



NEWSLETTER



Amigos de San Cristóbal, A.C.



We share with you the last newsletter of the year.

From Amigos de San Cristobal, A.C. we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In the midst of complicated social conditions, in the world and in our region, there are always glimmers of hope, the fruit of collective work, which are worth rescuing and contemplating. We are very grateful to all the people who accompanied our work in different ways throughout the year, always with creativity, generosity and willingness to collaborate.

Organizations, collectives, donors, funders, friendly companies, sponsors, giving circles, volunteers, project selection committee, operational team and board of directors; everyone, in their own role, did their bit.

Thank you for sharing and sharing yourselves.

To all of you, we wish you all the best.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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IAF (INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION) FOLLOW UP VISIT

On November 14 and 15 we were pleased to receive a visit from Andrea Tapia, Community Philanthropy consultant for the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), one of our funding partners. A monitoring visit was made to some organizations and collectives (Tierra Roja, Unecodes, Camati, Patrulla Roja and Conider) to take a closer look at the progress of their technical assistance programs and capacity building of their teams.



VISIT TO THE PROYECT OF TLAHTOLLI, A.C.

In its work with young people, Tlahtolli A.C. carried out an awareness-raising activity at the Cobach 11 school.

In the session, the different groups of boys and girls presented interesting proposals in the classroom related to conservation, recycling, endemic species and biodiversity; a way to train as agents of environmental change and to understand the importance of knowing and caring for the environment of San Cristóbal.

The activity culminated in an event held on November 26th at El Encuentro Park, where the young people put together a rally with challenges that they organized themselves.

2024 PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

We are very happy because we are about to know which organizations will collaborate with us in the 2024 cycle. A selection committee, made up of members of the **operational team** and **board of Friends of San Cristobal**, members of the giving circles and project experts, met in evaluation sessions during the months of November and December to review - in light of the existing selection criteria - the **22 proposals** that passed to the second phase of the process.

These projects are mainly in the areas of health, education and the environment and operate in the **Chiapas Highlands areas**.



The committee is currently in the final stage of the process. The results will be communicated early next year. Best of luck to all the organizations that applied with love to this call for proposals.

FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES ON CORE DEVELOPMENT WORK



As part of our year-end activities, on December 13th we held the FORUM "Recognition and exchange of experiences, achievements and challenges", which was attended by the organizations and collectives with which we collaborate.

The objective of the meeting was to identify the main components and lessons learned about the projects based on a **better understanding of the grassroots development approach** that the groups have implemented and appropriated from their participation as **collectives and friendly organizations**.

The facilitation was in charge of **Adelina Gonzalez**; work was done in groups to visualize the progress of the projects and the lessons learned were shared.

The event ended with a beautiful Mayan ceremony of gratitude.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

PIZZA WITH A CAUSE

The **pizza with a cause master class** event, organized by the **LA SEMILLA** giving circle and held at the end of October, was a great success. Attendees were able to learn about the history of pizza, its composition and how it is prepared. The **Madonna Mía** pizzeria team was spectacular; they donated everything necessary for the class (talent, time, treasure and testimony) and were attentive at all times to the requirements of the trainees.

A magical moment, where participants were able to **see, smell, prepare and taste various types of pizza**, accompanied by generous people and very participative children.



A DAY TO GIVE CAMPAIGN

Our **Community Foundation** joined the **#Undíaparadar** movement in order to celebrate the power of generosity and solidarity; the power of giving and receiving, and the fruits generated by **community philanthropy** that **strengthen** and **contribute** to our work as accompaniers of community processes.

For this reason, we organized different events and activities for the occasion.

Thus, on November 28th, an online fundraiser for the **#GivingTuesday** Campaign was held on the **Global Giving** platform.

On that day Global Giving distributed **\$1,200,000 dollars** among many organizations. Amigos de San Cristobal also took a small percentage of this pot thanks to what was generously deposited by our donors, obtaining a total of **\$765 dollars in this campaign**.



"TO GIVE IT ALL" PARTY

In addition, on **November 30th** we celebrated and partied, in style, "all out", and in a communitarian way, a party whose intention was to celebrate, to honor the acts of **generosity** that are made throughout the year.

