

NEWSLETTER

of Amigos de San Cristóbal, A.C.

When they ask me what Amigos de San Cristóbal is, I am proud to tell that it is a community foundation that seeks to broaden the perspective and provide collective responses to the needs of others.

Through the union of various sectors, people and companies, we work together to solve the problems of the highlands of Chiapas region, aspiring to generate a positive change in the community, promoting social cohesion, equity and the participation of the society.

Our activities and programs to raise funds allow us to add more friends who want to be part of this social transformation, and thus, become more and more of us who join efforts to satisfy better education, health and environmental care for those who need it.

I wish you a 2023 full of inspiring projects, a lot of creativity, nice professional meetings and flowing spontaneously.

I am convinced that United we make a difference!

A hug.

Corinne Pierre-Louis



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ASC AND NEWS



STRATEGIC PLANNING

With the help of Ana María León and Lucía del Carmen Rebollo, we established the general goals of Amigos de San Cristóbal and developed the plan to achieve them. At the same time, together with the operational team and the board, we continue to reflect on the future of our foundation.

2023 PROJECT FINANCING CALL

AND 2023 PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE





From July 25th to August 29th, our annual call for funding 2023 was open, inviting civil society organizations that execute projects in the areas of education, environment and health in rural and urban areas of The Highlands of Chiapas to present them.

Subsequently, our selection committee, made up of members of the Giving Circles of our Community Philanthropy Program, of the board of directors of Amigos de San Cristóbal as well as of external guests, took on the task of choosing the Friend Organizations of the next cycle, having different meetings between October and December to make this decision.

FRIEND ORGANIZATIONS 2022

From June 6th to 11th, some members of our operational team and of the giving circles of our Community Philanthropy program went to visit the 9 organizations that we accompany during this cycle to learn about their projects.

We congratulate the great work that these organizations carry out every day in favor of women, families and children, in matters of education, environment and health for the highlands of Chiapas, despite all the challenges they face.



AMEXTRA

ASOCIACIÓN MEXICANA DE TRANSFORMACIÓN RURAL Y URBANA A.C.



ÁNGELES DE AMOR A.C.

ÁNGELES DE AMOR GRANJA Y TALLERES PARA PERSONAS CON CAPACIDADES DIFERENTES



CONIDER

COOPERACIÓN Y ORGANIZACIÓN INTEGRAL PARA EL DESARROLLO RURAL



FORO PARA EL DESARROLLO SUSTENTABLE

CON EL COLECTIVO MUJERES Y MAÍZ



HOGAR COMUNITARIO YACH'IL ANTZETIC, A.C.



MUTRAM

MUJERES TRANSFORMANDO MUNDOS



OMNIUNITY

WITH THE GIMNASIO AUTÓNOMO POPULAR BARRIO BRAVO AND LA CASA DE SALUD COMUNITARIA Y'BEL IK' RAÍZ DEL VIENTO



SOLMUNDI

SOLIDARIDAD Y LUCHA POR UN MUNDO DIFERENTE A.C.



TIERRA ROJA CUXTITALI CENTRO COMUNITARIO A.C.



We recognize the achievements of your projects and it has really been a pleasure to be able to invest in your efforts.



ASC SUSTAINABILITY

CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGNS

IN GLOBALGIVING

During this semester we carried out three Crowdfunding campaigns with the GlobalGiving platform, with which we have been able to multiply donations.

We are very grateful to all the donors who contributed to each of them.

With your solidarity in the Bonus Day Campaign that took place on July 20th, we were able to raise an amount of **\$960 USD**, from September 12th to 16th in the Littlebylittle Campaign we reached an amount of **\$1,275 USD** and finally in the Campaign of #GivingTuesday or #UnDíaParaDar in Spanish, we celebrated the largest movement of generosity in the world and we were able to obtain **\$1,049 USD**.



Thank you very much for all your support and we hope to continue counting on your participation on future occasions so that we can continue to transform the region together.

