Thanksgiving & Holiday Appeal 2024



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

Our Chiapas Red Wind Councils has been looking forward to sharing with you what has been accomplished in this year of renewal & regeneration. It's been deeply touching to have the younger generations coming forward into the work roles & responsibilities of Red Wind Councils.

Eliberto's son, Canek, has taken over the Fogon Stove project that his father started with me. He's also being helped by a friend of his in the community. Red Wind provides funds for the materials & Canek & his friend do the work of making the stoves & distributing them to the communities.

Canek has also taken on the role of main caretaker of the Chiapas Center! It's wonderful to have his help. Mati, a young Maya woman, & Canek are so talented with much of the work that Francisco used to do at the Center. Their heartful energies are such a joyful addition to the main Medicine Center here.

In the next pages, we bring you projects that continue to evolve & that Red Wind is committed to doing with the indigenous Maya. Your help is needed to continue this important work.

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



Nourishing People & Sustainable Visions

Amalia, Mati & Canek have taken on the renovation of the Greenhouse Project that involves renewing the greenhouse, & creating more vegetable & flower gardens as a model for more communities. In addition to some re-building needed, we are cultivating native heirloom, non-GMO, organic local seeds, which we're acquiring by trade, to create the sustainable vision we're striving for.

This vital work is reflected in the burgeoning, flourishing results! Very lush, nourishing, & incredibly beautiful.







Weaving a Better Future

The Ixmalé Craft Project has gained some new craft fair opportunities in New Mexico - a welcome relief after the fairs were mostly shut down since 2020. Red Wind continues to help the women artisans with the cost of their materials & tools & by shipping their exquisite items for sale in the U.S. Call, text, or email us to purchase & order the unique, exquisite creations & Medicine Pouches of Amalia & the Maya artisans as we continue to rebuild that key project in our work with the Maya women.

Healthy Medicine for All

The Red Wind Emergency Medical Fund provides supplies, vitamins & medications, including antibiotics, as well as funds for x-rays, chiropractic care, doctor visits & emergency surgeries to communities & families all year long. Due to inflation, the prices of medicines have increased dramatically, so we're providing more medicinal herbs from the gardens when possible. During a recent strange fever epidemic that hit hard here, young children were especially affected with very high, life-threatening fevers. Fortunately there were no deaths reported. The families were grateful beyond words to receive crucial emergency help from Red Wind.



Urgent Medical Help Needed

Hector, an 11year old boy & Canek's cousin, is in intensive care for a serious pneumonia. It's been a week & he has been struggling with life



& death all that time. Finally, they saw small signs of slow recuperation, so they're keeping him in the hospital to continue the treatments. His family is indigenous & really poor so Red Wind is helping with all the costs, room, medicine & other medical needs.

Your support is crucial to provide funds for all the many needs of the Maya people who come to Red Wind for help at any time, day or night.

Sources of Life for a Remote Community

Red Wind has undertaken support of a few remote communities with a meager water supply, lack of electricity & basic road access. We've funded a transformer & electrical lines to the community so the children can now study in the evenings & women can do their handcrafts as well. Their water now comes via new pipes Red Wind provided, arriving profusely once a week to their cisterns & containers. They are so happy to have even this!

The only road to these communities has 2 bridges that are both threatening to collapse. Your support is needed to help Red Wind supply the materials to fix the bridges. The cost to accomplish this is over \$3,000.

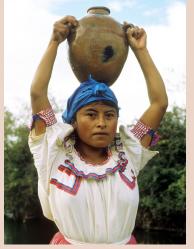
Monthly Support Changes Lives

Over nearly four decades, Red Wind has provided countless Maya families with much needed help in a wide variety of ways. Whether through the Emergency Medical Fund, the Greenhouse projects, Clean Water projects, Fogon Stoves, Community Stores, & all the many other projects that Red Wind has collaborated on with the Maya over three decades, none of those projects would have been possible without the donations of all the good-hearted supporters of Red Wind's work.

A steady, monthly donation does wonders in the lives of the Maya families that we help. They use these funds to create better lives for themselves & their children with projects that will continue to serve the needs of the people for many years to come.

All of us at Red Wind are so grateful for your past support & ask for your continued support of these beautiful people who are a beacon of hope for us all.

Please join with us now by making a monthly pledge & provide crucial, steady support for our determined efforts for the next decades on behalf of the Maya indigenous in the magical lands of Chiapas.



Please send your donations for any amount to:

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