

BELIZE CULTURAL FOUNDATION

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Who We Are

In June 2000, a few Belizean Americans organized a meeting intended to introduce the concept of a new charitable organization that was soon after formed as Belize Cultural Foundation ("BCF").

Presently, the primary source of raising funds for the organization has been through the success of the "Belize Independence Day Celebration Dance" and "Fiesta At The Park" events. These annual events, as of date have been the largest "turn out" of Belizeans in Los Angeles, throughout the years.

Our History

Since its formation, the foundation has practiced significant charitable responsibilities. In its first year, "BCF" assisted Consul General's Office in Los Angeles, and cooperated with certain Belizean NGO's, and private individuals to raise funds for Hurricane Relief that provided help in the Southern Districts which were devastated from Hurricane Iris.

"BCF" actively participated in assisting and supporting the Long Distance Education Program in association with University of Belize, The Belize Alliance of Social Services ("BASS") and Consul General's Office in Los Angeles.

"BCF" has donated to special organizations in Belize to include "Youth for the Future", "University of Belize", "Help Age" and "Brite Smiles". Donations included but were not limited to medical supplies and equipment, hi-speed copiers, elementary school furniture for various villages, dental and other supporting materials. Additionally, hi-speed copiers were donated to the Public Library in Orange Walk, the Presbyterian School in San Antonio District, (Cayo) and the Presbyterian School in Concepcion.

"BCF" participated in discussions with "NDACC" to fund projects by the end of the year to supply the center with clothing, books, computers, air-condition units, and hopefully a "detox machine". The Drug Abuse Control Center in Corozal focuses on rescuing young Belizeans from drugs and provides education to adults in safe sex.

In March of 2004, the BCF fully sponsored the "BCF Youth Soccer League" under the auspices of the National Drug Abuse Control Council ("NDACC") in the Northern District of Corozal. The Youth Soccer League program is fully funded by the organization.

Projects

Youth Soccer League is now in its 6th year throughout Corozal, Orange Walk and Belize City (South). Each year, boys in the ages of 6 thru 12 throughout the districts are invited to participate in the program. The program consists of a league of 16 teams per town (to include villages) who compete in weekly games for the division championship. Upon reaching the semi-finals, the division champions then compete for the National Championship.

The program has been successful with incredible commitment from volunteers and parents participation and support.

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BCF's Vision

BCF's immediate goal is to extend the Youth Soccer League programs throughout the entire country of Belize and to incorporate a "girls" soccer league.

It is our vision for the future to be able to offer and build community centers where children (Boys and Girls) can share in unity, develop character and confidence, dedication and determination on becoming outstanding citizens of Belize.

Affiliation

BCF is affiliated with the largest Central American organization Comité de Festejos Centro Americano (COFECA).

Annually, COFECA holds a reception for their "Distinguished Citizen's Award". This award is presented to honor a citizen of each Central American country for their outstanding contribution to the people of their respective country. Participation in COFECA's reception and annual parade is carried live on Univision Television with participation and support from the City of Los Angeles.

BCF is proud to have one of its member's on the Board of COFECA.

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