

NEWSLETTER

of Amigos de San Cristóbal, A.C.

Amigos de San Cristóbal welcomes spring with the publication of the first bulletin of the year, where we share with you the most recent news and we remind you of the various activities that are being carried out.

What has the team been working on? How the proposal of the giving circles has evolved? What are the campaigns we have active?

Here we let you know about all of that and much more!

A hug.

Soriana Piene-Louis

Operational director of Amigos de San Cristóbal



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AMIGOS DE SAN CRISTÓBAL AND NEWS

RESTRUCTURING IN THE OPERATIONAL TEAM

There have been months of many restructurings; hopefully these are changes for the better.

Beatriz Álvarez, since January of this year, coordinates the Communication area and Martha Galera is in charge of coordinating Strengthening and Projects.

We thank **Jessica Piene, Moisés Velázquez, Lucio Hernández, Susana Martínez, Silvia Sántiz** and **Viridiana Domínguez** for their multiple contributions and their work in this foundation and we wish them much success in their new projects.



CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATTENTION MODEL OF AMIGOS DE SAN CRISTÓBAL, A.C.

In these months, the operating team had several meetings to work on the construction of the organization's attention model, as a way of defining and **outlining the main lines of service** that, as a foundation, it intends to provide to the community, and the consequent orientation and completeness of actions.



SISTERS ORGANIZATIONS 2023

Below, we will present the names of the organizations and projects that were selected in the 2023 call. Thus, this year we will be accompanying:

Asociación Mexicana de Transformación Rural y Urbana, A.C. (AMEXTRA)

Project: "Water to live, nutrition to grow:
Tzotzil families achieving health"



Hogar Comunitario Yachil Antzetic, A.C.

Project: "New women: Comprehensive development for single mothers, indigenous and mestizo women migrants to the city of San Cristóbal de Las Casas"



Sanando Heridas, A.C.

Project: "Girls and adolescents empowered in the exercise of the right to their reproductive and sexual health"



Cooperación y Organización Integral para el desarrollo Rural, A.C. (CONIDER)

Project: "Strengthening community health in 9 localities with a comprehensive approach, anti-parasitic campaigns and nutritional care in San Juan Cancuc, Chiapas"



Unidad y Esfuerzo Compartido para el Desarrollo Sustentable, A.C. (UNECODES)

Project: "Cornfields interspersed with fruit trees (MIAF) for Food Security and Sovereignty and environmental sustainability for the communities of Chancolom, municipality of San Juan Cancuc and Bochilté, municipality of Huixtán"



Tlahtolli, A.C.

Project: "Basin spokespersons"



Tierra Roja Cuxtitali Centro Comunitario, A.C.

Project: "Our organization, land of peace: healthy relationships, non-violent coexistence and social integration for young people from the urban periphery of San Cristóbal de Las Casas"



Centro de Formación para la Sustentabilidad Moxviquil, A.C.

Project: "Prevention of child sexual abuse in San Cristóbal de las Casas"



CAMATI "Mujeres Construyendo desde Abajo", A.C.

Project: "Dignifying the rights of women and midwives to a free exercise of the use of their knowledge in traditional medicine and decent food with their own resources in Santiago El Pinar and Chenalhó, in the state of Chiapas"



AGREEMENT SIGNING

On March 30th, the agreement was signed between Amigos de San Cristóbal and the sisters organizations that in this cycle will execute their projects in the areas of education, health and environment in the highlands of Chiapas region.

The operative team, the vice president of the board of directors and representatives of the giving circles were also present at the signing.



SUSTAINABILITY OF AMIGOS DE SAN CRISTÓBAL

2023 SORIANA CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

We are very grateful once again to Soriana Fundación for giving us the opportunity to be part of the **Client Contribution program** again in 2023.

Together with its clients, cashiers, cashiers manager and the entire team of the Soriana Híper store in San Cristóbal, we will be able to continue positively impacting the lives of more than 100 girls, boys, women and families in the highlands of Chiapas. Remember, until June 30th you can contribute your cents plus 5 pesos at the end of your purchase in Soriana. Cent by cent, peso by peso, together we make a difference!



LITTLE BY LITTLE CAMPAIGN WITH GLOBALGIVING: "CONTIGO, AMIGOS DE SAN CRISTÓBAL ES POSIBLE"

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous support. By contributing from April 3rd to 7th, during the **#LittlebyLittle campaign**.

GlobalGiving increased everyone's giving and we were able to multiply the impact. Thanks to your contributions we can continue to make the work of ASC possible. All of them will allow us to continue building a fairer and more equitable community through community philanthropy, channeling resources to organizations that work on the most necessary issues and with the most disadvantaged people in our region.

Thank you very much for your generosity and for making Amigos de San Cristóbal possible.



PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS AND TRAININGS

PARTICIPATION IN COMUNALIA'S BOARD SESSION

Comunalia is an alliance of Mexican community foundations and our director, Corinne Pierre-Louis, is part of its board of directors, as Amigos belongs to this network.

For this reason, last Monday, January 23rd, she traveled to Chihuahua to participate in a session of this board, where the results obtained by the foundation in the last year and the planning of the next activities that will be carried out in the new period –and have to do with the promotion of sustainable development and the social transformation of communities in the country– were discussed.



