



BCS Community Alliance (BCSCA) Presents Awards to Members of the Armed Forces Acknowledging Their Support and Commitment

- **The coordinated work with members of the state's safety board allowed for the delivery of more than 200 thousand food baskets to more than 97 thousand families in BCS.**
- **BCSCA board members thanked the tireless work of personnel from Mexico's Army, Navy and National Guard.**
- **BCS' Secretary General said that the Alliance's work this past six months has been exemplary.**

La Paz, BCS. September 29, 2020 – This Tuesday members of the Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) presented several awards to the armed forces, members of the state's security board and the state's government represented by Secretary General, Álvaro de la Peña Angulo, who said that the work conducted by the BCSCA in coordination with personnel from the armed forces has been exemplary. The event was held in an open space, following all the established social distancing protocols, where board members and collaborators of the Community Alliance addressed representatives of the armed forces in a ceremony to express their appreciation for the dedication and solidarity that the members of the state security board have shown to support the efforts made by the Community Alliance to benefit thousands of families in vulnerable situations in BCS.

During the ceremony, Lucía Frausto, board member of the Alliance and general director of Como Vamos La Paz, expressed the Alliance's gratitude to all the institutions that worked to achieve the distribution of more than 200,000 food baskets throughout the state, during the past 6 months. Frausto mentioned that the personnel from the armed forces who accompanied the volunteers in the food aid deliveries were a determining factor for the successful delivery of basic food packages to more than 97,000 families throughout BCS.

Marisa Comella, from the Los Cabos Children's Foundation and an Alliance board member, explained that the Baja California Sur Community Alliance is a coalition of 191 philanthropic organizations, the private sector and individuals. Comella said that; "The Alliance is a movement that has achieved results through integrity, respect, leadership, transparency, and collaborative problem solving with the private, public, and non-profit sectors"; and she offered special recognition to the dedication shown by the members of the armed forces and the importance of building a solid sense of community across the state.

During the event McKenzie Campbell, BCSCA board member and part of the International Community Foundation acknowledged the importance of the philanthropic spirit that has driven this citizens' initiative. She explained that the donations that made the purchase and delivery of the food packages to more than 97 thousand families, came from hundreds of both, national and international donors. Campbell thanked all the donors and highlighted the fact that teamwork has



been a key element for the Alliance stating that; “the BCSCA worked in coordination with the state authorities and the armed forces from the safety board to provide food aid to families in need. These efforts are with the intention of promoting the participation of individuals; civil organizations, organized groups and the business sector to mitigate the food needs of the BCS population in these difficult times”.

Elena Moreno, from the BCS Cancer Registry and a member of the Center for Renewable Energies and Environmental Quality-CERCA, also a BCSCA board member, recognized the spirit of discipline and responsibility that distinguished the work carried out in coordination with the armed forces, who always fully adhered to the strictest biosafety standards and inspired volunteers to do the same, while achieving this huge task, safeguarding and maintaining the health and physical integrity of more than 800 men and women who received training for the delivery of food packages, which were conducted following the established protocols to avoid contagion.

Luis Garduño, BCSCA’s state distribution coordinator and member of the Alliance for Food Security of BCS mentioned that after concluding the massive deliveries of food packages with the support of personnel from Mexico’s Army, Navy and National Guard; a transition is underway to continue to provide food aid to families in need, focusing on coordinated work with community kitchens.

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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