



IN MEMORY OF CHARLES E. NATHANSON, PH.D. FORMER ICF BOARD MEMBER AND DONOR

(August 22, 1941 – June 5, 2003)



It is with great sadness that the International Community Foundation mourns the loss of binational civic leader, Dr. Charles "Chuck" Nathanson. Dr. Nathanson was a visionary individual who through his skillful diplomacy, "out of the box" thinking and perseverance at the helm of the San Diego Dialogue did much to promote an improved quality of life in the San Diego-Baja California region.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Nathanson had an accomplished career as a journalist, professor and civic leader. Graduating with a B.A. in sociology from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from Brandeis University, he had faculty positions at Brandeis, the New England Conservatory of Music and the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). It was at UCSD that he spear-headed the establishment of the San Diego Dialogue.

Through his on-going research and consensus building on cross-border issues, Chuck challenged U.S. and Mexico policy makers at the federal, state and local levels of government to look beyond the traditional man-made barriers to explore innovative solutions. Thanks to these efforts and the "Who Crosses the Border?" study that he led in the early 1990s, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) introduced its SENTRI program, streamlining inspections and reducing border delays along the San Diego-Tijuana border for thousands of regional commuters.

In honor of Chuck's work at the San Diego Dialogue and the border region, the Nathanson Family has requested donations go towards the Charles Nathanson Fund at ICF. The fund will support causes that reflect Chuck's vision, including the promotion of public discourse, research, binational integration and infrastructure planning, and civic leadership to improve the quality of life spanning the SD-Tijuana and California-Baja California region.

Your tax deductible contributions for this fund may be made out to: International Community Foundation 1420 Kettner Blvd, Suite 500 San Diego, CA 92101 (Please mention the Dr. Charles Nathanson Fund on your check.)

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ICF RECEIVES \$350,000 FROM THE FORD FOUNDATION

ICF recently received a three year grant from the Ford Foundation-Mexico Program to provide operating support to assist the foundation in increasing the level of collaboration with its sister foundation, FIC and expand its donor outreach efforts for charitable giving to the border region of Baja California through ICF's **Give2Baja** campaign. During the first year, ICF will receive \$200,000 with

\$50,000 earmarked for information technology support aimed at automating the foundation's paper processes, streamlining grantmaking and improving communication between donors, grant seekers and ICF program staff/board through internet based solutions.

With Ford Foundation's support, ICF is now working to make a web-based

version of its recently produced community based needs assessment available online in July.

ICF applauds the Ford Foundation for its commitment to ICF and to its leadership as an active donor in the U.S. Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership. For more information on the partnership see page 5.

ICF/FIC RELEASE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR BAJA CALIFORNIA

ICF and its sister foundation in Baja California, *Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad (FIC)* jointly released on April 10th a comprehensive needs assessment of Baja California's community based needs along with an analysis of the non-profit sector in Baja.

The needs assessment covering a wide range of needs and philanthropic solutions in the areas of education, health, community development, environment, economic development, culture, and the arts was written to better inform potential donors in the United States and Mexico. The report includes a compendium profiling 110 of Baja California's major non-profit groups.

Give2Baja

In conjunction with this effort, ICF is initiating its **Give2Baja** campaign to dramatically increase the level of cross-border philanthropy to Baja California among U.S. donors. The campaign will also target donors and foundations located in Southern California sister cities with Baja California communities.

The ICF/FIC needs assessment was produced thanks to the generous support of The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation; the Sempra Energy; The Walton Family Foundation, Inc.; Reinhart

Family Foundation; Alliance Healthcare Foundation; Synergos Institute and the U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership.

ICF donor advisors may order a free copy of the needs assessment and Baja NGO Profiles by contacting Renetta Happe at (619) 235-2300. Non-donors may download a free copy of the needs assessment at www.icfdn.org or may purchase a printed copy for \$20.00. The Baja NGO Profiles is available to non-donors at \$40.00 for the printed version, \$20.00 for online access.

ICF'S ANNUAL GALA: PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

On May 2nd, more than 260 friends of the ICF gathered at the San Diego Natural History Museum to celebrate 12 years of international grantmaking in the Americas and Asia. ICF's first-ever gala included a wide range of ICF donors from San Diego, Southern California, the San Francisco Bay Area as well as civic leaders, and elected officials from both Mexico and the United States. Co-chaired by the mother-daughter duo Yolanda Walther Meade and Yolanda S. Walther Meade, the gala raised over \$37,000 for ICF's

"Sustainable Communities Fund."

William K. Reilly, the Former Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and current Chairman of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) spoke about the challenges of creating sustainable communities throughout the world, highlighting the current crisis of providing safe drinking water supplies to urban centers in the developing world. Reilly discussed the growing interdependency between the industrial and developing world, calling on local and

national civic leaders to look beyond their borders to address the emerging global challenges such as poverty, hunger, infectious disease and the destruction of critical habitats that are critical to promoting biodiversity.

