



Border Community Alliance

## *Nonprofit Border Community Alliance At-a-Glance*

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### Origins

Border Community Alliance grew out of relationships with people who wanted to promote binational collaboration between nonprofit organizations. They sought to encourage a more balanced narrative about Mexico to replace the media's narrow focus of drugs, violence and immigration.

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### Mission

Border Community Alliance is bridging the border and fostering community through education, collaboration and cultural exchange.

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### Vision

To support the educational, public policy, social, cultural and economic development of the US/Mexico border region in order to improve the quality of life for border communities.

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### Values

- ❑ We believe in social investment to elevate a strong sense of international community, not charity.
  - ❑ We seek to listen and learn from each other, rather than presume we know it all.
  - ❑ We respect the cultures and traditions of both Mexico and the United States and advocate for wider public knowledge.
  - ❑ We value working together with like-minded organizations and individuals on both sides of the border.
  - ❑ We welcome participation in our programs regardless of one's viewpoint of immigration.
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### Programs & Initiatives

Cross Border Tours - BCA offers cross-border intercultural experiences from Arizona into Mexico and beyond for anyone interested in learning first-hand about the diverse heritage and realities of contemporary life in the shared border region.

The Borderlands Forum - Programming that seeks to promote understanding and appreciation of the borderlands as a cross-cultural, binational resource. The forum provides focus, energy and quality to our educational mission. Our aim is to be a clear, strong voice advocating mutual respect for the cultural diversity of the US-Mexico border region.

BCA Internship Program - The BCA Internship Program seeks to give participants broad exposure and provide hands-on experience to the realities of border life. Interns experience perspectives from both sides of the border—politically, culturally, socially, and environmentally.

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### Geographic Scope

Southern Arizona and Northern Mexico

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### Affiliates

Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense A.C. [FESAC], is an independent community foundation integrated by the Mexican state of Sonora's business organizations with a council formed by Sonoran businessmen and based in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

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