, 2006

Aquatic Adventures (San Diego CA) to support the BAHÍA after school program-\$5,000.

Archaeological Institute of America, Orange County Society to support the public education Maya symposium in October, "Mysteries of Ancient Maya Murals" - \$4,600.

Asociación SHARE de Guatemala (Guatemala, Guatemala) Support for an emergency response to rehabilitate water systems for the communities of Agua Tibia, El Duraznal and Rio Hondo in Comitancillo, San Marcos, Guatemala-\$20,000.

Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition (National City, CA) to help combat human trafficking, commercial and sexual exploitation along the US-Mexico Border-\$20,000.

Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, A.C. (CEMDA) (Mexico City, Mexico) (to support training efforts in their La Paz office for development and implementation of environmental public policy-\$70,000.

Ecology Project International (EPI) (Missoula, MT) Support for the Baja Field Ecology Program that links students from the US and La Paz, Mexico to the environment through field based research on Isla Espiritu Santo-\$10,000.

Fundación Albatros Media (Panama City, Panama) Support for the creation of four, four-minute videos on the importance of the Las Perlas archipelago in Panama -\$39,500.

Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz (La Paz, México) to fund scholarships for middle school and high school students-\$10,000.

Fundacion Comunitaria Oaxaca to establish the Friends of International Community Foundation Fund for the benefit of ICF. This Mexican donor advised fund is being established to facilitate ICF grantmaking in Oaxaca, México on a more cost effective basis-\$16,400.

Fundación de Apoyo para Niños Especiales (Tijuana, Mexico) for therapeutic care for special needs children-\$4,000.

Fundación Deborah Wayne (San Ignacio, BCS, Mexico) to support a medical fair in January-\$850.

Fundación La Puerta (Tecate, Mexico) General operating support-\$3,300.

Fundación Miguel Batista (Dominican Republic) for general operating expenses for the baseball league, retirement home and medical clinic-\$101,330.



Whale watching with Los Niños del Capitan.

Fundación Para la Protección de la Niñez (Tijuana, BC, Mexico) Support for a Christmas concert (\$3,500), to provide assistance to a retirement home in Mexicali (\$5,500), to purchase approximately 150 food baskets and blankets for families and to purchase toys for 350-400 families (\$11,000) and to purchase food baskets for families in Tijuana, Tecate, Mexicali and Rosarito (\$8,000)-\$26,000.

High Tech High (San Diego, CA) To provide scholarships for low income students to participate in international immersion trips to China, Mexico, Australia, Costa Rica, and Peru-\$10,000.

International Center for Journalists (Washington DC) to support a multi phase program in La Paz and Loreto to improve the ability of Mexican Journalists to produce in depth stories on sustainable development issues in the Baja Peninsula-\$15,000.

Los Niños del Capitán (Cabo San Lucas, Mexico) General operating support-\$20,000

North Coast Cetacean Society (British Columbia, Canada) to purchase an additional hydrophone, equipment for research, and general operating costs to run the research station-\$33,000.

ProEsteros, A.C. (Ensenada) to begin outreach to schools in Guerrero Negro, Laguna San Ignacio, and Magdalena Bay about gray whales-\$3,500.

Pro Peninsula (San Diego, CA) To provide programmatic support to Vigilantes de Bahía Magdalena-\$10,000; to support the 8th annual meeting of the Grupo Tortuguero in Loreto, BCS, Mexico-\$1,500.

Promoción y Docencia, A.C. (Tijuana, BC) for continuation of the "Manos a la Obra" project in Colonia San Bernardo, Los Laureles Canyon in Tijuana, BC-\$2,336.85.

Pronatura Noroeste (Ensenada, BC, Mexico) For programmatic support related to the sustainable development and biodiversity conservation of Bahía de Los Angeles-\$100,000; to support land conservation and marine stewardship at Playa La Unica near Bahía de Los Angeles, BC, Mexico-\$4,200; for "Conservation and Management Plan for the San Lorenzo Archipelago National Park"-\$15,000; and to support the due diligence required to undertake a second conservation easement in San Ignacio Lagoon-\$80,161.

PVO México, A.C. (Mexico City) To support the victims of Hurricane Stan (\$10,000 USD) in Chiapas and to provide scholarships for special needs children to attend school-\$25,000.

San Diego Natural History Museum (San Diego, CA) In support of the Sustainable Northwest Initiative (NOS) to develop and implement a vision for sustainable development for the Gulf of California Region-\$20,000.

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (Panama City, Panama) For conservation activities in the Las Perlas archipelago-\$119,700; for a marine education and

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outreach program that will develop educational material on whale conservation-\$11,700. To support the Punta Culebra Nature Center that provides environmental education to Panamanian children-\$25,004.

