



## **JOB TITLE**

### **Community Liaison, Philanthropiece Foundation**

Laguna San Ignacio, Baja California Sur, Mexico

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

- To support Philanthropiece's broad-based community development and empowerment programs in the community.
- To support Local Community Coordinators and leaders in all program areas (see below).
- To develop and implement new programs based on community-driven need and the vision of Philanthropiece.
- To maintain communication with the Philanthropiece Home Office and the Philanthropiece Advisory Board (in Colorado).
- To maintain and further develop network of organizations, government representatives, and individuals working in Baja California Sur, Mexico.

## **DURATION OF POSITION**

The duration of this job is 12 months: May 2010 – May 2011.

## **REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS**

- ***Advanced level of spoken and written Spanish.***
- Previous experience working in international community development.
- Experience organizing programs and leading people; ability to take initiative and be self-motivated.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; experience developing reports, evaluations, articles, social networking content, etc.
- Ability to multi-task and problem solve; goal-oriented and able to motivate others.
- Ability to act as a liaison between Philanthropiece, the local community, and other stakeholders.
- A passion for Latin American culture and ability to live in rural conditions.
- Specific skills sets (i.e. in areas of health, education, environment, economics) will be taken in to consideration.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT LAGUNA SAN IGNACIO**

Laguna San Ignacio is located in Baja California Sur, in the Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve, Mexico's largest protected area. The area is comprised of five communities, totaling about 500 people. A remote community, Laguna San Ignacio lies within a UNESCO World Heritage, which is home to a variety of animal species, including the grey whale.

## **STIPEND**

Monthly stipend will cover lodging, food and basic necessities. International travel and job-related in-country travel expenses are also provided.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Send a Cover Letter and Resume via email to:

Katie Doyle Myers, Director of Programs

[inquiry@philanthropiece.org](mailto:inquiry@philanthropiece.org)

*In Email Subject heading, please write "Baja Community Liaison – (your name)"*

## **WHAT WE DO**

The Philanthropiece Foundation engages in broad-based community development and empowerment, building healthy and sustainable communities. Our current geographic focus is in North and Central America. The Foundation works in selected developing communities on locally defined projects that focus on education, health initiatives, quality of life, environmental issues and business and economic opportunity. Philanthropiece works side by side with local community leaders to identify needs and to develop appropriate projects that are culturally sensitive with an emphasis on sustainability. The Foundation also places a high value on collaborative work with other NGO's. Philanthropiece is a US 501(c)3 operating foundation and is not a grant making organization.

## **OUR WORK IN BAJA**

Since 2007, Philanthropiece has been working in collaboration with the people of Laguna San Ignacio on various community development programs.

These have included:

- **Educational Initiatives**
  - Installed wind and solar energy and eco-toilets at schools.
  - Developed environmental education program, technology education, school gardens, and sports programs.
  - Provide English classes.
- **Small Business Loan Program**
  - Disperse and manage over 20 small business loans in the community.
  - Development of accompanying financial literacy training program.
  - Loan Committee program established with intention to provide a sustainable resource for the community (putting interest payments back into locally-identified community projects).
- **Health Initiatives**
  - Assisted in building of health clinic.
  - Training and clinics on community-initiated health topics.
  - Development of Health Coordinator program.
- **Laguna Limpia**
  - Support local committee to research and implement waste management systems (including recycling and composting).