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### **BI-NATIONAL NON-PROFIT SUMMIT**

*The Santa Cruz Community Foundation hosts the Second Annual Summit for Non-profit Organizations, February 25, 2010*

NOGALES, Ariz (February 10, 2010) – The Santa Cruz Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, will host the second annual Non-Profit Viability Summit on February 25, 2010 from 9am – 1pm at Cochise College in Nogales, AZ, with follow up seminar sessions on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010. This is a community service, free and open to the public.

The summit, which will open with an address by Andy Carey, Executive Director of the US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership, will highlight the work done by local non-profit organizations. The summit will provide a forum for local agencies to share their stories, successes and challenges, and will focus on fostering a sense of community between area non-profits. Major themes will include inter-organizational collaboration and finding creative solutions for problems that are unique to this area. Because of its special relationship with FESAC, a foundation in Nogales Sonora, SCCF will focus not only on inter-organizational, but also cross-border collaboration.

Andy Carey was named Executive Director of the US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership in September 2008. Prior to joining the BPP, Andy served for 15 years at Kiwanis International, where he was responsible for leading growth initiatives, fundraising and development programs, and leadership development opportunities throughout the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the South Pacific. Andy led Kiwanis' Worldwide Service Project initiative in Latin America to virtually eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorders, the world's leading cause of preventable mental disabilities. For the last 15 years, Andy has traveled the US-Mexico border region engaging the US and Mexico business communities in philanthropic activities including health and awareness campaigns, education initiatives, and fundraising and development programs.

Representatives from the Patagonia Regional Community Foundation, First Things First, Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense and United Way of Santa Cruz County will be present at the event. Information on how to apply for grants from local funders will be available.

For more information about the Summit, please contact the Foundation at (520) 761-4531 or [kmason@cfsoaz.org](mailto:kmason@cfsoaz.org). Cochise College Nogales is located in the historic old Courthouse, 21 East Court Street, Nogales, AZ.



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*The Santa Cruz Community Foundation (SCCF) promotes philanthropy and assists with in the creation of a healthier, more productive community for residents of Santa Cruz County and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. SCCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, a public organization with nearly \$100 million in assets. For more information contact Kari Davies-Mason at [kmason@cfsoaz.org](mailto:kmason@cfsoaz.org) or (520) 761-4531, or visit [www.sccfaz.org](http://www.sccfaz.org).*