



# NEWSLETTER

of Amigos de San Cristóbal, A.C.

We are already in the second half of the year and at Amigos de San Cristóbal we continue to be committed and determined to bring the philanthropic culture to the different sectors of society, accompanying projects, organizing fundraising events, making grow the giving circles with people who want to train as agents of change to do something for their community...

Below, we present the information from our third newsletter of the year. I hope that by reading about the activities, you will be encouraged to participate with us.

Operational director of Amigos de San Cristóbal, A.C..



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# SUSTAINABILITY

## CLOSING OF CAMPAIGN IN COLLABORATION WITH HÍPER SORIANA

Last Friday, July 21st, the closing event of the Customer Contribution 2023 campaign was held at Soriana Híper SCLC. At the event full of joy and gratitude, the symbolic check was presented in the amount of **\$26,738.53 pesos**. The funds served to improve the quality of life of one hundred boys, girls, women and families in The Highlands of Chiapas. The cashiers who managed to raise the most received gifts as an incentive and gratitude for their support of the campaign.





## CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN WITH GLOBALGIVING

Small acts of generosity make big changes. For this reason, **between September 18th and 22nd**, the LittleByLittle online fundraising campaign was carried out, where all donations under \$50 dollars were matched by Global Giving. This campaign was launched to continue making the work of Amigos de San Cristóbal possible, which has always been dedicated to transforming minds, strengthening the community and making it more fair and equitable. The final collection was **\$818 dollars**.



## BREAKFAST OF WOMEN IN SOLIDARITY



At the end of September, we had the pleasure of having breakfast at the **Hotel Villas Casa Morada** with a group of twenty women from San Cristóbal, all of them very participative and supportive, and eager to get involved in the work for their community.



We introduced them to the work of Amigos de San Cristobal, through the testimonies given by representatives of **Hogar Comunitario Yach'il Antzetic, A.C.**, **Tierra Roja Cuxtitali**, **Gimnasio Autónomo Popular "Barrio Bravo"** and **UNECODES, A.C.**, organizations with which we collaborate. All of them were grateful and excited after listening to the experiences.

# COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY AND GIVING CIRCLES

## CERAMICS WORKSHOP WITH A CAUSE

We **Pilar Martín Palomo**, on July 22nd, was kind enough to donate her talent as a ceramics teacher in a very nice event that took place thanks to the organization and the good work of the people who are part of the **giving circle La Semilla**. Twenty seven people came to the call, the event was a great success, and they left very happy with their pots finished and ready to put in the oven. A lot of hidden talent and participants of all ages; a morning in which they had time for everything: learning, having fun, relaxing while molding, sharing laughs, meeting people of all ages and, in addition, contributing to a cause. The truth is that they created beautiful pieces. The proceeds were **\$6,752 pesos**, which will go directly to the fund to finance the development projects that we support year after year.





## BASIC COURSE OF TSELTAL WITH CAUSE

From August 15th to 18th, the **Sejk'ubal-Kuxlejal giving circle** organized a basic tseltal course with a cause, with the intention of doing a second part. It was attended by six people and consisted of four modules and a discussion that served to learn more about the doubts and needs of the students. We had facilitators from **Oxchuc, Tenejapa, Cancuc and Teopisca**. This event also responds to the intention of Amigos de San Cristóbal to contribute to the dissemination of mother tongues.



## SALSA CLASS WITH A CAUSE

On August 25th, a salsa class with a cause, organized by the **giving circle La Semilla**, took place at Latino's Club. Thirty three people participated, who came together to have fun and contribute to the cause. With the help of salsa teacher Tony Luna, who kindly donated the class, everyone learned new dance steps. Thanks to the sponsors (**Madonna Mía Pizzeria, Thermomix, Salsa & Blues/La Parrilla and Latino's Club**) for making this fundraising effort possible.



## HEALTH WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF GIVING CIRCLES

As part of the internal strengthening of the giving circles, on September 9th, a health workshop was held to analyze and contextualize the health situation in The Highlands of Chiapas.



