



LAS CALIFORNIAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP STUDENTS GO TO MEXICO CITY

In July, thirteen students from the San Diego-Tijuana area returned with new perspectives on how Mexican politics, history and culture impact the US-Mexico border region where they live. These bilingual and bicultural high school seniors were chosen in May 2003 to participate in the innovative, binational Las Californias Youth Leadership Program sponsored by ICF in San Diego and la Fundacion Internacional de la Comunidad (FIC) in Tijuana.

The Las Californias Youth Leadership Program (LCYLP) is a year-long program, for extraordinary

high school students of Mexican descent from Tijuana and San Diego. The program is funded through the support of the **Rockefeller Foundation** and other donors including the **San Diego Union-Tribune**, the **Ackermann Foundation** and **Marathon Oil**.

LCYLP provides participating students with a mentor-mentee relationship, job shadowing opportuni-

ties, community service projects, monthly seminars on U.S-Mexico relations, week-long field trips to Washington, D.C. and



LCYLP students with Senator Héctor Osuna and Congressman Monraz Sustaita

Mexico City to meet with senior policy makers involved in shaping policy impacting the San Diego/

Tijuana border region and college scholarships. A primary goal of LCYLP is to cultivate a group of future leaders with a binational perspective and take

into account the complex needs of the region and use their talents to help Tijuana and San Diego in the future.

In order to understand Mexico's political system and its policy-making processes, the students met with various key political officials including: Senators Héctor Osuna and Gilberto Morgan from Baja California, Congressman Alejandro Monraz Sustaita from Tijuana, as well as Senators Diego Fernández de Cevallos, Sadot Sánchez, Micaela Aguilar, Susana Stephenson, Guillermo Herbert, Luis

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ICF TO ADMINISTER THE AVERY CHINA ADVENTURE PROGRAM

In 1929, ten Pomona College students pooled their talents to create the Oriental Study Expedition. Each had a particular area of interest and scraped together sufficient funds to spend one year traveling throughout China. The people they met and the experiences they had

during the trip left a lasting impression.

R. Stanton Avery was one of those ten students. Stan Avery's eagerness to break away from college life and pursue this adventure presaged his long career as an innovative businessman. With his skills as an inventor and entrepreneur,

Stan built the multinational company now known as Avery-Dennison. In 1960 he created the Durfee Foundation, named for his late wife Dorothy Durfee Avery, for the purpose of enabling others to reach toward extraordinary individual achievement.

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GRANTEE PROFILE: FUNDACIÓN PARA LOS NIÑOS DE LA PAZ HELPING YOUTH IN LA PAZ, MEXICO

In an impoverished neighborhood, of Colonia Marqués de León, on the outskirts of La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico, one will find Judith Peterson, Director of Fundación Para Los Niños de La Paz, supplying groceries for a breakfast program that feeds up to 150 children breakfast three days a week before school.

All told, ICF has granted a total of \$102,500 to Los Niños de La Paz through the contributions from over 83 U.S. donors from across the United States and Mexico.



Scholarship recipient Angel Guadalupe with his family

Through an anonymous matching donation from ICF in July of 2002, Fundación Para Los Niños de La Paz, solicited donations from local community members to build a lunch room/multi-use building in Colonia Laguna Azul. The DIF (The State sponsored family agency) has donated the kitchen equipment, tables and benches for the dining room.

On Monday, September 1, 2003, Fundación Para Los Niños de La Paz will have served their first breakfast to this community. Initially, the program will serve lunch to 50 children with the plan to serve up to 117 students.

In 1999, Fundación Para Los Niños de La Paz granted five scholarships to children from these neighborhoods to attend junior high school. Since Fundación Para Los Niños de La Paz, A.C., became legally constituted in January of 2000, they have



The dining room being constructed

expanded their scholarships program to award 30 scholarships for the school year 2002-2003.

In July of this year, Fundación para los Niños de La Paz received a grant from the Reinhart Foundation Fund through ICF. Because of their generous grant, all 86 students who applied for scholarships to attend junior and senior high school were accepted. Twelve of these students attend senior high school and the others are junior high school students. Students must maintain above average grades and contribute one hour a month of community service in return for their scholarships.

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Students at the Anthropology museum in Mexico City

Alberto Rico from the Human Rights Commission. During the meeting, a wide-variety of environmental, health, education and human service issues along the Tijuana and San Diego border were addressed. Additionally, various opinions regarding migration from Mexico to the U.S. were explored between the students and political leaders. During the week, students also met with key officials at the U.S. Embassy, the Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE), the Insti-

tuto Nacional de Ecología (INE), and the non-profit organization, Fundación Nemi.