ALLIANCE WITH SALUD DIGNA

"VER PARA CRECER"/"SEE TO GROW" AND "MÁS POR LOS DEMÁS"/"MORE FOR OTHERS"

This year we have managed to establish an alliance with Salud Digna to benefit many people in San Cristóbal de Las Casas and some communities in Chiapas.

We have been able to participate in the "See to grow" program, which was extended until October 31st, and we have had the opportunity to help more than 690 girls and boys have glasses to improve their vision.

With the program "Más por lo demás" / "More for the rest" it has been possible to grant 29 studies of different types to the population: ultrasound, electrocardiogram, pap smear, blood count, Qs6 package parameters. We are very happy to join forces with organizations such as Salud Digna in order to support more people in the state of Chiapas.

LAUNCH

FRIEND PARTNERS PROGRAM

This semester we have been able to consolidate and launch the Socixs Amigxs donation program.

Thanks to this, we can now reach more places and invite more people to participate and support the causes of Amigos de San Cristóbal. During this period, 29 people have become part of Amigos and with their generosity we have raised \$23,100. Thank you very much for making a difference and continuing to believe in our work.



BAZAAR 2023

On December 10th, the traditional Bazaar with Cause of Amigos/Friends of San Cristóbal was held.

As in previous years, many local people kindly donated things in good condition. Thanks to all of them, we were able to sell in Plaza "Plaza 31 de Marzo" and raise a total amount of \$19,432 pesos. We hope to continue counting on your participation to continue the great success of this event next year.



Rifa
con
causa

#solidaridad amigos

\$8,700

ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF MEXICO COMUNALIA



PARTICIPATION IN STRATEGIC PLANNING

As part of the activities of the tenth anniversary of Comunalia, at the beginning of August our Operational Director Corinne Pierre-Louis attended the Strategic Planning exercise, in the facilities of the CEMEFI Philanthropy House, in Mexico City.

Given this, she expressed her gratitude for participating in defining the direction of Comunalia, the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico, and for the space for learning, connection and reflection with the other partner community foundations.



VISIT OF MINERVA ZAMORA

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

On August 19th, we had the pleasant visit of Minerva Zamora, coordinator of Comunalia programs, who gave us an induction on the important work they carry out within Comunalia and the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico, a network of which we are a proud member representing the highlands of Chiapas.



Comunalia
Alianza de Fundaciones
Comunitarias de México

PARTICIPATION IN THE HUB COMMITTEE

Our operational director, Corinne Pierre-Louis, participates in the Comunalia Hub Committee whose objective is the strengthening and services for partner institutions. Said Committee is made up of members of different participating community foundations, holds monthly meetings and seeks to make Comunalia the center of strengthening and connection with opportunities for Community Foundations, offering services that allow optimizing the actions of Community Foundations and achieving economies of scale through collaborative learning. Consequently, this brings benefits to Amigos de San Cristóbal, the Community Foundations, their communities and the different actors of society.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT EVALUATION COMMITTEE

We thank Comunalia for the invitation to be part of the ODS project evaluation committee, during the month of August we participated in the selection of projects for this call, we congratulate the selected organizations.

COMUNALIA SCHOLARSHIPS DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL CONTENT



Thanks to the support of Comunalia, the communication team of our community foundation participated from August to November in the Digital Content Diploma led by SICDOS Global, an Advertising Agency in Mexico. Thanks to this experience we will be able to reach more people and add more committed actors to the region of The Highlands of Chiapas.

DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS.



The coordination of the Active Communities Fund attended the Diploma: Innovation and Social Management for civil society organizations, organized by the Fortalece Foundation, Fortalessa and the ADO Foundation, a great experience that allows us to continue training ourselves to achieve the transformation in the region that we long for.



EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES

CLOSURE OF THE FCA

On October 20th and 21st, the closing and reflection of the Active Communities Fund took place in CDMX, where we had the opportunity to share our experiences next to IXIM A.C., one of the participating organizations in this second phase, we thank to Comunalia.