Key table sponsors included Leon and Randie Reinhart; Szekely Family Foundation; John and Christy Walton; Gabriela Flores and Josh Lampl; The San Diego Foundation; San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce; Procopio Cory Hargreaves & Savitch LLP; Marathon Oil Company; *Continued p. 3*



Jessie Knight with Ensenada Mayor Jorge Catalan, James Clark, Director of the SD Chamber's CA-MX Business Center and others from the City of Ensenada.



Keynote speaker William K. Reilly, former Administrator of the U.S. EPA

ICF'S ANNUAL GALA Continued



Alison Neeley and Hector Perez

Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek; Jean Kløver and Larry Rosenstock; Alison Neeley and Hector Perez; Victor and Gilda Vilaplana and Robert and Norma Morris.

Thanks to the support of our donors, ICF was able to invite representatives from ten ICF non-profit grantees in Baja California.

Deborah Szekely, one of ICF's founding board members and a long-standing donor, made a special

presentation on behalf of Hon. Lucy Killea, ICF's first President, to honor her commitment to philanthropy in Baja California and beyond.

As a tribute to Lucy, ICF raised \$10,000 for her fund at ICF to support worthy projects in Baja California. Contributors included: Leon and Randie Reinhart, Robert and Joyce Chang, Alice Tang, Bob Morris, Victor and Gilda Vilaplana, and Richard and Monica Kiy.

ICF is extremely grateful for the broad-based support that it received to ensure the success of its first gala from our donors and our countless volunteers including: Yolanda Walther Meade; Yolanda S. Walther Meade; Gabriela Flores; and Monica Kiy. ICF wants to pay special thanks to **Anne McEnany** for her tireless efforts to coordinate all the logistics and planning for this successful event.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clelland with Gabriela Flores

ICF'S BINATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM

ICF has recently launched the *Las Californias Youth Leadership Program (LCYLP)* with the selection of its first entering class of 13 high school students from San Diego and Tijuana.

The LCYLP seeks to promote a greater understanding of the border region among high school students from San Diego and Tijuana through a year-long program of educational enrichment; mentoring; job shadowing and community service projects.

During the coming year, participating students will travel to Washington, D.C. and Mexico City to meet with senior level policy

makers and NGO leaders to learn more about the impacts of U.S.-Mexico bilateral relations in the San Diego-Tijuana border region.

Together, the LCYLP participants represent an impressive group of young, vibrant and ambitious stu-

dents whose interests range from engaging in binational politics to exploring the non-profit sector.

The students from San Diego include: Melissa Campos from Scripps Ranch High School, Nain Martinez and Areli Pérez from Castle Park High

School, Sorayda Santos from Sweetwater High School, Rebecca Valenzuela from The Preuss School UCSD and Ricardo Rozen from Torrey Pines High School.

Students from Tijuana include: Beatriz Virgen López and Melisa Peña from CETYS, Jonathan Santiago and Alejandro González from CONALEP Tijuana I, Hammurabi Rubio from Lázaro Cárdenas, Yanin Saucedo Monroy from CETIS No. 58 and Marco Mendoza Blanco from CETIS No. 156.



Richard Kiy with LCYLP students at the ICF Gala

For further information on LCYLP please visit www.icfdn.org

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IS FLOURISHING IN LA PAZ, MEXICO



First Place
Alma A Verdugo

In an effort to promote greater environmental awareness in La Paz, B.C.S, Mexico, ICF supported an environmentally oriented poetry and poster contest called "Por Un Planeta Limpio" (*A clean planet for all*) for public school students from the 4th to 9th grade. The contest organized by La Paz based PROBEA, was launched last December at the unveiling of the Reina del Mar sculpture that was donated by ICF to the city of La Paz through an anonymous donor. Students from 25 public schools throughout La Paz participated in the contest. A group of judges from various environmental non-profit organizations from La Paz selected the winning

posters and poems from a pool of 150 entries. Award winners were announced on April 22nd, Earth Day in conjunction with the unveiling of a companion sculpture to "La Reina," featuring a poem by ICF donor and volunteer Monica Kiy dubbed "La Reina del Mar."

The prizes included \$500 dollars worth of scientific equipment for the school with the most participation and an all day boat trip to Isla Espiritu Santo for the first place students and their parents. The selected posters and poems will be on display at the "Palacio Municipal" in the center of La Paz and may also be seen on ICF's Web page at www.icfdn.org.



