

Amigos de San Cristóbal, A.C.

Amigos de San Cristóbal, A.C. is entering a period full of opportunities and renewal. With the implementation of an updated operating plan, we are preparing to face new challenges and enhance our philanthropic impact. These changes will allow us to optimize resources and strengthen our key areas, all with the goal of continuing to accompany the communities we support. We are excited about what the future holds and deeply grateful for the continued support of those who have joined us in this new phase.



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THANKS FOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF OUR PARTNERS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Corinne Pierre-Louis for her five years of leadership and commitment as our organization's chief operating officer. During her time with us, Corinne left a profound mark on the team and the mission we share. Although she has decided to take a new direction for personal reasons, her contribution will continue to inspire us. In addition to her contributions, we would like to highlight her accompaniment of the organizations' processes and her constant



availability to generate collaborative relationships with donors, entrepreneurs and giving circles, as well as to coordinate day-to-day activities in close collaboration with the team. We wish you the best in your personal and professional journey. Thank you Coco, your work has been fundamental to the growth of our organization.

With much appreciation, we would also like to thank Lilian Huerta (graphic designer) for her contributions, creativity and commitment during her time with us.



STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONS AND COLLECTIVES

COMMUNITY MEETING

At the end of June, we held an enriching meeting at Hogar Comunitario Yach'il AntzetiK, A.C., where various organizations and collectives gathered to strengthen coexistence and communication. Through a community activity in the garden, we reaffirmed our commitment to work together to build a more united and supportive community. Thanks to all participants for their invaluable support in making community philanthropy a tangible reality.



MID-YEAR VISITS TO ORGANIZATIONS

In the second half of July, the mid-year visits to organizations took place. These are the activities in which we accompanied them during those days:



VISIT TO AGUA Y VIDA: MUJERES, DERECHOS Y AMBIENTE, A.C.

Activity: Closing session of a series of workshops on water and gender; better ways of managing the vital liquid, leadership, ways of taking care of oneself for women water defenders and related topics.





VISIT TO MELEL XOJOBAL, A.C.

Activity: The girls and boys who work in the Santo Domingo Crafts Market presented a radio program in Tsotsil, where they interviewed their mothers and grandmothers, exploring the history of their families, their craft work, and the products found in their stalls.



VISIT TO CENTRO DE FORMACIÓN INTEGRAL PARA PROMOTORES INDÍGENAS, A.C. (CEFIPI)

Activity: Training on soil and water conservation techniques in the community of El Naranjo.



VISIT TO JÓVENES ARTICULANDO TERRITORIOS, A.C. (JOVENARTE)

Activity: In CEMSaD 300 of San Pedro Pedernal, Huixtán, a vegetable garden and local medicinal plants were established as a meeting and learning space for students and teachers, around the practice of sustainable agriculture.



VISIT TO PROMEDIOS DE COMUNICACIÓN COMUNITARIA, A.C.

Activity: Presentation of the radio project “El fogón de las palabras. Laboratory of community stories”, in which the first podcast was shared, with stories created and narrated by different communities in Chiapas and Guatemala, with the participation of colleagues from these collectives, who shared their testimonies as well as their own voices.



VISIT TO IDEAS, INFORMACIÓN, DISEÑOS EDUCATIVOS PARA ACCIONES SALUDABLES, A.C. - CHIELTIK

Activity: Sensitization workshop on the topic of emotions for teachers of the Technical High School No. 48 of Chenalhó.



VISIT TO TIERRA ROJA CUXTITALI, A.C.

Activity: Closing of the school year with recreational and educational activities outdoors and farewell snack to promote coexistence among educators, children and families.





VISIT TO HOGAR COMUNITARIO, YACH'IL ANTZETIK, A.C.

Activity: Garden workshop for teenagers.



VISIT TO FORMACIÓN Y CAPACITACIÓN, A.C. (FOCA)



Activity: Workshop on sexual and reproductive health, seeing how to accompany Tseltal women in the practice of traditional midwifery.



VISIT TO SEMILLERO 259 Y PATRULLA ROJA

Activity: Children painted a mural with the theme of agroecology and healthy ways of eating. In addition, there was a video forum session, where participants were able to learn about agroecology experiences in other parts of the world.



