



BCS Community Alliance (BCSCA) Delivers more than 37 Thousand Food Packages in a Month and Commits to Continue its Food Aid Campaign Until End of September

- **\$5.2 million has been raised as of August 21.**
- **BCS' Safety Board provides support for massive food basket deliveries, while NGOs deliver to registered beneficiaries.**
- **Close to 230 Thousand food packages have been delivered since the start of the food aid program in April 15.**

Los Cabos, BCS. September 1, 2020 – On August 15, the Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) completed four months working to provide food aid to thousands of families who have seen their livelihoods affected by the pandemic. “This fourth month of work marked the beginning of a new phase for the BCS Community Alliance, which required the implementation of new strategies for the delivery of food packages. During this second phase; the work of volunteers, civil associations and authorities have been key factors in continuing to provide help to the people of Baja California Sur”, said Marisa Comella, BCSCA board member, during the most recent press conference.

The operating circumstances for the distribution of food aid during these months are different from those that prevailed during the first phase. As individuals and companies return to work, the capacity for deliveries becomes more difficult, due to a decrease in the number of volunteers and the availability of vehicles for the delivery of food packages.

The Alliance Distribution Centers need volunteers and vans to continue deliveries and the Alliance is actively seeking help from individuals, businesses and organized groups and associations to support this effort. “Without the help of our donors and the great effort of the volunteer team and civil society in general supporting BCSCA’s coordinated leadership, we would not have achieved so much in such a short time, teamwork has been key in all this effort! We must not lower our guard, the need is still great”, said BCSCA board member Anne McEnany, CEO and President of the International Community Foundation.

From July 15 to August 21, the ACBCS delivered 37,447 food packages, exceeding the established goal of 30 thousand food packages per month for July, August and September. These pantries were distributed through various delivery models; including house-to-house deliveries, deliveries with the support of civil society groups and organizations, and deliveries with the support of Mexico’s Army, Navy and National Guard personnel. “The mass deliveries were reactivated this past week, with special emphasis, given the number of families affected by Hurricane Genevieve in the municipality of Los Cabos, where thousands of families living in low-lying high-risk areas, lost everything after the intense rains caused by the storm”, said Lucía Frausto, BCSCA board member and Responsible for the Food Aid Program, when reporting the actions taken in the aftermath of Genevieve.

In four months of operation, the Alliance has raised more than \$5.2 million US dollars (\$ 5,287,105 USD), these donations have gone to the purchase of \$ 646,521 US dollars in medical supplies, which have been delivered to 19 institutions including the Ministry of Health, IMSS, ISSTE, public services, paramedics, volunteers and agricultural field workers. The rest of the donations have been allocated to the purchase of food packages. As of August 21, the BCSCA has distributed 157,662 food pantries



in the five municipalities throughout BCS. In addition, 72,287 food packages have been delivered by the BCS state government for a total of almost 230 thousand (229,949) food packages delivered in the last 4 months. Board member Korey Riggs comments that; “the BCSCA continues to work in coordination with the authorities and the armed forces of the state’s security board to bring food aid to families in vulnerable situations. The participation of individuals, civil organizations, organized groups and the business sector to mitigate the food needs that the population of BCS requires in these difficult times, is the engine that drives this effort.”

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BCS Community Alliance (BCSCA) Supports 23 Community Kitchens in the Aftermath of Hurricane Genevieve

- **The Alliance collects and delivers hundreds of in-kind donations to prepare meals.**
 - **3,500 hot meals were served last Sunday.**
- **Massive delivery of food packages is conducted in coordination with the Armed Forces.**

Los Cabos, BCS. August 28, 2020 – After the storm, the sun rose and there was much to do. Once the rains caused by Hurricane Genevieve stopped and the clean-up work began, it became apparent that there were thousands of families that were left with close to nothing. Lucia Frausto, Board Member of the BCS Community Alliance said; “there are many families in Los Cabos living in irregular settlements on the dry *arroyos*. All these families were greatly affected by the flooding caused by the rain that Genevieve brought to the area. That is why we decided to secure and deliver aid for community kitchens and reactivate the massive delivery of food packages to the areas that were hit the hardest by the rains. ”

