



# Red Wind Councils

Spiritual & social awakening through indigenous restitution

## Thanksgiving & Holiday Appeal 2023



Warmest salutations to you, dear friends & allies of Red Wind Councils,

I pray you & your beloveds are safe & well in this time of great transitions. It has certainly been a year of transformations for myself & Red Wind Councils with some doors closing & others opening. As always, we are meeting the challenges with our utmost efforts & hope that you join with us financially by supporting the impoverished Maya with whom I have lived now for 37 years in Chiapazs. We at Red Wind are humbled & honored to serve in their life struggles & the revival of their culture.

For those of you who continue as annual & monthly donors, I send especially my bountiful gratitude, as your donations are such a lifeline & light of hope for the Maya & your generosity always lifts our hearts. I invite you all to read our newsletter & see the work we accomplish together for our crucial projects to heal the terrible perils of poverty & ill-health for the communities of Chiapas.

These decades-long relationships are especially precious as this past year we tragically lost 2 of our dearest brothers, Eliberto Jimenez & Francisco X'olte, in a dreadful accident. They were core Board members of Red Wind Councils in Chiapas & each had implemented wonderful, stabilizing projects in rural communities benefiting thousands over 3 generations. Red Wind covered the costly funerals for their families.

These losses have required, on my part, reorganization at Red Wind & its many projects, including my 2 Medicine Centers in Chiapas. We reconstituted the spiritual work especially with women, in alignment with the Era of Woman according to Maya & other indigenous prophecies.

Together, we can restore strength to our hearts & justice in our world. And this year definitely feels like a rebirth in all ways. May it be for you as well & may you receive abundant blessings on your path.

With my love & gratitude to you for all your support,  
Ohki



## Health for the Most Vulnerable

The Medical Emergency & Medicines Fund continues to pay for doctor fees, lab tests, treatments & medicines for the poor who haven't the means to get the basic care they need. Anemia, lung infections, diabetes & complications of childbirth continue to be predominant needs. Basic medications that are out of reach for many indigenous in Chiapas such as iron tablets, antibiotics & insulin can be life-saving for the people.

As always, medical emergencies keep arising with people presenting themselves to Ohki at the Center pleading for help. Ohki & Red Wind are trusted by these vulnerable, impoverished people to give dignified help. Among others this past year, Red Wind was able to help a man with severe diabetes, who was undiagnosed & nearly wasted away physically from lack of care. With medical help made possible by your donations he is now doing well, able to work again & support his family. A particularly touching request came from the mother of a little girl with back problems. With Red Wind's help this child was able to receive care from good traditional hueseros & sobadores in order to heal her completely.



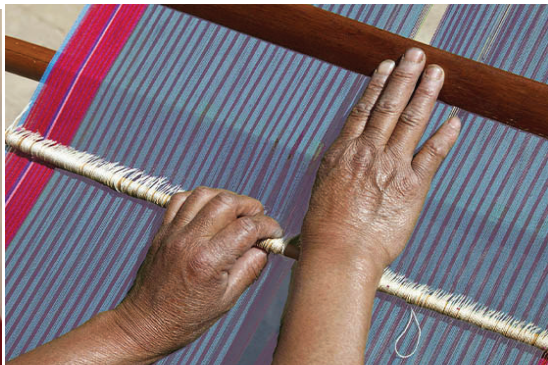
## Cultivating Balance

The agro-ecology project that Francisco initiated continues at the Center to supply more balanced diets as well as a supplemental income for families. Amalia & another indigenous compañera, Matilde, are heading the agro-ecology project now, connecting with the communities. They are truly determined young women & are forming good relationships for this work to continue & grow.

Your donations help pay for seeds, greenhouse materials & transportation to extend this effort for more healthy nutrition in remote communities.

## *Wearing a Better Future*

The Ixmalé Craft Project took quite a blow during the pandemic as in-person gatherings disappeared, dramatically changing the landscape of opportunities for craft sales. With Red Wind's new permanent location in New Mexico, we're praying & asking that people visit us or call/text/email us to purchase & order the uniquely beautiful creations of Amalia & the Maya artisans as we continue to rebuild that key project in our work with the Maya women.



## *Nurturing Hope*

Chiapas is having an abnormal rainy season - mostly drought conditions this year requiring more food subsidies with corn & beans. With the crucial help of our donors, Red Wind has provided this essential food support for decades, as needed. Now the growing uncertainty about the weather adds additional strain to the Maya's already challenging lives.

We hope you'll partner with us in these relief efforts by giving as generously as you possibly can. Inflation in San Cristóbal is especially outrageous making it even harder for everyone to make ends meet in already extremely impoverished conditions.

## *Fogon Stoves*

This decades-long project started by Eliberto is tremendously beneficial for families at a grassroots level. These stoves minimize firewood cutting in rural areas & are constructed for minimal smoke escape thus reducing the extremely high incidence of serious lung & eye diseases that, with regular indoor cooking fires, affect especially the women & their children.

This project is now being taken over by the Red Wind compañeros in the communities.

# Difficult Realities



It's been strange & unsettling in the San Cristóbal area of Chiapas with rival drug gangs in town shooting at each other with rifles & machine guns for 8 hours at a time! They're fighting among themselves, but it affects everyone. And while it's not that often, it definitely is not as peaceful as it used to be. So the serenity of the Medicine Center is of greater importance than ever, providing an oasis of spiritual & powerful ceremonies to call for protection & to strengthen everyone's hearts & spirits.

As Red Wind & the many people touched by Red Wind's work have moved through the grievous losses & challenges of this past year, the Medicine & work of Ohki's Chiapas Center continues even more strongly. Now young indigenous leaders are emerging under Ohki's guidance to sustain the spiritual & social justice efforts & projects Red Wind has provided for decades.

**Please join with us now in providing crucial support  
for our determined efforts on behalf of the Maya  
indigenous in the magical lands of Chiapas**

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