La Paz Community School

Playa Flamingo, Costa Rica

Invest Today in Tomorrow's Leaders

La Paz School Today

La Paz Community School is a non-profit, cooperative school offering high quality, experiential, dual language education that integrates coastal Guanacaste's diverse populations.

Since its inception in 2007, La Paz has nearly tripled in size and has built a strong reputation amongst local and foreign residents, with students representing all of the local villages as well as over 20 nationalities.

Scholarships open the school to the community's wide range of socioeconomic levels thus allowing tomorrow's local and global leaders to learn and grow together regardless of their culture or financial means. Due to the high demand for a La Paz education in the area, the school is proud to announce the launch of the eagerly anticipated Capital Construction Campaign with a goal for groundbreaking in early 2011.

La Paz School Tomorrow

Due to the increasingly high demand for a La Paz education in the area, La Paz is rapidly moving ahead with the development of our new "Ecosystem" Campus. We have secured two hectares of prime land, completed the master plan architectural designs, and acquired a significant portion of the construction materials through joint ventures with local manufacturers.

La Paz "Ecosystem" Classroom Pod Design with "Green" Local Construction Methods:

The overall campus concept is based on the idea that an ecosystem is made up of interdependent, individual organisms that interact in order to find a sustainable equilibrium in their community. Each grade represents a specific "species" and a group or pod of grades represents a specific community.

The success of the entire ecosystem depends on the individual strengths of each community; therefore, these learning pods are designed to promote successful interaction and collaboration all in the name of creating a sustainable "ecosystem" that will complement the progressive learning strategies at La Paz.

Historic Guanacaste architectural vernacular will be respected while utilizing modern construction systems and materials to achieve cost engineered and energy efficient design.

Passive cooling strategies have been incorporated to limit powered cooling requirements and enhance student comfort.

To maximize cost efficiency and sustainable building practices, joint venture partners have been established with material suppliers who manufacture within Costa Rica and produce materials that require no on-site water and minimal waste.

When completed, the school facilities will embrace and respect the unique culture of Guanacaste but also represent contemporary building methods in order to achieve smart, sustainable design that blends in with its surroundings.

La Paz Community School Capital Campaign

Phase One: $1,650,000 Total Project:

$950,000 Already Raised. 57% Completed!

WE HAVE THE DESIGN

Architect Donation = $50,000

WE HAVE $200,000 IN JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION DONATIONS.

We need the remaining construction costs: $700,000

Your Contribution

Education around the world is undergoing a necessary transformation. To better prepare students to thrive and compete in the global community of this new millenium requires an evolution of teaching philosophies, experiences, and techniques. La Paz Community School's unique blend of high quality, dual language, experiential education is a successful model that produces adaptive, creative problem-solvers who are culturally and environmentally conscious. Your contribution to La Paz represents a long term investment into the most valuable asset in a knowledge-based world; well prepared leaders.

Your Return

Social investment has been proven to produce exponential returns not just financially, but also socially, culturally, and environmentally. Your donation will allow for the future leaders of Guanacaste, Costa Rica, Latin America, and the world to learn and grow in purpose-built, energy efficient, spacious classrooms during their time at La Paz. A La Paz diploma represents exceptional academics, leadership skills, and values that will dramatically increase the pool of highly skilled, analytical thinkers in the local communities and beyond. This injection of young, creative, and well-rounded minds into the work force will transform local businesses into progressive, active stewards of their culture, community, and environment.

Our Promise

With a dedicated group of teachers, students, parents, and community members, La Paz Community School continues to act as a model educational institution for the multinational Guanacaste region. Along with offering an extremely rigorous academic and extracurricular experience, the cooperative school works with the surrounding communities to proactively create strategies that improve education in the local public schools, encourage sustainable development practices, and preserve the local Guanacastecan culture. Together, the knowledge of the past, vision of the future, and awareness of the present, foster a responsible community of life-long learners.

The Challenge

The pending groundbreaking for early 2011 depends on the generosity of our local and foreign community. Thus far the response has been encouraging as we have accumulated the majority of the financial support necessary for phase one of the project.

Below are illustrated our financial accomplishments and needs for this exciting endeavor.

Land Acquisition Donation (2 Hectares)	$700,000	Secured
Architecture/Engineering Donations	$50,000	Secured
Construction Joint Venture Donations	$200,000	Secured
Pending Construction Costs	***$700,000***	***Needed***
Total	$1,650,000	

As a tribute to your commitment to La Paz, we will proudly recognize your donation via a wide variety of available naming opportunities to promote the invaluable seeds of change planted by philanthropic community members.

How to Donate

La Paz Community School accepts donations from around the world, with vehicles for tax-deductibility in the United States (501(c)3 recognized) and Costa Rica (Ministerio de Hacienda recognized.)

BY CHECK:

Please send any US check or money order to:

La Paz Community School
(Capital Campaign on memo line)
2880 Arrowhead Street
Eugene, OR 97404

BY CREDIT CARD:

To make a gift by credit card (Paypal) from anywhere in the world please visit:

www.lapazschool.org

and click on "Donations"
(Please note that Paypal takes 3.5% out of any contribution.)

BY BANK TRANSFER:

Costa Rican bank transfers or checks may be deposited into this account:

Banco de Costa Rica
Asociación Escuela Comunal La Paz
(checking account in dollars)
Account Number: 325-1972-0

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Contact us with any questions regarding our fundraising goals

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