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Featuring our Core Partner: PHILANTHROPIECE A.C.

Collaboration has been one of Philanthropiece Foundation's core values since its inception. We aspire to live in a world in which community members are able to self-identify their aspirations, and that they have the resources necessary to meet their stated needs and priorities. We want to eliminate inequities. We want everyone to have the ability to thrive and to experience joy. The only way for this ambitious vision to become reality is to work in cooperation, to focus on collective action. And this is just what we do in Boulder, in Chajul, and in Baja California Sur. I love that the approaches of the foundation and the civil associations that Philanthropiece has fostered in Guatemala and Mexico share the ethos that working in partnership with others is essential.

In Philanthropiece A.C. Mexico's latest annual report, Executive Director Martha Márquez shared, "Philanthropiece is and has always been the sum of the trust of the people who participate in the programs, and as the years go by, this is multiplied by the collaboration of other organizations that align with our mission." It's a great pleasure to share with you all a bit more about how Philanthropiece A.C., based in B.C.S., Mexico, has utilized the power of collaboration to strengthen the social fabric of communities throughout their state and beyond. Please enjoy this article, another great story by our friend and colleague, Morning Glory Farr. Thank you, as always, for accompanying us as we *piece together a better world*.

With gratitude,

Katie Doyle Myers, Executive Director



The Power of Collaboration in Mexico

Not much seems to intimidate Celia Roldán. When she first moved to Cabo San Lucas five years ago, she dove right into tackling some of the biggest challenges her new community faced. She saw children who were left alone in their homes because their parents were away working. Those same children often did not have enough to eat and did not have educational assistance with homework and class materials. So Celia started a small support group for these children.

"I started under a tree, with a group of eight children. We didn't even have tables or chairs. From there, the word began to spread about our work," says Celia.

Through her work in the community, she discovered la [Alianza para la Seguridad Alimentaria de Baja California Sur](#) (ASA), which works to provide food access, as well as support trainings and resiliency programs, to low-income communities throughout Baja California Sur, Mexico. Celia signed up for a variety of trainings that ASA offered, all designed to help her gain more capacity as a community member and as a leader. One of the trainings that ASA offered Celia was participation in a [Community Savings Group](#) (CSG). The CSG was designed to include ASA clientele, like Celia, and was formed as a partnership between ASA and Philanthropiece A.C. Forming and developing Community Savings Groups has been at the heart of the work that [Philanthropiece A.C.](#) has done since it started working in Mexico. Collaborations like the one between ASA and Philanthropiece A.C. allow both organizations to broaden their work and the impact of their programming goals.

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Thank you, **Alianza de Seguridad Alimentaria B.C.S.** for your partnership and for sharing your time and insights for this story!

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