The aid and delivery of supplies to the community kitchens was achieved immediately thanks to the participation of the *Alianza para Seguridad Alimentaria BCS* (Alliance for Food Safety – ASA for its acronym in Spanish), one of the founding organizations of the BCSCA, incubated and led by International Community Foundation (ICF) since its inception, which works with several community kitchens across the state. 23 community kitchens set up their facilities last weekend right after the storm, 9 in San José del Cabo and 14 in Cabo San Lucas. The Community Alliance delivered the necessary supplies for the preparation of more than 3,500 meals, which were delivered last Sunday to these community kitchens. The meals were prepared and available for pick-up as food “To Go”. This means that beneficiaries have to bring their own containers to pick-up the food and take it home to share with their families. This initiative to supply community kitchens with prepared meals will continue for another five weeks in coordination with “Chefs for Los Cabos” who will prepare 1,000 meals every week with the beef and chicken that will be supplied by the BCSCA.

In-kind donations for these community kitchens consist of one ton of chicken, 500 dozen eggs, 1.4 tons of vegetables (potatoes, carrots, chilies, onions, and tomatoes) and 250 food packages. These supplies were used for meal preparation which was conducted by volunteers. “It has been a huge logistical effort by ASA and the BCSCA which coordinates the receipt and distribution of donations in kind,” says Frausto. Special mention is made of the generous donation of 1,800 chickens by Bachoco, this type of donation makes the continuous operation of the community kitchens possible. These kitchens constitute an element of hope and relief for those facing these difficult times.

Similarly, in the aftermath of Genevieve, the BCSCA redoubled its efforts to deliver food packages (*despensas*) in coordination with state authorities and the armed forces of the state’s security table to bring food aid to families in vulnerable situations. The commitment is to continue with the delivery of 30 thousand monthly pantries until the end of September, since the distribution of food packages is the most urgent requirement.

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BCS Community Alliance (BCSCA) Launches Second Phase After Completing Three Months of Operation

- **As of July 10, \$ 4.6 million dollars were raised.**
- **The Alliance (BCSCA) distributed 120,215 food baskets in three months and delivered medical equipment and supplies worth \$420,000 dollars.**
- **The Alliance (BCSCA) asks the stae government to continue supporting the most vulnerable sectors in BCS during this crisis.**

Los Cabos, BCS. July 15, 2020 – The Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) announced that July 15 marks the end of phase one of the food and medical aid programs; which started this past April 15. The Alliance (BCSCA) reached 60.6 % of its fundraising goal, equivalent to \$4.6 million dollars in the first three months. This amount was raised through donations from individuals and members of the private sector. These funds allowed for the purchase and the distribution of 120,215 basic needs and food packages across BCS, benefiting more than 72thousand families. While most food packages were distributed in the municipalities of La Paz and Los Cabos, where the largest population is concentrated, the food aid reached all five municipalities in BCS, including remote rural communities in the northern part of the state. During these three months The Alliance also completed the donation of \$420,000 dollars in personal protection equipment and medical supplies to 15 institutions, including clinics and hospitals from the Ministry of Health, IMSS, ISSSTE and Naval Hospital, as well as to first responders and auxiliary and public safety services such as the Red Cross, Civil Protection, Municipal Police, National Guard and Public Services. The donated medical supplies include N95 respirators, face masks, coveralls, gowns, gloves, glasses, goggles, a sanitizing tunnel, and a PCR testing machine for diagnosis of COVID and other infections.

During these three months the Alliance (BCSCA) has developed a food aid distribution strategy that has allowed the registration of each and every one of the food packages that have been delivered. This has been very useful to have a clear overview of where the areas with greatest need are. Each delivery is documented and registered in a geolocation program which generates information for the strategic planning of future deliveries. Delivering a daily average of 1,000 food packages requires the joint effort of dozens of people, Lucía Frausto, BCSCA board member, noted that the food aid has reached each family thanks to the invaluable participation of hundreds of volunteers and members of the armed forces that make up the state's safety board, and added that all of them have worked tirelessly to ensure the orderly and equitable distribution of food packages.

Aware of the financial crisis generated by the reduction of economic activities across the state, as a result of the health emergency we are going through, and knowing that the economy will take several months to reactivate, the Alliance (BCSCA) has decided to launch a second phase in which a specific number of families in vulnerable situations will receive food aid, in accordance with the Mexican Scale for Food Safety as proposed by CONEVAL, Mexico's National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy. The food aid program will focus mostly on disable, chronically ill and over 65 people. This focused effort will be possible thanks to the field work carried out to date, where basic needs have been detected and registered. The Alliance (BCSCA) will continue delivering food packages in July through a variety of delivery models. These models include; door to door delivery, deliveries through local groups and organizations, and deliveries conducted in collaboration with



members of the armed forces of the state's safety board. During this month the Alliance (BCSCA) will define the delivery model going forward.