The Greater New Orleans Foundation (New Orleans, USA) To support Hurricane Katrina relief effort through the Rebuild New Orleans Fund-\$6,918.

Tulsa Community Foundation (Tulsa, OK) For general operating support-\$895.

UCSD Graduate School of Intl. Relations and Pacific Studies (La Jolla, California) To support a lecture series on the interdependency of the border region-\$10,300.

United Nations Foundation (Washington DC) in support of the United Nations Development Program's efforts to support affected communities in the aftermath of the devastating 2005 South Asian Earthquake through: a) transitional schooling (including the provision of shelter, teaching aids, teacher training, and social mobilization; and b) rehabilitation of livelihoods and small infrastructure schemes through grants to village-based organizations-\$11,600.

Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur (UABCS) (La Paz, Mexico) To complete GIS mapping of ecological and socio-economic data in support of the Alternative Futures Study for Loreto, BCS-\$20,969.

Utah State University (Logan, Utah) To provide charitable support for the establishment of the Gombe School of Environment & Society (GOSECO) in Gombe Tanzania and assist in the fulfillment of the school's phase II plan-\$15,000.

Vigilantes de Bahía Magdalena, A.C. (Bahía Magdalena, Mexico) To support water monitoring in Magdalena Bay-\$10,000.

Wildcoast (Imperial Beach, CA) to complete the protection of 20,000 acres of privately-held lands in Laguna San Ignacio, BCS, Mexico and to carry out a media and outreach campaign in Mexico-\$40,000.

NEW FUNDS AT ICF!**Environment Now Fund**

To support the work of environmental organizations working in Mexico to protect the country's natural resources and safeguard its coastal areas.

Friends of China Fund

The fund has a focus on education, the environment and poverty alleviation in China.

Friends of Puente Fund

To provide charitable support to Puente a la Salud Comunitaria and other community based nonprofits in Oaxaca, Mexico in support of public health and community development programs that focus on the women of rural Oaxaca who manage the household and are responsible for the dietary decisions of the family.

Fundación para la Protección de la Ninez Fund

To provide charitable support to Fundación para la Protección de la Ninez located in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

Guadalupe Shark Fund

To provide charitable support to protect the great white shark population at Guadalupe Island by supporting conservation and enforcement efforts by both the Government of Mexico and private conservation groups and to create the strongest possible linkage between shark tourism and the local fishermen who live on Guadalupe Island.

San Quintín Community Fund

To provide charitable support to socially beneficial projects to help build sustainable communities in Baja California, Mexico and the valley of San Quintín. Funds will be used to help improve the lives of the poorer people living in the region to where they eventually become self sufficient.

Sandler Family International Fund

To provide charitable support to conservation nonprofit organizations and initiatives along the Baja California peninsula.

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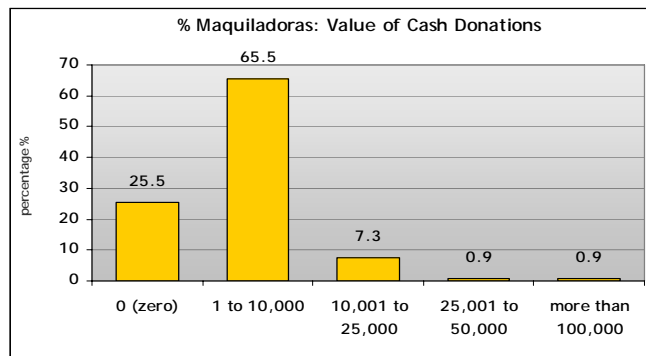
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along Mexico’s northern border. Additionally, 50 Mexican border area nonprofit leaders were surveyed to gauge their perceptions of corporate giving in the region.

The report, released electronically on February 28th, 2006 found that while there are notable exceptions of corporations setting the standard through their philanthropic leadership, the vast majority of companies operating maquiladoras along Mexico’s northern border engage in low levels of charitable giving in Mexican border communities when compared to contributions made to comparable nonprofits in the United States. Of the companies surveyed, 65.5% claimed to have contributed \$10,000 or less in cash donations to charitable causes annually along the Mexican northern border, while 25.5% claimed to have contributed nothing. Only 9.1% said that they gave over \$10,000 annually.



Value of cash donations made by maquiladoras in 2004, in US dollars.

The study was a year-long research project that was funded in large part by the Ford Foundation and led by a team composed of four member organizations of the BPP: the International Community Foundation (ICF), the Synergos Institute, the Fundación Empresarial Sonorense, A.C. (FESAC), and El Paso Community Foundation. In addition to exploring current giving trends, it also suggests steps for eliminating the challenges and impediments that hinder corporate giving along Mexico’s northern border; from legislative reforms to offering alternatives to how corporations and nonprofits can collaborate.