Artist Rocio Sanchez with student and ICF volunteer Monica Kiy at the awards ceremony Earth Day 2003

BAJA SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNER FUND ESTABLISHED AT ICF

ICF has established the Baja Social Venture Partners (Baja SVP) as a vehicle to catalyze innovative non-profit ventures that will affect positive social change in neighboring Baja California. ICF's first organizational meeting was held on June 25th, 2003 and hosted by Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP with various existing and potential donors attending.

Modeled after San Diego Social Venture Partners at The San Diego Foundation, which have sought to build philanthropic organizations using a venture capital model, the goal of Baja SVP is to bring together professionals and entrepreneurs from throughout Southern California that are looking for a meaningful way to invest their time, skills and other resources (expertise/knowledge, contacts) to make a "hands-on" difference in positively shaping innovative non-profit organizations and initiatives along the Baja California peninsula.

Baja SVP will focus its investments in to primary areas: a.) **Baja's northern border region** (including Tijuana, Tecate, Mexicali, Tecate, Rosarito and Ensenada) and b.) **Baja California Sur** (including La Paz, Loreto, Los Cabos, East Cape, Todo Santos). Specific non-profits to be funded will be determined by the Partner Investors in Baja SVP.

ICF's year one goal will be to have at least 20 donor investors within the first year and its first investment cycle completed by Summer 2004. Annual partner investments consist of a \$5,000 commitment per year for two years. ICF is now in the process of becoming an affiliate member of SVP International (<http://www.svpintl.org/>). ICF's initial work on Baja SVP has been made possible due to a generous anonymous donation of \$65,000 with \$40,000 earmarked for the investment fund.

Those donors interested in becoming a Baja SVP investor may contact Richard Kiy at (619) 814-1311 or my obtain additional details at www.icfdn.org/bajasvp.htm

ICF CO-HOSTS BORDER PHILANTHROPY MEETING

On April 9-11, 2003, over 80 representatives from community foundations, regional foundations and national foundations came together in San Diego to attend the 2nd Border Learning Institute for the newly formed U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership.

The first-of-its-kind partnership aims to strengthening philanthropy along the U.S.-Mexico border. The Institute was co-hosted by the ICF, The San Diego Foundation and Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad in collaboration with Synergos Institute.

The Learning Institute fostered discussions among partners and provided opportunities for participants to share their collective experiences in working to help address pressing socio-economic and environmental issues critical to improving the quality of life in the border region.



Lucy Killea at Border Partnership meeting



Left to Right: David Winder, Director, Synergos Institute; Vivian Blair; Magdalena Rubio; and ICF Chair, Leon Reinhart.

The U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership is a collaborative of funders that have jointly committed \$10 million to benefit 21 border community foundations. The mission of this binational and cross-border collaboration is to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged border communities.

The partnership began with a coalition of nine regional, national and international funders: Houston Endowment; McCune Charitable Foundation; Meadows Foundation; Fundación Gonzalo Río-Arronte; Annie E. Casey Foundation; The C.S. Mott Foundation; William and Flora Hewlett Foundation; Inter-American Foundation and The Ford Foundation.

To learn more about the partnership visit www.borderphilathropy.org

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ICF GRANTED A RECORD \$1.1 MILLION LAST QUARTER

Conservation International was awarded \$645,403. This grant will support work aimed at creating five new protected marine areas in the Gulf of California or Sea of Cortez.

United Nations Foundation was awarded \$125,000 for the purposes of regranting to FUNDEA to support conservation management on Isla Espíritu Santo and Isla Partida in Baja California Sur.

International Peace Foundation was awarded \$5,000 for general operating support for their office in Bangkok, Thailand.

Global Village Beijing was granted \$15,000. Of this, \$5,000 is for general operating support and \$10,000 will support environmental education initiatives at GVB training centers for both rural Chinese farmers and urban communities in Beijing.

Fundación Tarpuy was granted \$52,000 to carry out an academic program for digital communications including competitive scholarships, purchase of equipment and furniture, books, scientific and technical journals, and research publication expenses at the Universidad de Córdoba, Argentina.

Sociedad de Historia Natural Niparáj A.C. was awarded \$5,000 to support their work with the annual festival of vaquitas, sharks, bill fish and turtles from April through July 2003.

Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad was awarded \$1,250 to provide general operating support for Baja area non-profits as an award for winning photo submissions for an "NGO photo contest" as part of work for the ICF/FIC needs assessment. Selected non-profits include: Centro de Comunidad, A.C.; Fronteras Unidas Pro Salud, A.C.; Esperanza; and Museo Interactivo de Tijuana.

Hospital Infantil de las Californias was awarded \$58,000 for the construction of the new wing of the children's hospital in Tijuana.

Fundación de Apoyo para Niños Especiales was awarded \$9,680 to purchase a vehicle in order to improve access for developmentally disabled children living in the colonias of Tijuana to take advantage of the foundation's specialized medical services.