The Alliance (BCSCA) is aware that this volunteering effort will not be enough to offer food aid to all the families that need it since, as individuals and companies return to work, the support of volunteers and resources for deliveries decreases. This is why, today more than ever, the emergency support programs from municipal, state and federal authorities are so needed, Frausto said.

Marking the beginning of its second phase, the Alliance's board members remind all the families that have received any kind of support from any entity, whether public or private, the importance of being caring and responsible, and invite them to contribute to their communities to improve the health and sanitary conditions in their own communities. While providing members of vulnerable communities with options to further the reach of the food aid that the BCSCA provides, through the establishment of distribution points and community kitchens with the supports of the communities where the help is delivered.

"We are all part of the Alliance; it is time to ask ourselves what each of us can do to help the recovery of Baja California Sur. There is no donation or help too small. Each of us has a moral obligation to contribute to the best of our ability;" said Marisa Comella, BCSCA board member. It is important to point out that the Alliance has no political ties. All the donations come from private individuals and the Alliance doesn't back neither any political party, nor any current or future candidate for office.

The BCSCA continues to work in coordination with the authorities and the armed forces to promote citizen participation; with civil organizations, organized groups and the business sector working together to have economic or in-kind resources to put food on the tables of those who need it the most in these difficult times.

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BCS Community Alliance (BCSCA) Delivers Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Medical Equipment and Supplies

- **Two months after starting activities, the 15 health institutions that have asked for support have received equipment and supplies.**
- **As the pandemic progresses the needs of frontline medical personnel and health institutions continue.**

Los Cabos, BCS. June 27, 2020 – The Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) continues with its commitment to provide PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for frontline health personnel and supply supplemental medical resources to manage the COVID-19 pandemic in Baja California Sur. As of June 15, just over two months after the activities of the Alliance (BCSCA) began, \$100,000 dollars in equipment and medical supplies have been delivered to the 15 institutions that have requested support; including the Red Cross in Los Cabos and La Paz, the hospitals assigned to COVID treatment by the BCS Health Secretariat, and the public health care hospitals and clinics of IMSS and ISSSTE, and naval installations.

Since its founding, the Alliance (BCSCA) established that a third of its fundraising goal would be allocated to provide complementary medical aid, supplementing the needs of the health institutions responsible for managing the pandemic. Marisa Comella, member of the Alliance (BCSCA) council, comments that “initially the focus was on ensuring that frontline personnel dealing with COVID patients had the necessary PPE to carry out their tasks safely.”

The logistical effort for the procurement of personal protective equipment has been titanic since there is a great demand for this type of articles worldwide and the geographical location of Baja California Sur requires both import and delivery efforts, in addition to the complexity of finding the necessary items with specific characteristics for use in health institutions treating COVID patients. The most complicated and expensive to source have been overalls and N95 masks, Comella said.

In these two months of work, more than 115 thousand pieces of N95 respirators, double and triple layer facemasks, surgical coats and gowns, nitrile and latex gloves, safety glasses and goggles have been delivered; as well as antibacterial gel and other sanitation supplies. In addition to this, the Alliance has ordered more than \$350,000 dollars of new equipment, including testing supplies and hardware, which is of great importance as the economy in BCS reopens and mobility increases.

The Alliance's commitment is to continue supplementing the needs of the health sector in BCS during this pandemic, adjusting the approach according to the evolution of this crisis. Initially the priority was the supply of protective equipment, as things have evolved, now there is a need for equipment to perform COVID screening tests. The members of the Alliance (BCSCA) continually work to respond in a timely and transparent manner to the requests they receive from the health institutions across the state and plan a coordinated strategy to respond to the challenges that this health crisis represents for our community.