It was held at **Latinos Café Bar**, hosted by **Paco Hidalgo**, with games for the children, hip-hop by **Patrulla Roja** and **El Semillero**, the excitement of the raffle gifts and the music of **Combi Tropicante** until the end, where we were able to dance to the rhythm of cumbia. And, of course, there was the dining table where people were able to share the things they had brought for the party and where there was no lack of food dishes donated by our generous sponsors.



What were the establishments that donated things?

Well, **La Vid**, **Achiote Cochinita Pibil**, **Nostalgia "sabor istmeño"**, **Kim Cocina Panasiática**, **Tierra y Cielo**, **Carmelita Zona Verde**, **Super Cava**, **Cacao Nativa**, **Las Flores**, **Café Museo**, **Café and Latino's Café Restaurante Club**. Other sponsors who donated gifts were: **Pizca de Canela**, **Viridiana Domínguez**, **Marisol Jiménez Sántiz**, **Martha López Jiménez**, **Elia Alcazar**, **Verónica Luna**, **Beatriz Álvarez** and **Corinne Pierre-Louis**.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the people who were encouraged to participate in this party and to contribute their grain of sand in solidarity.

BAZAAR WITH A CAUSE

The third event organized as part of the celebration of giving was our traditional **Christmas Bazaar**; a sale with a cause that took place on Saturday, **December 9th** in the atrium of the **church of San Francisco de Asis**, here in San Cristobal. Many people came to join us on that day and were able to purchase some items in good condition and at a good price. In fact, some of them, since early in the morning, were already waiting for us to finish setting up so they could take the most worthwhile items.

However, it should be noted that this event would **not have been possible without the collaboration of all the people who wholeheartedly donated clothes, books, shoes, toys, kitchen utensils, etc.** A way, like any other, to contribute to promote solutions to health, education and environmental problems in our region.



TAX DEDUCTIBILITY ON 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.

Amigos de San Cristobal (ASC) is an authorized donor. We are a SAT-certified organization, so we can issue tax-deductible receipts. This also assures you that your contributions are going to the right place.

Pay less annual taxes with your donations.

Private entities* You may deduct donations that are neither onerous nor remunerative, up to a total amount that does not exceed **7%** of the taxable income obtained in the previous fiscal year in which the deduction is made.

Private individuals* You can deduct up to **15% of the total annual income** or a maximum of 5 times the annual value of the UMA (The Unit of Measurement and Actualization). Within these deductions you can consider donations.

Donations in kind* You can deduct the amount that corresponds according to the tax dispositions: new goods, or goods of your fixed assets. You can give us merchandise that has lost its value to be commercialized. *Subject to changes and current tax regulations.

When thinking about the destination of your donation, consider a legally established and authorized organization such as ASC (Amigos de San Cristóbal). Your contributions can have a greater social impact with us because we know the work done in the region. ASC accompanies the work of groups that provide solutions to local problems. We have a solid model of procurement, management and channeling of resources, as well as one of strengthening and evaluation of projects



NETWORKING EVENTS



MEETING OF MEXICAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Members of the **Alianza de Fundaciones Comunitarias de México** met in mid-November at the **Encuentro de Fundaciones Comunitarias 2023**, in Saltillo, Coahuila.

Our operational director, Corinne, participated in this meeting, where she shared lessons learned and points of view with other community foundations. In her opinion: **"Meeting each other always motivates, inspires and commits us to continue working so that communities can be the owners of their own development, with equality and justice"**.

Fundación Merced Coahuila A.C. was in charge of the reception and supported in different ways to make this meeting possible.

SHIFT THE POWER SUMMIT

In early December, our director, Corinne, attended the **#ShiftThePower** World Summit in **Bogota, Colombia**, where people and organizations from different latitudes connected to inspire each other and build together the idea of power to boost the leadership of the territories in which they work.

Thus, it was a space that had the purpose of seeking ways for communities to be **masters of their own development**.

This summit also aimed to bring together change agents and pioneers from different countries in international development, philanthropy and civil society movements.



OTHERS

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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