



**CONSULATE  
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U.S. Consulate Nogales  
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico

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Robert Phillips  
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Dear Robert:

George Bernard Shaw once said, "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." The State Department considers this principle of investing in communities around the world to be of the utmost importance, as it is one of our three primary objectives. It is for this reason that we at the U.S. Consulate in Nogales, Sonora dedicate ourselves to the development of this region. In these efforts we have found that this community of "Ambos Nogales" is privileged to have the services of both the Santa Cruz Community Foundation and FESAC.

These organizations go beyond the role of making grants that advance community development. They have a unique partnership that identifies current and emerging issues, facilitates education, and strengthens non-profit organizations on both sides of the border. What is especially pleasing is their desire to measure impact not merely by the number of dollars generated and donated, but by the positive changes seen in and felt by the community as a result of these investments. This passion for enhancing the lives of the residents of this area is admirable and infectious.

In times such as these when debates over immigration and security have been brought to the media forefront, confusion and misunderstanding are easy to come by, and can only be countered by education and open dialogue. I commend the Santa Cruz Community Foundation and FESAC for their efforts in this regard. It is no small feat to assemble groups, coordinate educational tours, and facilitate open discussions to enhance understanding. The achievement of such is a testimony to the tremendous partnership and dedication demonstrated by these two organizations.

The Consulate is proud to serve alongside these organizations in the "Ambos Nogales" community, and appreciates their tremendous efforts to invest in the lives of the citizens of this region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dinkelman".

Consul John Dinkelman