LEARNING PAIRS SESSIONS

We continue with the learning exchange sessions and development and cooperation processes between civil society organizations. We concluded with the learning pairs meetings where we shared experiences, processes, and practices within the foundations that help us achieve our objectives and the operation of programs and projects.

We thank the participants of the Merced Querétaro Foundation and the Oaxaca Community Foundation, for their collaboration and willingness to share with us.

ASC PROGRAMS

2022 FRIEND COMPANIES PROGRAM

This semester we continued with the activities of the Friend Companies program and we were very happy to invite Raúl López Osorio, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility of the Yucatecan Businesspeople Foundation/Fundación del Empresariado Yucateco (FEYAC) to give an introductory workshop on Social Responsibility to our friend companies, this took place on June 23rd.

On October 20th, the Friend Companies 2022 event was held in which we were able to share with friend and invited companies the achievements and results achieved by the Foundation and the program in 2021.

In the event, several companies endorsed their commitment to the communities of the highlands of Chiapas, with this, we begin another cycle in which we will promote in a special way the issue of Social Responsibility. Many thanks to all the friend companies that continue to make it possible for more lives to be transformed in the region.



COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM

The last six months of 2022 in Community Philanthropy (FC) we channeled our efforts in strengthening the team. We were in the planning and creation of the ASC care model sessions. Currently, we continue to work with the local giving circles (CDDs) -Neighbors, Sejk'ubal, Yibel, La Semilla and Empresarial-; the latter, being of new launch, and the international one -Roots-.

Our accompaniment to CDDs is based on community organization and the mobilization of their philanthropic resources. And to guarantee this, we have internally trained ourselves on different topics: fundraising of different kinds, philanthropy and racism, among others.

FINANCING AGENCIES



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KELLOGG
FOUNDATION

In September we received a visit from the Inter-American Foundation, the funding agency of our CF program, Gabriela Boyer, Andrea Tapia and Yolanda Pérez. The purpose of the visit was to share and learn about the progress of the CF program. Spaces for dialogue were shared with the team, 2022 Friend Organizations and members of the CDD.

In November Susana Martínez, coordinator of our program, and our operational director Corinne Pierre-Louis participated in the event organized by the Kellogg Foundation, another of our funding agencies. The event took place in Phoenix, Arizona. Strategies to achieve racial equity and social justice in communities of color were discussed.

MEETINGS

The positioning of the Community Philanthropy Program has led us to participate in exchange spaces with other organizations, foundations and open platforms, such as the Lunchpad organized by Philanthropy Together where we will share part of our experiences with other foundations that are also promoting Giving Circles. We are very grateful for the recognition of our collective work by other organizations.



In October we held a meeting with the Punta de Mita Foundation, located in Nayarit. It is important to mention that it was thanks to Comunalía's annual internship scholarship that we were able to do this exchange. Silvia Sántiz and Corinne Pierre-Louise, exchanged on local fundraising strategies, planning and execution of programs as well as different ways to improve and strengthen their operational areas.

GIVING CIRCLES

SEJK'UBAL KUXLEJAL



The Sejk'ubal Kuxlejal CDD, made up of Tselal people from the region, have celebrated their first year of being established as a CDD, and are currently in the phase of fine-tuning their action plan to continue collaborating with our foundation.

Among their main themes are: exchange with the Friend Organizations and other CDDs, create a translation manual in Tselal for the community of our foundation, carry out talent donation campaigns and be strengthened in social justice issues.

YIBEL JNOPBENTIK



The CDD Yibel Jnopbentik, made up of Tsotsil women from the region, have had personalized accompaniment with their members. During these months they have worked on fine-tuning their profile and on inviting new and possible members to the CDD.

Hoping to continue adding more people committed to their cause, especially the issue of rights of women from native peoples and strengthening their mother tongue. In a link with Sejk'ubal Kuxlejal, they are joining the creation of a translation manual for the Friend organizations of our foundation.