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

CLOSING OF SORIANA'S CAMPAIGN



On July 10, the closing of the Customer Contribution Campaign 2024 took place at Soriana Híper San Cristóbal, in collaboration with the Soriana Foundation, where we had the opportunity to thank the store —with gifts to the cashiers, manager and cashier — for their support and collaboration. We also thanked the customers by sharing a cupcake for the donations they made at the cash register.



PHILANTHROPY AND GIVING CIRCLES



SALSA CLASS WITH A CAUSE

Thanks to teachers Yair Cortez Medina and Daniela Astudillo (from Academia YoruBa), and to the different sponsors of the event, 30 people participated in this class and were able to contribute to the cause and learn some dance steps. The class was held at the end of August at Latino's Café Restaurant Club.





CERAMICS CLASS WITH A CAUSE

A total of 27 people attended this class, organized by the giving circle La Semilla and donated by ceramics teacher Pilar Martín Palomo at the end of June, demonstrating that events of this type can combine donation and fun.

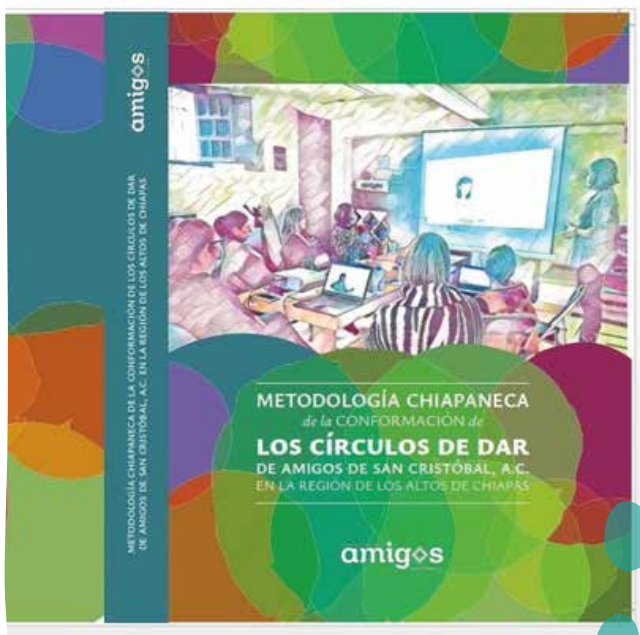


PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS

In these three months we were able to present two new materials, published in our networks in their digital version:

The Annual Report 2023 of the foundation and the Chiapas Methodology of the Giving Circles, available for consultation at the following link: <https://linktr.ee/amigosdesc>

The first one gathers the achievements, results and main activities carried out by the organization last year, and the second one is a material produced (in 4 languages) by the Community Philanthropy area that describes the experience of the formation of the giving circles, as local philanthropic circles, their difficulties to conform themselves as groups of volunteers, their availability to share their time, testimony, talent and treasure; their satisfaction in carrying out this work... In short, the lights and shadows of this work, which is still a pioneering experience in Chiapas.



FRIEND OF AMIGOS

WELCOMING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

PABLO FARÍAS recently joined our board of directors.

He began his work as a board member of Amigos de San Cristóbal in 2024, at the invitation of members of its board and assembly with whom he has maintained a long-standing relationship focused on the work of the organization and its relationship with the development of civil society in this region.

His training was as a physician specializing in psychiatry and medical anthropology. Her career in Chiapas began in 1987 with a project to develop mental health services in the refugee camps in the border region with Guatemala. He worked at the Hospital Regional de Comitán and was founder of the Centro de Investigaciones en Salud de Comitán, A.C. During those years he was an advisor to Pronatura Chiapas, A.C. and collaborated with different civil society organizations.

In 1992 he was appointed general director of the Centro de Investigaciones Ecológicas del Sureste and was in charge of its transformation into El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), of which he was general director from 1994 to 1998. Since 1998 he has worked in the philanthropic sector, collaborating with the Ford Foundation as head of the office for Mexico and Central America between 1998 and 2003 and as vice president at its New York headquarters between 2004 and 2014. He has also worked in the implementation of health services for the migrant population.

In 2018 he started a new project in Chiapas, Bats'i Lab, which promotes photography as an instrument for memory and dialogue about the social problems of our region.

At Amigos de San Cristóbal, we are very happy to have Pablo as a member of our board.



COLLABORATE WITH US

**DO YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP
WITH 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/>

◆ 2023-2024 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 A DIFFERENCE!



◆ 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 Cristóbal would be honored to join you in planning your last act of generosity. Contact with us.

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/>

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