



Junax

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Year Summary 2019



462 volunteers of Junax have reinforced the Supply Networks in the Organizations and the Communities.



Junax resumed its partnership with 36 sister Organizations and forged links with 4 new projects.



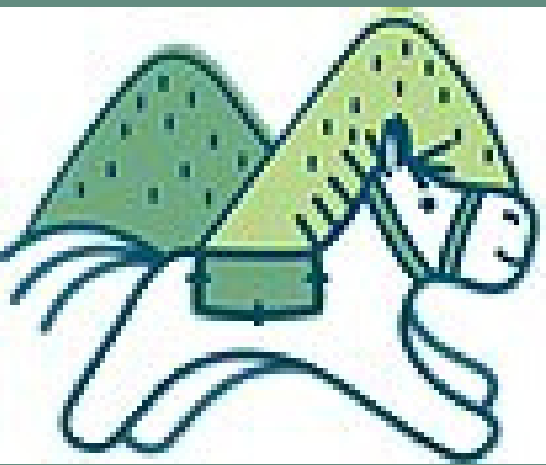
The Waldorf San Cristobal school emerged just 5 years ago to cover an underlying need.

The school is housed in an historic manor in the outskirts of San Cristobal, and it offers an idyllic learning opportunity for its over than 50 students, distributed between kindergarten and elementary school.

It is based on Waldorf educational system, a liberal and cooperative anthropological approach, with intellectual, artistic and disciplinary teachings.

Waldorf





EQUITACH

Equitación terapéutica de los altos de Chiapas

This organisation consists of a group of persons willing to offer their time to help bring about a change in local society by improving life quality for patients and their families alike, especially those that lack the funds necessary to enjoy the effects of equine-assisted therapy as part of rehabilitation process or in order to overcome physical or mental conditions.



Equitach

Mundo de talentos

Mundode Talentos is a mexican nonprofit civil association. It offers free orientation on job opportunities and studies through an intensive 3-year programme which takes place every Saturday in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas. Children between the ages of 10 and 13, from diverse social and economic backgrounds are eligible to participate, and passionate professionals share their job experiences, inviting the students to learn about job opportunities in a participatory manner.



VOLUNTEER TESTIMONY: BRENDA

«My opportunity to participate as a volunteer in the organization was very interesting and rewarding. The activities that take place are very valuable for the children, since through them they learn about art projects, science, technology and diverse academic fields. They look very happy to participate in this project».

Tierra Roja

TESTIMONY

«Thanks to our contact with Junax Center of Volunteers, the latter are motivated to participate in the Tierra Roja team, and they have been helping us with children's activities since day one».



La Casa de las Flores

«This month was filled to the brim with emotions, activities, visits and excursions during which we have learnt and enjoyed ourselves a great deal. Now we have to bid farewell to our awesome volunteers, who we loved a lot and who shared with us and our children a lot of happy moments, ensuring that Casa de Flores will continue to be a safe learning place, full of positive energy».



«The volunteers participated in a two month practice, during November and December of 2019, at the department of Mental Health, of Sanitary Jurisdiction No 2 of Chiapas state».

- «We kindly remind you of the two axis of our practice:
- Transculturation in the field of health and mental health.
 - Rights of indigenous peoples».



**Rotación de
Argentina en
Salud Mental**



Volunteer work with Proyecto Procanet

PROCANET, is a project that aims to integrate students with special needs in various Tele secundarias (a Mexican learning model for students with special needs, which includes videos and distance classes) of the state of Chiapas.

«In my personal experience, I participated in the project for two months, lending pedagogical assistance in the classes for children that were part of the plan. Moreover, I mostly assisted the teacher, since teaching a class of students with various special needs is greatly challenging».





«Living in Junax means living by its values: solidarity, justice, truth, dignity, mutual help, organized communal work, equality, respect each other's differences. In Junax we all live as a community, thus establishing solid, horizontal, affective and respectful bonds of trust, rejecting the norm of individualism and self-isolation that are imposed by the capitalist system».

«Junaxis my second home».

«Home is not just a material thing, it's a feeling that fills you and makes you feel complete and safe. It's a feeling of love, and therefore, of happiness».



In the words of one of its integral partners

What does Junax mean for me?

In the words of one of its integral partners...

I see Junax and I feel it is a space we should look after, which took its first steps in 1999 through a social, collective vision. We were accompanied in this process by the communities of Chiapas, who, through their own worldview, showed us how this community space (Junax volunteer house) should operate. So, we have reached today, having opened our doors to more than 10.000 persons who came to our COMMUNAL HOUSE with fierce conviction from all five continents, with the sole purpose of humbly sharing their knowledge and experience.

It is a space with its own energy, connected with the projects and objectives of more than 36 sister organisations, through which the volunteers complete their objective, their mission.

Thus, it is possible for them to return, during years or smaller time periods, reaffirming that [one always returns to the old places where he treasured life. (Chabela Vargas)]

Because of all this, this home is seen by many eyes, and many different voices have described it, turning it into the single most valuable thing of the Junax project...

Thank you!



Junax volunteers who participated on the **SECOND INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF WOMEN WHO STRUGGLE**



«The central issue of the Second International Gathering of Women who Struggle was gender violence. In the mountains of southeast Mexico, we numbered more than 3,259 women from 49 countries of the 5 continents, gathered there to discuss, exchange experiences, learn from one another, share our struggles, etc. It was an unforgettable experience».

«The things that I will remember most vividly from his Gathering are the simplicity of words, the clarity of our struggle, the patience, the respect, the sense of community, the division of roles and labor, the organization, the consensus, the collective process, the love, the hugs, the laughter, the music, the mystique, the gratitude, the struggle for life and the construction of a world wherein all women fit, because without us, not only can there be no revolution, but also, life is devoid of all meaning».



«How do you uproot a system of violence so persistent? The message of our comrades was clear: Organize yourselves. We slowly began to form groups of self defense classes, singing, and we added seminars about migration, defense of land, reproduction rights, disappeared women, and other issues. During the conversations, we exchanged experiences and contacts».

«The first day was dedicated to denouncing cases of violence, the second to strategies to avoid it or face it, and the third, on cultural events. An open mic was placed on the open-air central stage, and a sad parade made its way up.

Hundreds of women with tears on their eyes, shared their stories of abuse, stalking, rape and other forms of violence. They spoke of ruined lives and how they started again from scratch, about how difficult it was to break free of the fear and false sense of guilt that keep us trapped in victimisation. They also spoke how they organise themselves to face it and

help other women, in order to keep each other safe and prevent gender violence. The denounces were so numerous, that they continued on the second day, too».



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