Cultural visits included the Templo Mayor, Teotihuacan, Tlatelolco and the Anthropology Museum guided by ICF donor and archeologist Randie Reinhart and an evening at Belas Artes watching Ballet Folklórico.

See related article at:

<http://laprensa-sandiego.org/archieve/august22-03/leaders.htm>

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION IN MESOAMERICA: LEARNING FROM THE MAYAS

In the tropical rainforests of Guatemala, an archaeological team is revealing Mayan secrets from thousands of years ago at a site called El Mirador. Nearby in northeastern Peten, Guatemala, the San Bartolo Project researchers are excavating Mayan murals depicting the earliest evidence of kings and writing in the Maya Lowlands. Meanwhile, further north in the jungles of Palenque Mexico, the Precolumbian Art Research Institute (PARI) is finalizing the consolidation and architectural restoration of Temple XX.

ICF is now actively supporting each of these projects that are among the most important new archeological finds in Mesoamerica. The Foundation for Anthropological Research and Environmental Studies (FARES) received \$200,000 from ICF's Reinhart Foundation Fund in June to help protect the area's archaeological heritage and preserve the rainforest surrounding this sensitive site. PARI also received \$25,000 from ICF's Reinhart Foundation Fund towards the restoration of the Temple XX structure prior to excavating a tomb dating to the mid-6th century. The San Bartolo Project has received a total of \$35,000 in funding from Reinharts and another \$20,000 anonymous donation to help expand the knowledge of the ever-changing Maya socio-political arena. Each of these grants help to highlight the importance of cultural preservation to learn about our past, present and future.

Few people realize that one of the causes of the collapse of the Mayans was the depletion of natural resources. These recent archeological discoveries have revealed that the de-



Donor Leon Reinhart at San Bartolo Project in Guatemala

mise of these civilizations may have begun only a decade or two after they reached their apex of power, wealth, and population around 800 A.D. The ancient Maya 1,200 years ago were the most advanced society and were seemingly undermined by details of rainfall, farming methods, de-



Excavation at El Mirador in Guatemala

forestation, erosion and motives of leaders.

El Mirador may be one of the earliest and largest ancient cities in the Maya world, and is believed to contain the largest pyramid in the world. This year, FARES' excellent team of scientists is developing a multi-year preservation plan to conserve El Mirador and restore four ancient structures.

What archeologists like Richard Hansen, director of FARES, are trying to find out is what happened to the Mayas? Through archeology much can be learned about the unsustainability of communities of the past. Unfortunately, the very sites that FARES is seeking to preserve are now threatened by illegal logging. The race is on to not just to save the region's rich cultural heritage but also its rainforests.

Communities inside the reserve have received logging concessions as part of a negotiated agreement between federal government agencies, conservation groups, and local residents. FARES is promoting a different vision for El Mirador – one that incorporates ecotourism and cultural preservation in an intact rainforest. Through the generosity of the Reinhart Family Foundation, ICF is helping FARES, PARI and the San Barolo Project move toward their collective vision.

ICF MOVES ITS OFFICE

After nearly thirteen years of being housed within the **San Diego Foundation** (TSDf), ICF has recently moved to new offices in Sorrento Valley, located just 12 miles north of downtown San Diego. The move has provided ICF with expanded facilities for our staff and volunteers and will better accommodate the foundation's future growth. Our new address is:

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ICF is tremendously grateful for all the financial and in-kind support that it has received over the years from **TSDf**, its Board of Governors and staff. We are especially appreciative for all that TSDf's President and ICF Board



Member **Bob Kelly** has done to help incubate ICF during a critical time in our foundation's history. Special thanks also to go to **Duane Drake, Amy Perry, Elizabeth Corrow, Byron Cook, Michelle**

Caparas, Emily Young, Emily Owen, Charlene Pryor, Leslie Harrington, Adrienne Vargas, and Mariano Diaz that have been integrally involved in working closely with ICF over the past two years both administratively and programmatically.

There is no question that ICF would not be where it today if it were not for the TSDf. Thanks to TSDf, ICF has learned how to effectively operate as a professional well-run public charity committed to serving its community. For our part, we believe ICF has helped TSDf to increase its involvement on border issues impacting San Diego County. In the months and years to come, ICF looks forward to working more closely with TSDf on programs and projects aimed at improving the quality of life in the San Diego/Baja California border region.

