



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.”

The Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) is a coalition of 191 philanthropic private assistance organizations and the business sector with civil society. It is a movement that has achieved results through integrity, respect, leadership, transparency, and collaborative problem solving with the private, public and nonprofit sectors. The Alliance (BCSCA) is a citizens’ initiative without any affiliation to political parties, which arises in response to the crisis caused by the effects of the presence of COVID-19 in our state and meets the needs of equipment and resources for health institutions and the food crisis that thousands of families go through in BCS.

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