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1. That all people in BCS to have enough food during the COVID-19 crisis.
2. To help provide equipment for frontline health personnel to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Volunteer Participation is Key for the BCS Community Alliance (BCSCA) to Achieve Its Goals

- **The delivery of more than 1,500 food packages daily requires a logistics effort that made possible through the support of volunteers.**
- **Currently there are 129 active volunteers who have each contributed an average of 19 hours.**
 - **All volunteers receive training in biosecurity and in the geo-referencing app.**
 - **\$ 1.6 million USD a month are needed to bring food aid to 40,000 families.**

Los Cabos, BCS. May 23, 2020 – The Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) continues to work providing food aid to families in need in Baja California Sur. The BCSCA's goal is to support 40 thousand families during the months of the crisis caused by the presence of COVID-19 in our state. To do this the BCSCA is delivering an average of 1,500 food packages (*despensas*) Monday through Friday. There are endless hours of coordinating and prep work before these deliveries are made; from the organization of distribution routes, the assembly of the food packages, the loading of vehicles, to the distribution itself, which is carried out door to door according to the established biosafety guidelines. This effort is achieved thanks to the coordinated work of volunteers with personnel from the different associations that are part of the Alliance and the armed forces; says Víctor Rafael Flores Linares, statewide volunteer coordinator for BCSCA. "The work of the volunteers is extraordinary. They donate their time and put all their will so that together we can achieve the goal", said Flores Linares and he explains that there are volunteers who work in the field making the deliveries and others support from their homes doing office work, there are also those who donate their time and use of their vehicles to support the delivery effort and are responsible for transporting supplies and documents for the logistical needs of the operation.

Luis Garduño, statewide distribution coordinator for the BCSCA, comments that approximately 85% of the *despensas* are distributed in the municipalities of La Paz and Los Cabos. The rest are taken to other municipalities, concentrating on rural areas. "The need is very great, the Alliance delivers in remote areas in coordination with local authorities and the armed forces in order avoid duplication of efforts and reach as many families as possible," says Garduño. Deliveries in remote rural settlements require a special effort since it is often an overnight trek to reach the most remote areas, volunteers in localities that work in small groups called cells, are a key element in order to achieve these deliveries. The support of cell coordinators, such as Mario del Ángel and Daniela Muñoz, has been invaluable in reaching areas that are difficult to reach.

The BCSCA currently has 129 active volunteers out of almost 600 that have registered. All volunteers receive training in both biosecurity and protocols for the delivery and use of the application to register beneficiaries. These trainings are conducted by Christian Zavala via Zoom. Zavala has been in charge of the development and implementation of the training since the start of BCSCA's activities. "There are many people who register, but fewer people actually show up to do the job. On average, volunteers spend 19 hours working," says Zavala.

Ruth Ramírez Sánchez, from BCSCA's communication team in La Paz, comments that the amount needed to provide food aid to 40 thousand families in BCS per month is of \$1.6 million USD, to purchase the pantries ; but beyond that there is the coordinated work of volunteers, members of the



armed forces and public security who, after receiving training in biosafety protocols to guarantee the distribution and reception of pantries under the strictest sanitary protocols, go door-to-door to make deliveries.

The BCSCA welcomes all community members interested in volunteering. Registration is done online at www.acbs.org.mx/volunteers . On the site you will find all the details. The BCSCA operates on the principle of altruism and does not ask for pre-registration to deliver the food aid. For the BCSCA it is of utmost importance to work under the principles of transparency and accountability to society.

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BCS Community Alliance (BCSCA) Presents Status Report After its First Month of Activities

- **\$ 2.9 million dollars have been raised in donations as of May 12.**
- **It is estimated that the BCSCA will distribute 80,000 basic need and food baskets (*despensas*) per month in the coming months.**
- **The signed agreements show the commitment of civil society, NGOs, the business sector, state and municipal authorities, and the armed forces to work in solidarity and coordination for the good of the people who need it most in BCS.**
- **To date, BCSCA has provided help to 25,000 families and a total of 60,000 *despensas* are expected to be delivered by the end of May.**

Los Cabos, BCS. May 13, 2020 – At a press conference held today the Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) presented the progress made since it began operations on April 9. Marisa Comella, member of the BCSCA Board, announced that as of May 12, the BCSCA has collected \$2.9 million USD in donations from individuals and companies, an amount that represents 40% of the goal of \$7 million USD to provide food aid to 40 thousand families in BCS during April, May and June and purchase the medical supplies and equipment to support the health sector for the management of COVID-19 in Baja California Sur.