## LOTTERY WITH A CAUSE

Last September 21st took place our Lottery with a Cause event, organized by the giving circle La Semilla. A supportive and fun evening, hosted by María Elena Oseguera and with several sponsors, who were in charge of awarding the prizes to the winners (Latino's Club, Cabañas del Grupo La Labor, Optica Visión 360, Super Cava, Cacao Nativa, Quinto Sol Joyería, Restaurante Taniperla, Te Quiero Verde, El Horno Mágico/Panadería Francesa, and Thermomix).



## PARTICIPATION IN FASOL (FONDO DE ACCIÓN SOLIDARIA, A.C.) WORKSHOP

On July 27th and 28th, the workshop "Building a New Narrative on Community Philanthropy", facilitated by FASOL, was held in Oaxaca. Our Community Philanthropy coordinator, **Verónica Vicky**, from UNECODES, and **Korina**, from the Gimnasio Autónomo Popular (GAP), were present and were able to deepen their knowledge on topics such as: recognition of assets and resources that we all contribute to the projects, diversity of types of resources, proposals for the construction of a new concept and narrative of community philanthropy, as well as the discovery of **strategies for a more horizontal relationship** in the cooperation between communities and funders.



## ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING

### NEW COORDINATOR IN THE AREA OF PROJECTS AND STRENGTHENING

We welcome **Patricia López**, who will replace **Martha Yuritzia Galera** in the area of Projects and Strengthening. She has experience working in civil society organizations and in community development projects from a rights and gender perspective.

Many thanks to Martha for her valuable work accompanying collectives and organizations, both in the area of Strengthening and in the Active Communities Program. **Much success in this new stage.**



## ANNUAL CALL FOR PROJECT FUNDING 2024

On July 27th, 2024, the call for projects to be executed in the coming year was launched. Organizations had until August 11th to submit the basic documentation and until September 5th to present, in a second phase, the detailed proposal of their project. A total of twenty-two applications are under review, and priority will be given to those working in **The Highlands of Chiapas** and around our 3 strategic lines of priority advocacy, which are: education, health and environment.



## VISIT TO THE PATRULLA ROJA PROJECT

In mid-July we made a follow-up visit to the Patrulla Roja project. On that day a workshop was held where children were able to learn the art of t-shirt printing. This collective works in **informal education through hip hop culture**, graffiti and gardening and instills values of integration and respect to young people from the southern outskirts of San Cristóbal. That day we were also accompanied by Ana and Natalia, who participate in the **giving circle La Semilla**.





## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ENCOUNTER

On Thursday, August 24th, we held a community participation encounter; a get-together for civil society organizations, collectives, members of the operational team, the board of directors and the giving circles, **forty three people** including adults and children, which took place in the Kassil Vochonil Garden, one of the collectives with which we collaborate. It was a nice moment of fellowship and work in common, as everyone was able to participate by cleaning the green areas of garbage and extracting soil and then bagging it with seeds. It was a **productive, fun and collaborative** day.



## 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:

Una aportación MXN cada mes de:  
\$50 \$100 \$200

Por única ocasión MXN:  
\$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:

Una aportación MXN cada mes de:  
\$100 \$200 \$300

Por única ocasión MXN:  
\$800 \$900 \$1,000

**DONTE 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!



## OBTAIN DEDUCTIBILITY IN YOUR DONATIONS

Solidarity is not only rewarded on a personal level, but also fiscally. Financial and in-kind donations, made to authorized donors, can be tax-deductible.

Remember that Amigos de San Cristóbal offers you this possibility when making your corporate donation. Become part of our group of Amigos Companies and contribute to the transformation of Los Altos de Chiapas. Learn more about the program here: <https://amigosdesc.org/empresas-amigas/>

## LEGACY

You can also contemplate, as a legacy, the possibility of allocating part of your inheritance to improve the living conditions of families in Los Altos de Chiapas. Amigos de San Cristobal would be honored to join you in planning your last act of generosity. Contact with us.



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