

FANLAP: Rice, Beans & Oil (RBO), March 2019

M&C International Children's Foundation

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The cruising community of La Paz Mexico has long supported organizations that work with the children of impoverished families that cannot afford to send their children to school. One such organization that excels is **Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz (FANLAP*)**. FANLAP provides student scholarships, mentoring, a library & computer center, and a breakfast and lunch program. And, their students are required to keep very good grades and engage in community service.

A few weeks ago, during the Cruisers Morning Net on VHF channel 22, we took the opportunity to promote the FANLAP Breakfast and Lunch program. We explained the need for the funding for the rice, beans, and oil (RBO), the staples of these meals. We offered a matching funds challenge of 15,000 pesos, with the expectation of raising 30,000 pesos total, for the RBO program.

The response was thundering, and with some very generous contributions, we extended our match to the 37,000 pesos that were donated, for a total of 74,000 pesos, with a USD value of \$3,800! Through this generous giving, we believe that the 74,000 pesos will provide a nine-month supply of RBO.

True gratification comes from the actual purchase and delivery of the RBO.

On March 14th we went shopping at the City Club, in La Paz. We met Judy Peterson of FANLAP, Charles Morehead of Club ROTARIO & sv Shadowfax, and our cruising guests, the Brown family.

With a detailed spreadsheet provided by FANLAP, our mission was to acquire a one-month supply of Rice, Beans, Oil and other canned and dry goods.

(This supply will last until Spring Break, as the dining room will be closed for the Easter/Semana Santa Holiday.)

With three large shopping carts and many hands we filled the order and then filled the back of a pickup. Arriving at FANLAP, we offloaded the RBO to the Dining Room and then had a tour of the very impressive FANLAP facilities.



Item	Articulo	Marca	Presentacion	Costo Pesos	Pedido	Unidad	Total
Rice	Arroz Grano	Campanelli	5 / 1 kg	\$ 84.00	10	Paq	\$ 840.00
Beans	Frijol Pinto	Campanelli	5 / 1 kg	\$ 109.00	10	Paq	\$ 1,090.00
Oil	Aceite Vegetal	Kartamus	12 / 900ml	\$ 287.00	2	Caja	\$ 574.00
Sugar	Azúcar Estandar	Zulka	10 / 1 kg	\$ 175.00	5	Paq	\$ 875.00
Milk	Leche	Nutrilache	12 / 1 litro	\$ 171.00	6	Caja	\$ 1,026.00
Mole	Mole	Doña Maria	1 / 4 kg	\$ 200.00	1	Bote	\$ 200.00
Chicken Consome	Caldo (Consome Pollo)	Condix Pollo Club	1 / 3.6 kg	\$ 194.00	2	Bote	\$ 388.00
Mayonnaise	Mayonesa	Wilsey	1 / 3.8 lt	\$ 150.00	2	Bote	\$ 300.00
Corn	Grano Elote	Del Monte	1 / 2.9 kg	\$ 70.00	4	Lata	\$ 280.00
Pancakes Mix	Harina p/ HotCakes	Menu Solutions	1 / 4.5 kg	\$ 142.00	4	Bolsa	\$ 568.00
Tuna	Atún en Aceite	Dolores	1 / 1.8 kg	\$ 181.00	10	Lata	\$ 1,810.00
Tomato Sauce	Pure de Tomate	Del Fuerte	4 / 1 kg	\$ 80.00	5	Paq	\$ 400.00
							\$ 8,351.00

THANK YOU TO THE CRUISING COMMUNITY FOR ONCE AGAIN COMING TO THE RESCUE

We thank all of you in the cruising community for being so generous with your donations to purchase the non-perishables for our dining room program, making sure that the children in impoverished areas served by FANLAP on the outskirts of La Paz are able to enjoy a hot lunch during the school year.

A special thank you to Mike and Cathy McLeod for helping not only the FANLAP children but also other organizations in the city and outlying areas.

Along with the purchase of other products such as chicken, meat, eggs and fruit, the RBO purchased will last until Easter vacation, after which we'll purchase two months more of RBO to last until summer vacation. The balance should make the purchases for six months after summer vacation.

Thank you all!!!

*Judy Peterson, legal representative
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Annually, Cathy & I have hosted an "Amigos De Los Niño's.", Wine Tasting Fundraising event in our hometown of Tacoma, Washington. Over the years, with the help of friends and family, we have raised more than \$60,000. Over 50% of those funds have come as matching funds from individuals and or organizations that share our desire to provide the support and education needed to lift children out of poverty.

This year we have experienced the power of **Matching Funds** and plan to continue. Our Wine tasting event in Sept 2018 raised \$4,000 which we matched for \$8,000. \$4,000.00 of these funds are allocated for FANLAP. The recent RBO matching funds challenge raised an additional \$1,900 and increased the total allocation for FANLAP to \$5,900.

Additionally, to comply with the fundraising requirements of the State of Washington and the Federal Government, we have recently formed a **501c3: M&C International Children's Foundation.**

This allows us to continue to be accountable to our supporters, friends and family that support our desire to give back to the community of La Paz with the belief that the way out of poverty is education. And, of course, we can provide documentation of contributions for IRS Tax purposes.

With thanks to all contributors, we look forward to continuing these efforts.

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