Another important partner in ICF's recent move has been the **San Diego Futures Foundation (SDFF)** for their donation of 11 computers and additional technical support including site assessment and installation. Through the support of SDFF, ICF is now in a better position to meet its on-going computing needs. Thanks to a grant from the **Ford Foundation**, ICF was also able to cover the cost of migrating our grant and donor information from TSDf to our new offices.



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ICF is also appreciative of the support provided by ICF donor, **Paul Woo** and his company **Photo Express** that donated on an in-kind basis the reprinting photos for our new offices that showcase past grantees and locations where we work. We are also appreciate the following in-kind gifts by **Richard and Monica Kiy** (microwave and books for library); **Anne McEnany** (refrigerator); **Moctezuma Books & Gallery** (artwork).

ICF would like to thank the following volunteers during our move:

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ICF's New Office Wish list:

Board Room Table and Chairs

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE:

It is with great sadness that we announce the resignation of **Saytel López** as ICF's NGO Coordinator. In late May, Saytel took maternity leave and has recently decided to spend more time with her baby boy. During Saytel's 2 ½ year tenure with ICF, she did much to expand the foundation's outreach to non-profit organizations throughout Baja California. She also played a key role in preparing ICF's recently released "Survey of Baja California NGOs." ICF is incredibly grateful for all of Saytel's hard work and commitment to making a difference in the communities and non profits that we serve. Saytel, we will miss you.

ICF's has named **Dr. Pamela Logan** as the Administrator of the foundation's Avery China Adventure Program. In addition to her consulting duties with ICF, Dr. Logan is Executive Director of the Los Angeles based-Kham Aid Foundation which supports a wide range of community development and conservation related projects in Kham, a regional encompassing the eastern third of the Tibetan plateau.

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese with working knowledge of Tibetan, Dr. Logan received her professional training in aerospace science with a doctorate degree from Stanford University and a BS and MS from the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Logan is the author of two books, [Among Warriors](#), about the warrior tribes of eastern Ti-

bet, and [Saving Tibetan Art](#), a book about rescuing endangered murals at Tibet's remote Baiya Monastery.

This past summer, ICF was fortunate to have four interns working with the foundation. **Julia Christman**, an incoming second year student at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD)'s Graduate School for International & Pacific Studies (IR/PS) supported ICF's efforts on the Las Californias Youth Leadership Program and assisted in the drafting of the foundation's FY-03 annual report.

Peng Zeng, another IR/PS student undertook research aimed at comparing health care issues of Chinese peasant migrant workers in South China with those of Mexican migrants in the San Diego/Tijuana region.

Ruth Scotti, a graduate of the University of Michigan's Graduate School for Natural Resources and Forestry and an incoming UofM MBA student, assisted ICF in developing its donor development strategy for expanded giving to China.

Leela Magavi, an incoming junior at Torrey Pines High School, provided additional administrative support, updating the foundation's donor data base and cataloging volumes for the foundation's library at the new offices. This is Leela's 2nd summer interning at ICF. ICF is grateful for the hard work and commitment of Julia, Peng, Ruth, and Leela. We wish you all much success in your ongoing studies.

ICF DONORS

We are grateful for the following donors generous contributions. (June– August 2003)

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ICF GRANTED OUT OVER \$589,934.00 SINCE JUNE 2003

Museo Sol del Niño was awarded \$110,453 to sponsor the museum guides and the 2003 Summer Programs. The Summer Program consists of a monthlong science camp.

Foundation for Anthropological & Environmental Studies (FARES) received \$200,000 to partially fund the Mirador Basin project in Guatemala which seeks to preserve the rainforest and restore the area's archaeological heritage.

The Regional Workbench Consortium of UCSD was granted \$1,000 for support of their first annual EXPO 2003.

Pronatura Noroeste Mar de Cortés , A.C. was awarded \$25,000 to support community based Restoration of the Hardy and Colorado Rivers: Outreach and Participatory Implementation. They were also awarded \$37,500 to conduct the second phase of the Las Californias Binational Conservation Initiative, which is focused on a targeted land conservation strategy between Tijuana and Tecate, as well as a regional binational mapping and analysis project in conjunction with Conservation Biology Institute in San Diego.

Laboratorio de Investigación en Resonancia y Expresión de la Naturaleza, A.C. was awarded \$10,000 to provide charitable support for the production of a DVD of grey whale acoustical sounds and images for use in conservation and environmental education related initiatives along the Baja California peninsula and the rest of Mexico.

