Yearly review

A summary of the achievements and events of the MCF during 2020.
Initial plan for the year

We started the year with a list of goals and priorities, which quickly changed and were adapted to the circumstances with the arrival of the pandemic.

- **Alliances were formed**
  We visited local businesses to get their opinions and ideas related to the sustainable development of the community, and later worked side by side in response to the pandemic.

- **Communications were strengthened**
  We want the question in the community to change from "What is the Community Fund?" to "How do I get involved with the Fund?"

- **Community projects were supported**
  The projects we have already financed were continued and we supported new ones.
Leadership
The team assumed leadership roles in the Circular Economy and Communications subcommittees since March 2020. Projects such as the Verdes (a new exchange unit), a virtual seminar with national community organizations and the purchase of local fresh produce was managed for families affected by the crisis, both inside and outside the Monteverde area.

Readjustment of priorities
When COVID-19 hit the country, our plans for 2020 changed. We began to respond quickly to new eventualities, evaluated the needs and faced some of the most urgent problems in the community with the purpose of strengthening ties and adjusting to the new reality.

Fundraising
The Emergency Fund was reactivated and $20,000 have been raised to date.
Food packs distributed to families in financial need. This includes the ones given by the National Emergency Commission, donations contributed by local institutions, and personal contributions.

The funds raised are invested in the purchase of products for the basic food basket and in the purchase of fresh produce produced locally. The food packs are distributed weekly through the Food Bank and the Social Aid subcommittee.

We express our deep appreciation to all who have made this possible with their contributions of time, money and knowledge.
Projects approved to receive financing.

Our purpose? To support proposals that diversify the economy of the area and create employment. We seek to finance projects that encourage the work of organized or multi-family groups so that the projects prosper over time.

Among the proposals we approved, we find topics such as: A sustainable homes seminar, a fruit tree nursery, a technical advisory program for home gardens, stimulation of new products produced in the area, projects of family and community gardens, among others.

Micro Grants

Faced with the crisis presented by the pandemic, the Monteverde Community Fund made available to the community of Monteverde and surrounding areas non-refundable grants ranging from $100 to $500.
We believe good news must be passed on. That's why we send you a weekly newsletter from our office to your inbox where you can follow up on the projects we fund, the latest news in the community, and much more. If you haven't subscribed yet, just visit our website www.monteverdefund.org and leave us your email.
Monteverde Coffee Tours

This group of local businessmen and coffee growers commit to donating $1 for each tourist visiting any of the tours involved in this alliance, in order to support community organizations and the sustainable development of Monteverde.

Hotel Alliance for Solidarity

Five hotels in the area form an alliance to support various projects in the community, using the $1 per visitor method. They will allocate 50% of the proceeds to the Emergency Fund via the MV Community Fund.

Monteverde Alliance

Through the sale of their tourist packages, they undertake to carry out projects that benefit the health and recreation of the young population of Monteverde, through the Monteverde Community Fund.

2020 was a good year to form Alliances:
The Verdes are a complementary digital currency that helps facilitate barter and that was created to be used locally in Monteverde. You can use the Verdes to buy directly from neighbors at the Online Store, at businesses affiliated with the Verdes, and at La Tilichera, a new store that is part of the Trade Network and is located next to Banco de Costa Rica.

This initiative comes from the Subcommittee on Alternative Economies of the Comisión Enlace.
What started as a man running alone for social change is now a well-known annual celebration of community philanthropy, with more than 150 people running and cycling over the course of four days.

This year, we celebrate the 5th edition with a great purpose: to raise funds for the local Food Bank. We had great support from local sponsors and, following all health protocols, we achieved the participation of athletes, both virtually and in person.

Thanks to all who helped us reach the goal!

With your help we were able to raise ₡632,842 ($1,039) 100% of which will be delivered to the Monteverde Food Bank.
Would you like to be a member of Community Fund?

Why should you join the Community Fund?
- You will be able to contribute knowledge and time to the community.
- With your participation, you will be part of the change and betterment of the community.
- To promote solidarity, inclusion and participation of people in the community.
- To promote good environmental actions ... and many more reasons!

For more information, email us at info@monteverdefund.org

Annual fee: ₡25,000. Up to 50% of the payment can be provided in kind.

Students and senior citizens
For current students, the fee is 12,500 colones. Up to 50% of the payment can be provided in kind.

Families
Two or more immediate family members who want to join will receive a 10% discount on the fee for each.

Have you already paid for the 2020 membership?
People who have already paid the $100 of the 2020 membership can "sponsor" a new member with that contribution or they can have their 2021 membership paid.
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A challenging year concludes, in which we grew as a team, organization and community. Despite the challenges, we managed to establish positive agreements and alliances for the well-being and sustainable development of Monteverde. We appreciate the trust you place in us and we hope you will join us this coming year, there is still a lot of work ahead and we know that together we will be a more resilient community.
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