The complete “U.S. Corporate Giving Trends along the U.S-Mexico Border” report can be viewed online at www.icfdn.org.

Meet ICF's New Board Members!

George P. Chandler, Jr. has assisted thousands of entrepreneurs with finance, tech assistance, innovation & research, international trade, procurement, etc. while serving as the District Director for the U.S. Small Business Administration in San Diego, CA since 1981. Prior to his current position, Mr. Chandler was the Director of NASA's Scientific and Technical Information (STI) Program in Washington, DC, for the last 4 years of his 21 year career with NASA. Mr. Chandler has won several awards, including a number of community development-oriented awards, and serves on numerous committees and boards in the San Diego Region. Mr. Chandler is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management, and the University of Tennessee.



Mary Correia-Morreno currently serves as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Nuffer, Smith, & Tucker in San Diego, CA, where she oversees all aspects of client administration and reporting, as well as direct management of a number of the company's large accounts. Her branding knowledge and public relations and account management skills have positioned the law firm's regional office as an example for other offices to follow, and has garnished many awards for the agency. Ms. Correia-Moreno is an active member of the San Diego community and has served on the board or committees of many non-profit organizations including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Crime Victims Fund and LEAD San Diego.

Atul Patel is a graduate of the University of Wales, Great Britain. He worked and lived in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East before moving to the United States. Mr. Patel joined PriceSmart, Inc. when it began expanding operations into emerging markets in Central America, the Caribbean, and Asia, and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Finance and Corporate Treasurer. He brings with him to ICF a wealth of international management experience in the financial arena, in addition to strong analytical and communication skills, and he has demonstrated the ability to work with people across cultural and racial lines.



ICF On the Move

ICF's Julieta Mendez Chosen as a 2006 Emerging Leaders International Fellow

Julieta Mendez, Executive Coordinator for ICF, was chosen to participate in the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (CPCS) at the City University of New York's Graduate Center. Julieta, along with five other Fellows from all over the world, will be in residence at the Center from March 1 to May 31, 2006, and will focus her studies on the role of US community foundations in promoting Mexican diaspora philanthropy.



The 2006 CPCS Fellows. Julieta Mendez is 3rd from the right.

Dion Ward Joins ICF as Associate Program Officer

ICF's latest addition is Dion Ward, who joins ICF as the foundation's Associate Program Officer providing grantmaking and due diligence in support of the foundation. Dion is currently working with ICF on a part time status while he completes his studies at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD)'s Graduate School for International Relations and Pacific Studies. Dion has over 1 ½ years working with ICF as an intern working to support the foundation with its needs assessment for Baja California Sur and the foundation's grantmaking in migrant sending regions of Oaxaca.

Prior to joining ICF and his graduate studies, Dion worked in the San Francisco Bay Area as Coordinator for the "5 a Day" campaign administered through the Nutrition and Cancer Prevention Section of California Health and Human Services targeting Latino youth; and as Public Information Manager for the Arthritis Foundation focused on advocacy, outreach, and education. Dion did his undergraduate studies at Pomona College in Latin American Studies and is of Chilean-American descent.

ICF in the News

The following recent news articles featured the work of the International Community Foundation:

"Tijuana Sprawl Cuts into Key Eco-System: Border Coalition Hopes to Save Wildlife Corridor," San Diego Union Tribune, February 10, 2006, A1. The Article highlights ICF's grantmaking to promote the Las Californias binational conversation initiative.

"A new day dawns in sleepy Loreto: Big development plans in Baja town are raising many questions" San Diego Union Tribune, December 28, 2005, A1. The Article features ICF's support of the Loreto Alternative Future Study. For more information on the study, please visit:

<http://www.futurosalternativosloreto.org/project.htm>

"What happens when guest workers must leave?: U.S. and Mexico must work to create an incentive to return home", by Richard Kiy, San Diego Union Tribune, Opinion Section, March 29, 2006

"Giving Back: Illegal Immigrants, Illegal Charity?," Wall Street Journal, April 14, 2006, W2. The article highlights ICF's grantmaking to migrant sending regions in Mexico emphasizing that our foundation is funding community based projects aimed at supporting would be migrants "so that going north is not the only option they have."

It's A Boy!

ICF is pleased to announce the long awaited arrival of Jack Wilson Carstensen, the adopted son of ICF staffer Amy Carstensen and her husband Erik. Little Jack was born on April 4, 2006.

The International Community Foundation (ICF) and
Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad (FIC) are pleased
to announce their first binational gala event:



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