

# HBSCA News

Hermosa Beach Sister City Association Newsletter

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From Liz Ramirez



## HBSCA Loreto Paramedico Bombero Program -

**DONATED FIRE ENGINE NEWS:** The 1999 Fire Engine (donated by the City of Tulare to the [Los Angeles Bomberos](#) and Friends of Loreto (FoL) Cerritos) is ALMOST in Loreto!!! The City of Loreto, HBSCA, and FoL Cerritos all contributed to the final stage of paying for the importation of the Engine from the US to Mexico/Loreto. Los Angeles Bomberos and Friends of Loreto Cerritos volunteers worked so hard and contributed funding to get the truck into excellent working order for the



long trip south. The Engine has NEW TIRES, NEW GAUGES, HOSES, and AS MUCH EQUIPMENT as she can carry! It will be driven to the Border at Tecate on MONDAY, December 14 and will cross between Wednesday and Friday, Dec 16-18, where our Loreto Comandante Ruben and Paramedicos Eduardo and Francisco will pick it up and drive it down to Loreto!

And just in time, too: The 1984 sister engines currently in use in Loreto are on their LAST LEGS! It has taken the communities of Tulare, Cerritos, Hermosa Beach, and Loreto and countless hours of dedicated volunteers and funding to make this happen! MUCHAS GRACIAS A TODOS!!!

**AED NEWS:** Lead Paramedico Trainer Eduardo (Lalo) Martinez has completed training at Hotel Oasis and Hotel Santa Fe for our donated Automatic Emergency Defibrillators and First Aid in Loreto. Another organization, [Baja Rescate](#), also donated brand new bilingual AEDs to the Marina Port Authority (API) and San Javier. Eduardo is still trying to schedule the training for City Hall, Hotel La Mision, and API staff. The Loreto Paramedicos will conduct monthly check-ins with the three hotels, City Hall, and the Marina Port Authority (API) in Loreto to ensure the AEDs remain in proper working order. This is another way the community truly benefits from our Paramedic Training Program.



## HERMOSA/LA COUNTY LORETO PARAMEDICO RIDE-ALONG NEWS:

FIRE STATION 100 -  
HERMOSA BEACH



LAC/Hermosa Beach Assistant Fire Chief Scott Hale has approved two of our Loreto Paramedicos to participate in a "ride-along" in February 2021. We are still hammering out the details, including the guys getting visas to allow them into the USA. The plan is to use HBSCA funds to pay for their tickets, room, and board. If anyone is interested in HOSTING them in your home, PLEASE CONTACT Liz Ramirez. The LA Bomberos organization

will also take them over to the LAC Fire Department Mechanic Shop while in the States for training on maintaining the engines they have, as well as

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outfitting them with as much supplies as they can give them! If all goes well, we could do this annually and bring up different guys each time!

## **REGIONAL EMERGENCY DONATION DISTRIBUTION CENTER NEWS:**

The [International Fire Fighters Training Association](#) is considering a collaboration with the City of Loreto, with the support of HBSCA, FoL Cerritos, and the Los Angeles Bomberos organization, to create a REGIONAL Emergency Donation Distribution Center for Baja CA Sur in Loreto. Read about what they are doing in Colima, Mexico [here](#) for what it might look like.



**MEMBER RESOURCE NEWS:** Emergency Room Dr. Britt Durham, and Trauma RN LolyAnn Gordovez, joined HBSCA last winter (just before COVID restrictions were enacted.) They visited Loreto and the bomberos in October and are excited to contribute their talents and resources to the Loreto Bomberos! They also met with Dr. Collins and Dr. Victor Lopez Soto, Director of the Loreto Community Hospital. They may host the Director's daughter in Hermosa for a couple of months for her to work on her English before going off to Medical School!



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## **Member Spotlight: Pat Woolley Belasco**

Recently, a local neighborhood newsletter highlighted the artistic achievements of HBSCA member Pat Woolley Belasco and her daughter Mimi. Pat has been an avid supporter of the HBSCA for many years. She loves to tell the tale of when she and her late husband (and HBSCA founder) Jack Belasco drove their VW camper full of medical equipment across the border down to Loreto! She was in Loreto for the 2000 US/Mexico Sister City Conference "Protect Our Shared Environment" that eventually led to the protection of the Loreto National Marine Park ([see our April 2020 newsletter on our webpage](#)). You can see their work and more at [Pierspective](#). Look under "W" for Pat's and Mimi's entries.



