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OUR MISSION:

To offer children and adolescents who live in marginal neighborhoods of our city an essential base to develop a dignified and responsible life by promoting a nutritious diet and offering tools to obtain a quality education and physical and mental well-being. We accomplish this by creating a network of participation within the community, the public and private sector and non-governmental organizations.

OUR VISION:

To be a bridge to procure equal educational and health opportunities for all children and youth of our community who live in marginal situations, so they may fulfill their personal and professional dreams, assume a responsible life and better the quality of life of their families.

For information, to get involved, or make a contribution, please visit

www.lapazninos.org or
telephone Judy Peterson
612 121 1221 or
612 121 2166

SUBASTA 2009

Come join the fun ! Subasta 2009 will be held Sunday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Marina de La Paz. This is the 21st anniversary of the annual auction to benefit needy children of La Paz. While the event is run by Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz, A.C. (FANLAP), Club Cruceros de La Paz, A.C. continues to be a main sponsor of this event.

We accept articles for boats, homes, clothing, or any other "treasure" you would like to donate to the cause. (Please bring donations to the Marina de La Paz office or contact us at the phone number 1212166 or email fanlap@hotmail.com)

We need volunteers weeks before the event to price clothing, make minor repairs to donated items and separate articles to be auctioned from those which will be sold. The day of the auction, we need helpers to work in all the booths: the bazaar, the beer and soda booth, the bake sale, bargain table, and the cash drawers where pesos and dollars are exchanged for scrip.

Our new cookbook, *Recipes 4 Scholarships*, will be available for sale at Subasta too – all proceeds support the FANLAP Junior and Senior High School Scholarship Program. This cookbook, contained on a CD, is in English; we hope to have it translated into Spanish in time for Subasta 2010.

On September 22nd, we had a press conference to announce the beginning of our campaign to accept donations from the public. To set off our campaign, Armando Manriquez, a famous Sudcalifornia painter, donated two paintings.



**FANLAP
RECEIVES NATIONAL
CERTIFICATION OF LEGALITY
AND TRANSPARENCY**

The "Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía" (CEMEFI) (The Mexican Center for Philanthropy) bestowed the maximum recognition possible for civil associations who work on social issues to Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz, A.C. (FANLAP), by certifying that they comply with the indicators of legality and transparency. FANLAP is the first civil association in Baja California Sur to receive such a high recognition, given to few organizations in all of Mexico.

The Group CEMEFI, composed of businesses, community foundations and civil associations, will present the Certificate of Accreditation to the president of FANLAP, Judith A. Peterson, at a special ceremony as part of their annual meeting in Mexico City the second week of November of this year.

"We are very excited about this wonderful recognition and we thank CEMEFI as it is an achievement that strengthens the value and confidence in our organization," comments Judith A. Peterson, speaking for the board members, professional team, volunteers and beneficiaries of FANLAP.

She also commented that this type of achievement motivates the work and commitment of all, which is very intense, as we have associates who have devoted more than a decade of service to the most needy children of the Colonias of La Paz.

As part of this award from CEMEFI, FANLAP has the right to display the logo you can see below.



**EVELIA
OUR FIRST COLLEGE GRADUATE**

In the spring of 2004, while walking along the Malecon in La Paz, Pete and I were approached by two young girls. Seniors in high school, they had a project as part of their English class - they had to interview English speaking people on the streets of La Paz.

We stopped and talked with them, answered their questions such as "what is your name, where are you from, do you like La Paz, what is your favorite kind of food." One of the girls, Evelia, related that she is one of four children, that her family is from Oaxaca. Her parents came to La Paz because of lack of work in their birthplace. They are day-laborers; their work in the fields is seasonal. She also fights a sometimes debilitating kidney disease.

Evelia had a dream of being a high school teacher. She asked if she could be included in our scholarship program. We told her to fill out an application and we would look for a sponsor.

We put out the word about Evelia on our email list, and an anonymous donor through ICF stated that she would like to help Evelia fulfill her dream. After continually maintaining high grades, 9 and above out of a possible 10, Evelia received her diploma in July of 2009.

