

The Coppola **HIDEAWAYS**



The Belize Community Fund

Your stay gives back to Belize.

The fund began with the guests. After hundreds of people who had stayed at Turtle Inn and Blancaneaux Lodge asked how they could help the communities around them, we built a simple way to do it: a 5% contribution on the room rate, pooled across both Belize lodges and given, in full, to local organizations that need it. Here is where it went in 2025 and continues to in 2026.

Turtle Inn and Placencia

- **St. John's Elementary, Placencia:** funding the 2026 rebuild of the cafeteria, kitchen, and bathrooms.
- **Cowpen Village Library:** books, furniture, and the funds to finish it.
- **Placencia Basketball Court roof:** a roof for the court, which also sheltered runners and the awards ceremony at Turtle Inn's 13th End of the World Marathon.
- **End of the World Marathon:** proceeds to the Rotary Club of Placencia's scholarship program.
- **Double Caye Foundation:** Turtle Inn's own scholarship program for staff's children, through high school and university.
- **Placencia Sailing Club:** support for the annual youth regatta.
- **Placencia Annual Fishing Tournament:** help with event costs, for the fishermen and the community.
- **Placencia Humane Society:** supplies and funding for animal rescue and care.

- **The Inspiration Center, Belize City:** support for its services for children with special needs.
- **Esperanza Project:** funds and resources for smoke-free cooking in rural homes.
- **Range of Motion Project, Guatemala:** funds and prosthetic devices for people who need mobility support.

Protecting the Reef and its Wildlife

- **MarAlliance:** GPS devices for marine research, in collaboration with Dr. Rachel Graham.
- **Pompion Caye Turtle Sanctuary:** hands-on nest monitoring through hatching season.
- **Belize Wild Cats:** dozens of motion cameras for tracking and protecting wildlife.

Blancaneaux Lodge and the Cayo District

- **San Antonio RC School:** materials and funds for new bathrooms.
- **San Antonio UPS School:** 36 ceiling fans for the classrooms.
- **St. Joseph Roman Catholic School:** a new kitchen for the school cafeteria.
- **St. Vincent Pallotti Primary, Unitedville:** desks for the students.
- **St. Hilda's Feeding Program:** food and supplies so meals are there for those who need them.
- **Cornerstone Foundation:** a quarterly donation for its community outreach.
- **Agape International Mission (AIM Belize):** support for its work educating communities on human trafficking.
- **Belize Wildlife Referral:** support for the care and rehabilitation of injured wildlife.

How it Works

A 5% charitable contribution is added to the nightly room rate at both Belize lodges and charged automatically. The full net amount collected supports charitable purposes in Belize.

If you would like to learn more about the charities or arrange a visit during your stay, please speak with the concierge.

For transparency, contributions are not eligible for a personal charitable tax deduction, and the Fund does not hold a charitable tax

exemption under federal or state law because the funds are directed to local Belizean charitable and non-governmental organizations.

The 5% is applied to the nightly room rate, in addition to the 10% service fee and 9% hotel tax.