Iberoamericana University Foundation was granted \$7,100 to renovate a camper into a bookmobile. The bookmobile will visit the barrios in and around Tijuana to encourage reading and expose these communities on how to use the public library.

Los Niños received \$6,000 for a micro-credit program in Baja California. Los Niños will help fund smaller loans between \$400-\$600 for in-home business activities, assist with the legal process of setting up a business, and offer classes/trainings in computers, English, and business management.

San Diego Natural History Museum was awarded \$4,700 to carry out support associated with the "Por un Planeta Limpio para Todos" environmental poster/poetry context through PROBEA, La Paz.

ICF GRANTED \$1.1 MILLION CONTINUED

Asistencia Educacion Superior en Ligui (ASISTED) was awarded \$9,000 to cover the construction costs for a dormitory (internado) at Ligui Telesecundaria school, near Loreto, B.C.S. The internado will permit children/youth from remote fishing villages to attend school. Asisted also received \$1,000 to cover costs for a computer class that the non-profit is providing for qualified students.

Shanghai City Nanhui District Teacher's Foundation was awarded \$60,000 to support scholarships, teacher's awards, and school equipment for migrant schools in Shanghai's Nanhui district, China.

The Nature Conservancy received \$19,760 to provide programmatic support to TNC's Education for Sustainability initiative in Northwest Yunnan. They also received \$1,210 to support TNC led productive employment projects (cash crops, fish farming) at the Wenhai School in Yunnan, China.

Pre Colombian Art Research Institute was awarded \$26,000 for the final restoration phase of temple XX at the Palenque archaeological site located in Chiapas, Mexico under the Proyecto Grupo de las Cruces.

San Bartolo Project was awarded \$35,000 for preservation of Pre-Colombian murals at San Bartolo, an archaeological site in Guatemala.

The San Diego Foundation was granted \$2,000 for re-granting to Strive/Second Chance in support of the organization's Adopt-A-Block program which will be supporting a neighborhood clean up program downtown and South San Diego.

Proyecto Fronterizo de Educacion Ambiental (PFEA) was awarded \$1,000 for providing a buffet lunch for 200 participants at the IV Meeting on the Border Environment in Tijuana, Baja California. They also received \$500 to support the design and production of a bi-lingual "Field Trip Binder" that will be carried out by the Environmental Education Council of the Californias (EECC). PFEA also received \$2,000 for assistance of a needs assessment of environmental non-profit organizations in Baja California.

The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) was awarded \$1,430 to sponsor "Cross Border Dialogues: US-Mexico Social Movement Networking." The grant covered travel costs for Mexican panelists and a small reception.

Pro Música Ensenada, A.C. was awarded \$10,440 to support scholarships for 20 students in the Academia de Música.

Fundación del Empresariado Chihuahuense was awarded \$5,000 to purchase trees for the project "Vamos Juntos Arbol por Arbol", an initiative supported by the City Council of Chihuahua and whose main objective is reforestation of a designated area of the city of Chihuahua.

Terra Peninsular AC was awarded \$40,962 for general operating costs, supporting the non-profit's conservation programs, institutional development, and administration.

Project Mercy was granted \$4,700 to rebuild two houses in Eastern Tijuana.

ICF ON THE MOVE:

Alan Rubin Joins ICF's Board

ICF is pleased to announce the inclusion of **Alan Rubin** as the latest member of the foundation's Board of Governors. Rubin comes to ICF with over thirty years of experience leading international and conservation focused non-profit organizations. Rubin is the Founding Director of Washington, D.C. based **Goodwill Global Inc.** (GGI). From 1989 to 1997 he was also the President of the **National Parks Foundation**, the official non-profit partner of the National Park Service. He also served as President of the **Partners of the Americas** from 1970 to 1987, the largest private voluntary organization promoting economic and social development in the Western Hemisphere.

Alan Rubin now resides in Del Mar with his wife Elisabeth. Alan, we welcome you aboard to ICF.

Renetta Happé Joins ICF

Renetta Happé has joined ICF as the new Director of Operations. Formerly with **The San Diego Foundation**, where she served as Director of Donor Relations, Renetta brings a depth of community foundation related knowledge and experience to our organization.

Previously, Renetta worked as the Business Manager for the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library in La Jolla. Renetta also has past experience as a bilingual vocational counselor for migrant and seasonal farm workers in the Escondido schools and Planned Parenthood.

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, Renetta holds a BA in Comparative World Literature from SDSU, and an M.A. in Business Administration from National University.

NEW FUNDS at ICF

The **Kids International Opportunities Fund** was recently established to provide charitable support to non-profit organizations focused on improving educational opportunities and access for children and youth in the Americas and Asia.

The **San Bartolo Fund** was created to provide charitable support for Proyecto San Bartolo in Guatemala and other international charitable causes.

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