It is difficult for students like Evelia to get the education they deserve. Her hard work and determination is paying off, and she is very grateful for the help she has received. We are extremely thankful that we happened to pick that particular evening to walk along the Malecon in La Paz.

Evelia is currently planning to be a volunteer teacher with our soon-to-be-formed homework club, helping our current scholarship students maintain their grades so they may make a better life for themselves and their families. She has also applied with the Secretary of Public Education for a job, and we are confident she will be succeed.

Judith A. Peterson
President
Fundación Ayuda
Niños La Paz, A.C.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

GUADALUPE (LUPITA) JUAREZ ROJAS

Before FANLAP even built its dining room in Colonia Laguna Azul, we knew that its success depended on its volunteers. When we did open in September, 2003, a dedicated group of mothers from Colonia Laguna Azul began preparing and serving meals and cleaning up afterward: they are so dedicated that they do other work maintaining the dining room, such as the yearly repainting of the walls. By Christmas of 2003, Lupita joined the group and quickly was recognized by the rest as a natural leader. During the school year she volunteers at least 30 hours a week, not only in the kitchen but also with the scholarship program and library.

Her daughter, Candelaria, has been one of our scholarship students since she began junior high school. This year she will continue her education (she hopes to be a teacher) at the Escuela Normal in La Paz, sponsored by Hugh and Jacquie Grinnell of Tucson, Arizona.

Lupita's son, Enrique, also a scholarship student, is in the 8th grade this year.

We asked Lupita some questions:

Q - Where are you from originally?

A - Tlaxcala, a state in the south of Mexico, south of Mexico City.

Q - Why did you come to La Paz?

A - Tlaxcala is a very poor state, with very few employment opportunities.

When I was 17 years old, my family was looking for another place to live where we might be able to earn more to support ourselves. So my mother brought me and my three sisters to La Paz; we were able to find work and liked it here, so we decided to live here.

Q - Of what does your immediate family consist?

A - My husband, myself and two children.

Q - What does your husband do?

A - He is a self-employed carpenter-foreman.

Q - What kind of work did you do?

A - I was a cook in hotels and restaurants. When I married my husband he wanted me to stay home with the children.

Q - Why did you decide to work with FANLAP?

A - It appeared to me that the foundation really wanted to help disadvantaged children, so I decided I would like to donate my time to help the children of our neighborhood, who need so much help. Their parents are very poor, most of the men work as mason's helpers and do not earn much money. In some families the people scavenge in the nearby dump to find food, clothing and other things they can use or sell. In addition, I know first hand what it's like to be hungry, and I wanted to help the children of our neighborhood eat better.

Q - What does your husband think about all the time you spend helping us in the dining room? After all, it is a full time job for you.



A - He is happy that I'm able to help the children. He went to bed hungry as a child, and he thinks we have a duty to help FANLAP with its programs for the children of our neighborhood.

Q - How many years of school did you complete?

A - I went through the sixth grade. Then after the comedor was built by FANLAP, I was given the opportunity to complete junior high school by taking an adult education class which

was offered in the comedor building.

Q - How far did your husband go in school?

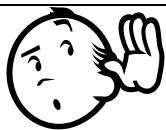
A - He completed the sixth grade.

Q - What are your hopes for your children?

A - I want to see them prepared for a profession, so they can have a better life than we had.

Q - What can FANLAP do to improve the services we offer for the children?