LA SEMILLA / THE SEED



The La semilla/The Seed CDD, is the circle that was named at its beginning, as the Local Giving Circle. Currently it is made up of women from various parts of the nation, residents of San Cristóbal de Las Casas.

From July to this date they have held 2 face-to-face sessions. The same from which we have obtained donations of treasure, one of our philanthropic resources. The sessions have allowed the participants to build ideas and a very interesting dialogue around community philanthropy. Additionally, the circle has decided on its new name, focus, and group goals.

EMPRESARIAL / BUSINESS



The CDD Empresarial, consolidated by Entrepreneurs of micro and medium enterprises in San Cristóbal de Las Casas, met with the coordinator by personal appointment to have an induction session. This circle made up of women and men has donated treasure and talent despite having difficulties donating their time collectively, however, they have shown their interest in being agents of change in and from their Company. We hope to continue to find more ways to work for social justice in the region.

NEIGHBORS FOR INTEGRAL CHANGE



After the incorporation of Susana Martínez as the new coordinator of the "Raíces por el Cambio Integral and Vecinos por el Cambio Integral CDDs" in June of this year, the activities of the giving circles were resumed.

Meetings were held with the member of the circle during the visit to Friend Organizations. The CDD has met twice in order to seek strategies for the incorporation of new members.

ROOTS FOR CHANGE



CDD Roots for Change, from June to this date, restarted activities and sessions virtually. Work has been done to update the members within the context of the region, the status of the Friend Projects, as well as strategies to consolidate the circle and the search for new members.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES FUND PROGRAM



We reached the end of the Active Communities Fund program, during this second phase we collaborated with the following organizations:

- Sociedad para el impulso productivo y empresarial; SIPRES Project: "Respuesta Comunitaria para la Conservación del Agua" / "Community Response for Water Conservation"
- Concentrarte A.C. Project: Tierra fértil: Mujeres Sembradoras de Miguel Hidalgo por la soberanía alimentaria. / Fertile land: Sower Women of Miguel Hidalgo for food sovereignty.
- XIM A.C. Project: Hogar Tzeltal Saludable / Healthy Tzeltal Home
- Cáritas de San Cristóbal, A.C. Project "Embarazo sano, niños felices" / "Healthy pregnancy, happy children"

We thank each of the organizations that were part of the program, for the commitment, dedication and support to each of their projects and we are happy for the time they spent collaborating with us.



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The Amigos de San Cristóbal team recognizes the efforts of all of us who in some way this 2022 contributed to social justice in The Highlands of Chiapas.

Without a doubt, this collective effort creates a difference for children, women and families in the region to transform their conditions.

We hope that in 2023 we can continue joining forces to have the participation of more community actors.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Friends Partner Program

Join to make a difference!



HOW CAN I JOIN IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE?



Join the Partner Friends Program!
Become a Friend Partner or Family Friend.



With your donation you contribute to financing education, environment and health projects that improve the living conditions of children, women and families in San Cristóbal de Las Casas and the highlands of Chiapas. With your contribution, Amigos de San Cristóbal A.C. can continue with the work it is doing in our region.

Partner Friend

Be a person committed to the Chiapas Highlands. Join us in accompanying the work we do in the region and contribute once or monthly with your donation:

A contribution each month of:
\$50 \$100 \$200

One time contribution:
\$300 \$400 \$500

Family Friend

Join your whole family and perform a collective act of generosity. According to their possibilities, they can donate with the amount that all of them can contribute:

One contribution each month of:
\$100 \$200 \$300

One time contribution:
\$800 \$900 \$1,000



DONATE HERE: <https://amigosdesc.org/dona-ahora/>

2022-2023 FRIEND COMPANIES

Be part of Friend Companies and contribute to the transformation of the highlands of Chiapas. Learn more about the program here: <https://amigosdesc.org/empresas-amigas/>

Together we make the difference!



Cafeologia.



CASA Lily



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