Fundación para Los Niños de La Paz, A.C. was awarded \$7,000 to buy educational materials for a local school. They received \$4,000 to finish building the dining room of the community center in Laguna Azul in the outskirts of La Paz, Mexico. They were also awarded \$27,000 for scholarships for high school and junior high school during the 2003-2004 school year.

San Diego Natural History Museum was awarded \$46,400 to bring children from the poorest communities of Tijuana to Ecoparque to participate in hands on environmental programs for the next 3 years.

Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad was awarded \$5,730 for the purpose of carrying out support/administrative tasks associated with the Las Californias Youth Leadership Program. They also received \$10,000 to sponsor "Filantropía 2003" events in each of the 5 Municipalities of Baja California and the publicity, including a summary ad of all winners to be published statewide after all the events

Iberoamericana University Foundation was awarded \$25,000 to support completion of the Loyola Public Library at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Tijuana.

Fundación NEMI was awarded \$6,310 to cover the costs to conduct a survey in Mexico City to determine why youth leave school at such a young age and to better understand the causes of high drop out rates in Mexico. They were also awarded \$161 for general operating support.

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation was awarded \$25,000 to help promote interaction between San Diego and Baja California companies.

Asociación de Artes del Mar de Cortez, A.C. was awarded \$1,500 to help promote the dance program at various schools within the Los Barillos area of Baja California Sur, Mexico. The money was used to construct a portable wooden dance floor which will be used at all dance venues in the community.

ICF GRANTS CONTINUED

San Diego Dialogue was awarded \$5,000 to provide support for its Forum Fronterizo Series.

San Bartolo Project was awarded \$20,000 to support preservation of Pre-Colombian murals at San Bartolo, an archaeological site in the Peten rainforest of Guatemala.

Sociedad de Historia Natural Niparáj A.C. was awarded \$1,000 to help support the conservation of the San Cosme and Punta Mechudo corridor in Baja California with emphasis of the big horn sheep management project.

Asociación de Salvavidas y Rescate del Estado de Baja California, A.C. was granted \$880 to purchase uniforms for lifeguards.

Los Niños del Capitán was awarded \$15,000 to be used for a new canopy and payment for construction of phase I construction of their day care center in Los Cabos de San Lucas in Baja California Sur, Mexico.

Los Niños received \$3,000 to hire and train a promotora to be an ecoguide at Ecoparque environmental center in Tijuana.

EVERY CHINA ADVENTURE PROGRAM Continued from page 1

The Avery China Adventure Program was originally created by the Durfee Foundation to recognize the adventurous spirit of Stan's original China expedition. The program then continued under a partnership between the R. Stanton Avery Foundation and the California Institute of Technology. In August, the board of trustees of the Avery Foundation approved grant funding for ICF to administer the China Adventure Program.

The purpose of the China Adventure Program is to provide funds for people who have a personal interest related to China and the fortitude to pursue their visions. The

program is open to students, recent graduates, staff and faculty of the following Southern California-based academic institutions:

California Institute of the Arts

California Institute of Technology

Claremont Graduate University

Claremont McKenna College

Harvey Mudd College

Keck Graduate Institute

Occidental College

Pitzer College

Pomona College

Scripps College

Grants cover travel in mainland China only; Hong Kong trips are not funded. Grants are not limited by any academic, language or achievement requirements. Applicants must be staff employees, faculty members, students or recent graduates within the past seven years.



For additional information, please contact Dr. Pamela Logan, ICF's Program Administrator at averychina@icfdn.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Crossings: Alex Webb: Photographs from the U.S.-Mexico Border

Where: Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD), downtown location
1001 Kettner Blvd, San Diego, 619-234-1001

When: October 2, 2003
6 pm to 7 pm private reception for ICF donors and MCASD members
7 pm exhibit opens to the public

Reception sponsored by: San Diego Law Offices of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek



Attire: Business Casual

White wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and light refreshments provided

ICF members are invited to attend a preview of the Alex Webb photography show “Crossings: Photographs from the U.S.-Mexico Border” from 6-7 pm on October 2 at the downtown location of the Museum of Contemporary Art. Join us to learn about ICF’s recent grantmaking activities on the border, meet the photographer, and enjoy the exhibit before the general public is admitted at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, contact Anne McEnany at (858) 677-2915.

Save the Date

Tuesday, November 18, 2003 7:45 am to 1 pm—Join us for a tour of Tijuana with ICF and San Diego Grantmakers. For more details contact Julie Holdaway 619/744-2180

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