LEARNING EXCHANGE

From February 8th to 9th, 2022, the director of Amigos participated in the conference “Community Philanthropy in the Americas: Innovative approaches, meeting of Connected Communities of the Americas (CCA)” in Guadalajara city.

The purpose of this conference, full of talks, dialogues and workshops, was to delve into how to achieve more effective philanthropy in the region, increase shared knowledge about the practices of community foundations throughout the Americas, strengthen and build new relationships that improve learning, inspire ideas to share resources between organizations and countries, as well as the modes of integration of the 2030 Agenda.

TRAINING SPACE WITH LANZA CONSULTANT

The Management and Fundraising areas are having support sessions in procurement focused on major donors with Agustín Landa, founder of the **LANZA** consultancy (<https://www.lanzaa.com/>), a socially responsible firm, which has more than 30 years of experience in the philanthropic sector and who supports entrepreneurs, leaders and organizations to launch social initiatives.

The purpose of these sessions? To enrich our practice and have more tools to carry out our work, always contributing to the community we are part of.

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COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM

We kicked off the year with a restructuring of our community philanthropy program. The members of the circles of **tseltal** and **tsotsil** people were merged into a single circle of people from original peoples. This proposal was very well received by the participants, since it is much more feasible for them to work collaboratively.

At the same time, the participants from the giving circles **La Semilla**, the Business circle and **Neighbors for Integral Change** joined in a single circle made up of members who reside in San Cristóbal de Las Casas and who are of local and international origin, as individuals and local businesspeople residing in San Cristóbal de Las Casas. Thus, the 6 circles will become 2 great giving circles.

These 2 groups of donors will continue to meet with the objective of organizing a series of activities that strengthen their capacity, build confidence and mobilize local assets for the long-term development of the rural and urban communities of Los Altos de Chiapas.



SEMILLA GIVING CIRCLE

In their meetings the circle shared the Diagnostics material on philanthropic trends, education, environment and health. Through recreational activities, such as "The answer is local" and "Lottery of values", the different principles that will govern the circle were debated. Also, through brainstorming, strategies are provided for organizing fundraising events.

In this same sense, the circle implemented, in the months of February and March, in collaboration with Kim **Cocina Panasiática**, —one of our friend companies—, a campaign in which, consuming a dish with a cause —the "Crab rangoons"—, 20% of the cost will go to the projects of the sisters organizations. By the way, the Amigos de SC operational team has been already at the restaurant trying this tasty **dish with a cause**.



GIVING CIRCLE YIBEL JNOPBENTIK - TSOTSILES OF THE HIGHLANDS OF CHIAPAS

This circle, made up of tsotsil women from the Los Altos de Chiapas region, is in a state of pause and looking at new forms of collaboration.

Its members found themselves limited in time and space in their agendas, which prevented them from meeting during these months.

During this period, communication between the participants and the coordinator has been maintained. At the end of last year, one of the members of the circle participated in the selection committee.

GIVING CIRCLE SEJK'UBAL KUXLEJAL TSELTALES OF THE HIGHLANDS OF CHIAPAS

At the end of February, this circle had a session together with La Semilla circle in the framework of the international day of mother tongues. Both circles reflected on the importance of the mother tongues of native peoples, and how to generate strategies from the circles to continue strengthening this part of the identity in the communities. They discussed the importance of generating materials in their language, creating awareness content and educational materials for children. These were some of the proposals that they would like to carry out collectively while they continue to strengthen as a circle. In addition to the members of the community philanthropy team, other members of the Amigos de San Cristóbal A.C. operational team also participated in this conversation.

This circle was also promoting a mentoring program for women leaders of indigenous peoples, with the aim of promoting fair and equitable leadership and from a community vision. This program was created by The We.Men Foundation. The one who was the coordinator of this circle, and of the **Community Philanthropy** area of Amigos de San Cristóbal, Silvia Sántiz, gave a virtual talk within the framework of this program, in which these women, either as leaders in community processes or as mentors, had the opportunity to share life and work experiences accompanying other women.



ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

UPDATES IN THE SAT NEW FORM OF ELECTRONIC INVOICING

Among the relevant activities of the Administration area, at the beginning of the year the annual report for the activities carried out during the 2022 financial year was presented to the Registry of Civil Society Organizations (CLUNI), as well as the presentation of the Annual Declaration 2022 corresponding to the ISR in which the income obtained and the disbursements made were reported to the SAT (Art. 86, III, LISR).

A new way of invoicing also began to be used, the Internet Digital Fiscal Receipt (CFDI) 4.0, which came into force on March 31, 2023. This new version to make the invoices will allow the SAT to obtain more detailed information on the identity of the taxpayers, their economic activity, the regime to which they belong and the taxes they pay. With the inclusion of the RFC data, name or business name, tax regime and postal code, the SAT will be able to update or verify its databases.



COMMUNICATION AREA

DISSEMINATION OF CONTENT ON COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY



Apart from communicating and disseminating the activities, events and achievements of the foundation, the Communication area is committed to giving special visibility to the **Community Philanthropy** program, to the results of the diagnoses on health, education and environment, which were made, based on the context of the highlands, and the testimonials of the people (project participants, collaborators, allies, donors, team and board members) involved in our work.



DO YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN AMIGOS DE SAN CRISTÓBAL?

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 FRIENDLY COMPANIES

Be part of Friendly 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!



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