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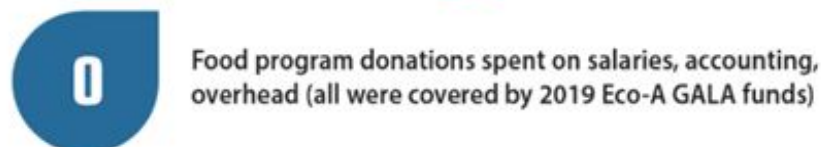
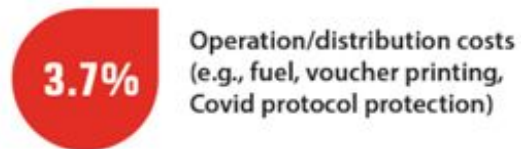
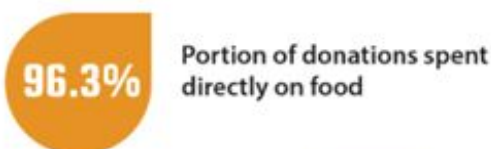
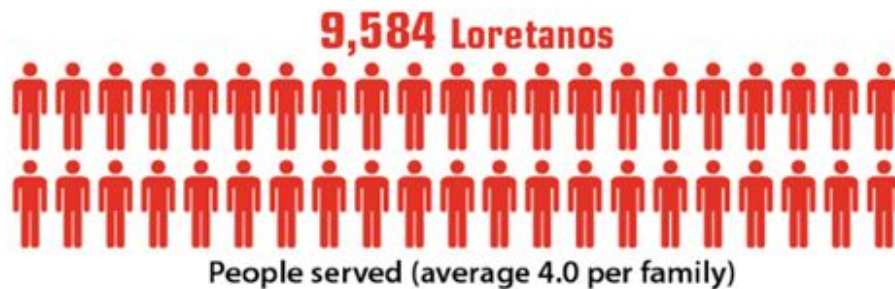
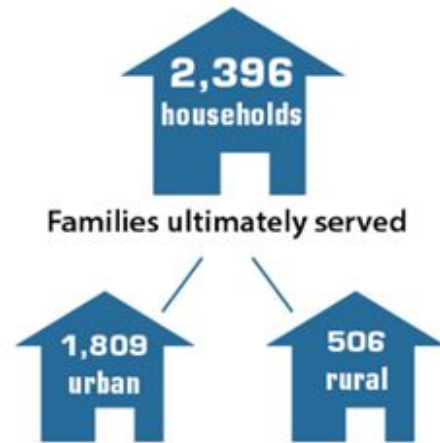
## **Eco-Alianza Wraps Up Food Security Program - Having Served More than Half of Loreto's Population:**

"Eco-Alianza President and CEO Hugo Quintero recently submitted to the International Community Foundation (ICF) Eco-Alianza's final report on our "Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program for the Unemployed." As you probably recall, the program began in early April in response to the sudden unemployment of a huge percentage of Loreto's workforce. When part-year residents and tourists vacated Loreto due to pandemic precautions, tourism-related jobs suddenly dried up, Loreto became a virtual ghost town, and thousands of workers were suddenly left with no income to support their families."

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See the info graphics below and read [Eco-Alianza's December newsletter](#) for the rest of this story. What they accomplished is ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE and HBSCA is proud to have contributed to their efforts.

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## And Finally:

- Join us for our **General Membership Meeting on Monday January 4, 2021 at 6:30pm**. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84652044655>
- **Eco-Alianza** has posted a new video for it's 2020 Capital Campaign. Watch it [here](#)! Please consider donating [here](#).
- **Do you need your knives sharpened?** Visit [Maximus' Knife Sharpening](#)
- **Welcome Casa Mangos Loreto** - our newest Corporate Member!
- Visit our [website](#) and join us on [FaceBook](#)

**Stay Safe and Sane, Healthy and Happy Out There!**

**Happy Holidays From Loreto!**