A - That is a very difficult question to answer, given that the support from FANLAP is very complete.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

- **Fundraising and Publicity:** FANLAP has formed a "Patronato" to work with our board. A Patronato is a group of volunteers who organize fundraisers and work in other ways for the benefit of non-profit groups, sort of like a PTA/PTSA in the U.S. The Director of our Patronato, Maria Lourdes Garcia Lopez de Carpenter, will have a seat on the board. If you are interested in serving with the "patronato" please contact us. While not necessary, it is helpful if you have a command of Spanish. A La Paz-based publicity agency, Tanxel Publicidad works with our Patronato, volunteering its time and design talents to help us promote our image in the community.
- **CCC continues to donate fruit and vegetables** which are no longer saleable but are still useable. Pete picks them up on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and delivers them to the families in the colonias where we concentrate our efforts. Thank you so much to CCC for helping our program to provide improved nutrition to children.
- **Transparency:** To provide total fiscal transparency, we are required to fill out a form found on the website of the Secretary of Hacienda, which states our mission, vision and objectives, a listing of all income and expenses for the year, and the names of all donors (those who like may maintain their anonymity). After our accountant prepared the annual tax return, we were audited by an independent accountant authorized by the Republic of Mexico to perform such an audit. That audit was filed with the Secretary of Hacienda (equal to the IRS in the U.S.) at the end of August.
- **Good news for the library/learning center.** We're happy to announce we have completed the building of our library/learning center, located on the second floor of our dining room building in Colonia Laguna Azul. The computers supplied by the National System of Libraries have arrived in La Paz; the inauguration should take place in November.
- **A special thank you:** At the beginning of the year, many of you may have been approached by Judi Fair-Spaulding asking for donations for our scholarship program. She promised to match donations to this program up to \$4,000. She quickly collected that amount and wrote a check to International Community Foundation. Thanks to her efforts we were able to

help an additional 20 students achieve their dreams of completing another year of high school.

- **Scholarships 2009-2010:** This school year 67 students in junior high, 33 in senior high and 6 students attending University, Institute of Technology or Teachers' College are receiving financial aid from FANLAP. In addition, we have provided uniforms and school shoes to 15 students at the request of SAMM (The Office of Prevention of Violence to Women and Children) and to 25 children at the request of CAPASITS (The Ambulatory Center for Prevention and Attention to Patients with AIDS or Sexually Transmitted Disease.) These students live in colonias of La Paz other than where our dining room and library are located.
- **Club Rotario La Paz Balandra** continues to provide medical consultations to children of the colonias. On Thursdays Rotary Club member Dr. Aguirre, along with other members of the club, international visitors, and two nurses from the Mexican Institute of Social Security do height and weight checks, vaccinations, and provide other medical consultations to children who otherwise would not be attended to.
- **Our Comedor** reopened after summer vacation, with over 150 children coming to have a hot lunch five days a week. About forty new children have moved into the colonias with their parents, coming from Chiapas to find work and a better life in La Paz.
- **Women of the colonias continue to volunteer** their time to cook and serve meals to the children, and also do the cleanup. In return we provide uniforms and shoes for their children and give them an occasional "despensa" (basic food basket) when funds are available. Thanks to these hard-working volunteers who each work at least twenty-five hours a week to see that the children of the neighborhood receive proper nutrition.
- **Art classes** are being given to children ages 4-7 and ages 8-12 in our library on Saturdays from 11:30 – 1:00. If you would like to help, please contact us at fanlap@hotmail.com. We also would like volunteers to teach English.

(The following is a translation of an article written by the governmental agency SEDESOL and published in the Sudcaliforniano newspaper on Tuesday, June 2 of 2009)

WITH HELP FROM SEDESOL, FANLAP OFFERS FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz, A.C., (FANLAP), headed by Judith Peterson, carries out a meal and nutrition program for children and young people ages 1-16 who live in Colonias with a high index of poverty in the state capital. Five days a week during the school year FANLAP provides lunch to children and young students living in a vulnerable situation. Women from the Colonias volunteer their services in meal preparation as well as cleaning and maintenance of the dining room. The children and youth who attend principally come from colonias Laguna Azul, Marques de Leon, Villas de Guadalupe, and Vista Hermosa. This program was created with the idea of preventing and combating malnutrition in children and young students from low income families in these colonias at the edge of the city. The creation of such a program implies the necessity of considerable support, for which reason SEDESOL (The Secretary of Social Development for Baja California Sur) and INDESOL (The National Secretary of Social Development) help by providing funds for the purchase of food used in the preparation of meals, such as meat, chicken, beans, tortillas, eggs, rice, oil and other necessities as well as basic commodity baskets for the volunteer cooks, provided for FANLAP. Presently 200 meals are served 5 days a week. The federal grant will permit continued service at the same level with a possible increase of 30%.

