

Belize Community Fund

Your stay makes a tremendous difference and impact locally!

Born out of hundreds of requests we have received from Hideaways guests who have stayed at Turtle Inn and Blancaneaux Lodge in Belize, the Community Fund will benefit well deserved local community and charitable organizations in great need.

A simple 5% fee* on the folio of guests staying at the two Family Coppola Hideaways locations in Belize will benefit the following selected recipients of the funds, providing direct support to initiatives that have made a meaningful impact in 2024. Here's how it benefited:

Turtle Inn

- **Placencia Sailing Club Annual Regatta:** A generous donation was made to support the Placencia Sailing Club Annual Regatta, helping fund the event and ensure its success for the youths.
- **The Inspiration Center, Belize City:** A donation to enhance the services they provide to children with special needs.
- **Esperanza Project:** A contribution of funds and resources was made supporting their efforts to provide smoke-free cooking solutions to families in rural areas.
- **Cowpen Village Library Completion:** A donation of books, furniture, and funds was provided to support the completion of the Library, creating a valuable educational resource for the community.
- **Placencia Basketball Court Roof Sponsorship:** This year, Turtle Inn hosted the 13th Annual End of the World Marathon on December 8, 2024. As part of our ongoing commitment to the local community, we were also pleased to contribute to the Placencia Basketball Court Roof Sponsorship, funding the installation of a roof that enhances the playing conditions for local athletes. During the marathon, this roofed court served as a crucial area for both the runners, providing coverage along the race route, and for the award ceremony, where we recognized sponsors and honored all the participants with their well-deserved prizes.
- **Placencia Humane Society:** A donation of supplies and funding was made to the Placencia Humane Society to support their ongoing efforts in animal rescue, care, and advocacy.
- **Placencia Annual Fishing Tournament:** A contribution was made to help cover event costs and support local fishermen and the community.

- **Range of Motion Project - Prosthetics, Guatemala:** A donation of funds and prosthetic devices was made, aiding in their mission to provide mobility and support to individuals in need.

Blancaneaux Lodge

- **Bathroom Project for the San Antonio RC School:** A generous donation of materials and funds was made to support the construction of new bathroom facilities for the San Antonio RC School.
- **Belize Wildlife Referral:** A donation was made to ensure resources and expertise are provided to assist with the referral services for Belize Wildlife, helping to support the care and rehabilitation of local wildlife.
- **St. Hilda's Feeding Program:** Donated food and supplies were provided to support the Feeding Program, ensuring that meals were available for those in need.
- **Corner Stone Foundation Quarterly Donation:** A donation was made to help fund its ongoing community outreach and support programs.
- **St. Vincent Palloti Primary School in Unitedville:** A donation of desks was made to the Primary School, enhancing the learning environment for students.
- **San Antonio UPS School:** a donation of 36 ceiling fans were donated to enhance the comfort and learning environment for students and staff at the school.

The Belize Community Fund was established in order to provide a simple mechanism for hotel guests to give back to our community. Since our experience has been that most of our hotel guests desire to participate in the Belize Community Fund, the 5% fee will be automatically charged to guest folios. If you do not wish to participate, simply request that this charge is not added to your reservation before check-in date by emailing info@thefamilycoppolahideaways.com. Your desires will be honored without question.

100% of all net funds collected for the Belize Community Fund will be used for charitable purposes.

Should guests wish to interact directly with the charitable organizations we will be distributing the funds to, simply let our concierge know and a hands-on experience can be created during your visit.

Although all funds contributed to the Belize Community Fund ultimately will be distributed to local charitable and non-government organizations, funds contributed are not eligible for a personal charitable tax deduction. The Belize

Community Fund itself does not have a charitable tax exemption under either federal or state law.

****5% fee will be applied to the nightly room rate (this is in addition to the 10% service fee and current 9% hotel tax).***

Thank you for your generosity!