To date, the funds raised have been invested in the purchase of 68,000 *despensas*, as well as \$270,000 USD in medical supplies and equipment delivered to 16 institutions, including Ministry of Health clinics, IMSS, ISSSTE and Naval Hospital, and first responders and auxiliary and public safety services such as Red Cross, Civil Protection, Municipal Police, National Guard and Public Services. The delivered supplies include N95 respirators, face shields, coveralls, gowns, gloves, glasses, googles, a sanitizing tunnel, and four PCR testing machines for diagnosing COVID and other infections.

As of May 12, the food aid provided by the BCSCA's volunteer brigades has reached 25,000 families in vulnerable situations across the state, and the goal is to help another 15,000 additional in the next 2 weeks. This help has reached each family, thanks to the invaluable participation of the armed forces, the Ministry of National Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the National Guard, the State Police, coordinated by the state's Safety Board, who have worked tirelessly to ensure the orderly and peaceful distribution of the food aid.

Special emphasis is placed on the promptness in signing agreements for collaboration in achieving the goals of the BCSCA. The first agreement was signed with the state government, by Governor Carlos Mendoza Davis, and the second with the municipality Los Cabos, signed by Armida Castro Guzmán, Los Cabos Mayor. The signing of the agreements with the other municipalities of the state is in process, confirming the commitment of all the participants for the good of the people of BCS who have seen their sources of income disappear with the pandemic; and to offer a common front to provide prompt response for those in need.

The BCSCA continues to work daily to guarantee food aid to families in vulnerable situations. This is the reason for the collaboration of civil society and government in this emergency, with the sum of efforts aimed to promote the participation of citizens, civil organizations, organized groups and the



business sector. This effort will allow the generation of financial or in-kind resources to mitigate the food needs of the people of BCS population at this difficult time. This aid is made possible through the tireless work of volunteers, members of the armed forces and law enforcement personnel who, after receiving training in biosafety protocols to guarantee the distribution of *despensas* under the strictest sanitary protocols, go door to door to deliver them.

The BCSCA operates under a principle of absolute transparency, for which it has established a permanent audit by Kreston BSG, an accounting firm with international backing, affiliated to the Mexican Institute of Public Accountants. To guarantee that all donations are being used correctly. For BCSCA it is of utmost importance to work under the principles of transparency and accountability to society.

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Baja California Sur Community Alliance Launches “Adopt A Family” Program Bringing Food to All the Families in Need in BCS Requires a Community Effort

Los Cabos, Baja California Sur - After just over a month of operations, the Baja California Sur Community Alliance (ACBCS) has raised 40% of the goal of \$7.5 million US dollars to bring food to families who have been affected by the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic across the state. Currently, the register of families registered to receive aid as a result of this crisis is 96 thousand households in need; of which 18 thousand are distributed among the municipalities of Loreto, Mulegé and Comondú with four thousand, eight thousand and six thousand respectively registered in those municipalities. The rest of the registered families in need are in the two municipalities with the highest population density, with 28,000 families in the municipality of La Paz and 50,000 families registered in the municipality of Los Cabos. These are the families registered through the Alliance and the municipal and state registers.

Korey Riggs who heads the BCSCA fundraising effort said that; “the need is great and the work of getting the food baskets to all the families in need is enormous. Which is why, it is necessary to have everybody in our community help this initiative to the best of their ability and for this, we have launched the "Adopt a Family" campaign”. This campaign allows you to donate what is necessary to cover the cost of a “despensa” for a family of four with sufficient supplies for two weeks. The donation is \$ 20 US dollars and can be made online; directly on the Alliance page (www.acbcs.org.mx/family) The Alliance works in coordination with state and municipal authorities to provide food aid to those who need it most at the moment, but the most important aid is the one that each of the members of our community can contribute. The need is great, but we also know that there are many generous people in Baja California Sur and we are counting on each of them to contribute within their means because, if we all participate, we can help all those who need it; commented Riggs.

As of May 8, the ACBCS has delivered 21,096 basic need and food baskets in the municipalities of La Paz and Los Cabos with a total of 11,003 despensas delivered in Los Cabos and 10,093 in La Paz. Donations made by this past Friday, May 8, have raised what is needed for 38,198 despensas, enough for less than two weeks. If we consider that 96 thousand homes need one despensa per family every two weeks, which makes the Adopt a Family campaign a crucial effort to continue to support the homes that have seen their sources of income disappear as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis. A \$20 US dollar donation puts food on the table of a family of four for two weeks, the BCSCA needs to raise \$1,6 million US dollars every month to reach the people in our register, the only way to do this is with the support of everyone in our community.