This year FANLAP is evaluating those who come for meals, using the Bender Test at the beginning and end of the year to measure the mental capacity of the students who attend the Comedor; this test is a clinical instrument with numerous psychological and psychiatric applications designed for students between 5 and 11 years of age. It has been demonstrated to be very useful in the exploration of childhood intellectual growth and in diverse clinical diagnoses of mental incapacity. The test will be administered at the beginning of the year to a representative sample of children, who will participate in two sessions a week, one in reading and the other in writing, with the objective of stimulating the growth of the student in these two areas. At the end of the project the test will be administered again in order to evaluate the progress of the participants.

The head of SEDESOL, Felix Fernandez Gonzalez, recognized the work and devotion of FANLAP through the years. He indicated that, in addition to the help the government can offer to these causes, the participation of the general population will always be the key to the success of these noble causes. He added that FANLAP was selected to receive the grant from this program of co-participation, since its work for health and education has made a difference for many children that are successful today thanks to the dedicated work of those who form this organization whose efforts are recognized by the Secretary of Social Development.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR A STUDENT

In Mexico it is obligatory that a child attend school until the age of twelve, at which age he/she normally enters secondary school. In addition to transportation costs of up to one dollar twenty cents a day to and from school, the students need uniforms, gym clothes, shoes, tennis shoes and school supplies. Many families do not have the money to pay these costs. Often, if there are several children in a family, only the boys are sent to secondary school.

In the summer of 2000, we started a scholarship program with five full scholarships to secondary school. Since that time, our program has steadily grown. The number of children we help is only limited by the amount of money we receive from donors like you.

It costs \$350-\$400 U.S. a year to send a child to secondary school. An additional \$150 to \$300 cost for senior high school includes tuition costs and double bus fare as the students must take two buses to and from school. Some students are given a partial scholarship, which does not cover transportation.

We have a program to sponsor students. If you would like to sponsor a child please let us know at fanlap@hotmail.com or jupete49@hotmail.com



DONATIONS

All who work with Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz A.C. are volunteers with the exception of a librarian and our office manager-director.

Tax deductible donations may be made payable to International Community Foundation, 2505 "N" Avenue, National City, California, 91950. Please put "Children of La Paz" on the lower left-hand corner of your check. Or make an on-line donation at <http://donate.icf-xchange.org/donate.php/losninosdelapaz>.

A check drawn on a **Mexican** bank, in pesos or in U.S. dollars, may be made payable to Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz A.C. and mailed to Calle Santiago #320, Col. Bella Vista, 23050 La Paz, B.C.S., Mexico.

Or deposit directly to our account at Banamex, account number 09620066750 to donate pesos or account number 09629017914 to donate U.S. dollars. If you wish to have a tax deductible receipt from Mexican income taxes for your donation, please contact FANLAP at the above address.

Thank you for your help. Together we can make a difference in the lives of these children. For more information please email: jupete49@hotmail.com, anyracs@hotmail.com or fanlap@hotmail.com



FUNDACIÓN AYUDA NIÑOS LA PAZ, A.C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1 - October 31, 2009

(amounts in pesos at \$13 x 1 dollar)

Received:	Subasta 2008*	\$65,063.00
	SEDESOL/INDESOL	\$159,983.00
	Trinity Lutheran Church	\$146,069.30
	International Community Foundation**	\$658,150.40
	Donations and events in La Paz	\$491,251.90
Total recieved		\$1,520,517.60
Disbursements:	Scholarships	\$444,155.41
	Breakfast and lunch programs	\$258,109.00
	Operating Expenses	\$90,417.34
	Library (Construction & Operations)	\$338,770.74
Total Disbursements:		\$1,131,452.49

* Some funds from Subasta 2008 were deposited in December 2008

**This includes donations from private donors.