Red Wind Councils

Spiritual & social awakening through indigenous restitution



Thanksgiving & Holiday Appeal 2026

Buenos dias dear friends & supporters of Red Wind Councils,

We send warm greetings & best wishes to you, your families & loved ones during this beautiful season.

The many challenges the Maya face due to the extreme poverty in which they live are always present & this year has brought significant hardships to these humble & resilient people including a deadly measles epidemic & a suspicious group threatening to build a devastating 6-lane highway project through many indigenous communities including the land where Ohki brings students for Vision Quests.

Despite these difficulties, our many projects with the Maya continue due to generous support from donors like you. We humbly ask you to continue your crucial support & stand with us & the Maya in their efforts for equality & justice.

At the Chiapas Center, we offer many prayers for well-being & protections for our sacred Mother Earth & the good beings who walk in unity with her dreaming. All the compañeras & compañeros of our cause send their sincere prayers to you. Your support of Red Wind Councils helps us manifest this vision for all of us.



With our love & gratitude,
Ohki Forest & the Chiapas Red Wind Council

Highway Nightmare

A very concerning threat from a shady group (probably drug runners) arose to bulldoze & build a 6-lane highway through multiple indigenous communities as well as Ohki's ranch where people come for Vision Quests! Horrifying for all the local communities of thousands who rose up in opposition & enlisted our help in contacting the Zapatista org, indigenous human rights lawyers & ecological protection organizations to reinforce the indigenous resistance to this. Red Wind has provided emergency funds for lawyers for travel expenses & food for their families while the lawyers contribute their pro bono expertise. Everyone is staying alert for any signs of this "mafia". Lethal & devastating effects on the environment on a large scale, & to women & children & the environment attend such projects, including the rupture of many indigenous communities & their way of life. Prayers & ceremonies are ongoing for continued protection from this life-threatening possible disaster.





Emergency Medical Funds

A young compañero from a remote indigenous community had an awful motorcycle accident in which his jaw & arms were dislocated requiring surgeries & hospitalization, then rehabilitation so he can continue to contribute his work & duties with his family & community. Red Wind was able to cover the costs of a few thousand dollars, so he could receive the immediate & ongoing care he needed but we have not been able to cover the costs of his rehabilitation. He & his family are enormously grateful for the very crucial & timely support.

We're also providing ongoing health support for several medical needs, among them a diabetic mother of one of our great workers at the Chiapas Center. We've funded visits to health promoters who are managing her care, health coaching & a glucose testing monitor for her regulation at home. She also is one of our beloved craft women, embroidering blouses with beautiful corn plants. These sell immediately in the US which is very touching for all of us & brings in some extra funds for the people.

Annual Food Subsidies

The Super El Nino had Chiapas in a particularly severe drought this whole summer. The first big rain of the "rainy" season didn't come until early September (normally May-June) so many crops have been lost. Red Wind is again providing funding for food (corn, beans, & grains) in several communities that have been most heavily impacted by this dreadful ongoing drought. Of course the global inflation is, as always, especially bad in Mexico which impacts how far our funds can go to help mitigate the escalating needs of the people.





Measles Epidemic

The measles epidemic early this year drastically impacted hundreds of indigenous communities in Chiapas. In this time of extreme emergency, Red Wind partnered with several NGOs & organizations to provide funding for the medicines, hospitalizations, health services, funerals & vaccines to help quell the terrible effects & spread of this outbreak over many months. Thankfully the measles have been eradicated now & the majority of people affected are recovering, though some a bit more slowly.

Ixmalé Craft Project

Amalia's ixmalé Craft Project continues well with some new opportunities in the US. This included our participation as craft vendors at the final Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque this spring. We sold out of nearly everything we brought from the Maya artisans & crafters! It was really heartening & wonderful to celebrate with so many Native people. Red Wind always helps the crafters with materials & pays more to the artists who would normally make much less when selling locally.

Ohki's Medicine Centers

Ohki's teaching visits at the New Mexico Center of Santa Fe are a highlight of the year. She offers deep spiritual work for both new students & those on the path for decades. Amalia's gifts as a healer continue to blossom where the roots & medicine continue to deepen & grow. It's an astonishing gift from Spirit to be rooted at this Red Wind Medicine Center in the USA.

The Chiapas Medicine Center continues in the hands of women & the potency of the energies keeps growing as well. This also has been made possible through the sustaining support that people like you have shared with Red Wind Councils.



Please consider a generous donation once more this year!

We at Red Wind
& the indigenous people we serve
appreciate any help you can give
to bring a light of hope
& show we do care
for the Maya.

Abundant blessings this season
& throughout the New Year!

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