The Alliance conducts deliveries under the sweeping format in priority attention areas with the support of Mexico’s Army, the Secretary of the Navy and the National Guard to guarantee both the order and biosafety of volunteers and those who receive food aid alike.



ABOUT ADOPT A FAMILY BY BCSCA:

The **Adopt a Family** program initiative was launched to expand on the momentum gained by the campaign designed by Como Vamos La Paz, headed by community leader Lucia Frausto. Como Vamos La Paz is the NGO leading the food aid programs implemented by the BCSCA.

A \$20 US dollar donation provides a family of two with a despensa for two weeks that includes; rice, lentils, chickpeas, beans, corn tortilla flour, canned vegetables, canned tuna, tomato paste, cooking oil, detergent, bleach and toilet paper.

The art used to illustrate the program is by the talented La Paz artist Diaz Castro, his whimsical characters are heartwarming and invite everybody to participate by donating to adopt a family who needs to put food on their table.

Donate online at www.acbcs.org.mx/family

ABOUT THE BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR COMMUNITY ALLIANCE:

The **Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA)** is a coalition of Baja California Sur nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, along with several businesses working in coordination with the local and state government and the armed forces in charge of maintaining public safety and order in BCS, in response to the medical supply shortage and food crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Alliance seeks to achieve three objectives:

1. No person in BCS goes without food during the period of the Pandemic.
2. Support medical services by providing the tools necessary to effectively treat patients during the crisis.
3. Become a permanent network of support that is able to be activated in future emergencies.

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A coalition of BCS NGOs, the Los Cabos Coordinating Council (CCC) and the La Paz Business Coordinating Council (CCE), announce the

Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCBCS).

A state-wide Alliance formed to respond to catastrophic emergencies.

April 9, 2020

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ACBCS was formed in response to the medical supply shortage and food crisis caused by the Covid-19 crisis in Baja California Sur. The Alliance is made up of the Los Cabos nonprofit and business sector working in coordination with the local, state and federal government.

ACBCS seeks to achieve these three objectives:

- 1) detection of needs,
- 2) fundraising and communication
- 3) Procuring, distributing and supervising the delivery of needed supplies

CCC, CCE and ACBCS, joined forces to present a united front by giving a transparent and coordinated response to the pandemic in solidarity with the needs of the citizens of Baja California Sur. We are in communication with the State Government through the DIF State System, the Ministry of Health and the Undersecretary for Social Development, as well as with the five municipality authorities and other nonprofit organizations to share information about needs and how we will work together to address them.

ACBCS has the goal of raising \$7.5 million USD in the coming weeks to distribute food & hygiene supplies for more than 40,000 families in Baja California Sur and supporting health institutions with medical supplies. To date, \$150k USD worth of medical equipment have been purchased and distributed. Another \$250K USD has been collected with \$1.75 million USD pledged in Matching funds. These funds will allow us to continue covering the most immediate needs.

Business organizations will detect needs, and channel these as well as the contributions of companies, either in cash or in-kind donations, to the efforts of BCSCA. We invite social groups and all Baja California Sur's society to do the same. We know we can demonstrate great generosity and solidarity as it has already been seen in recent weeks. We invite you all to be a part of it: prompt recovery for our people and economy. It's time that we all join forces with the efforts of our municipal and state governments.

“The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.”

-Mahatma Gandhi



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The ACBCS Board of Directors designates Como Vamos La Paz to coordinate the efforts towards food distribution and the Los Cabos Children's Foundation to coordinate everything related to health.

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Beneficiary Account Number: 4355102

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ASSOCIATION OF TOURISM REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS
ASSOCIATION OF TIME SHARE DEVELOPERS
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTS
ENGINEERS COLLEGE

LA PAZ BUSINESS COORDINATING COUNCIL EMPROTUR

ACBCS (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

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ALUMBRA INNOVATIONS FOUNDATION
COMO VAMOS LA PAZ
BCS CANCER REGISTRY
ALLIANCE FOR FOOD SECURITY BCS
EL DORADO & CHILENO BAY FOUNDATIONS
LOS CABOS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
LOS CABOS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE



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SUSTAINABLE NORTHWEST
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CASA CUNA - CASA HOGAR
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