



# JUNAX

Centro de Voluntari@s

## Support Network for ONGs & Indigenous Peoples



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*Report*  
*April - June 2021*

## **WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**

*With the normalisation of activities in the State of Chiapas, our centre received a growing number of volunteers. We are very pleased to let everyone know that many projects with which we participate are functioning normally. In consequence, we are ready to serve as a link to everyone who wants to collaborate with any of our sister organizations.*

*Our doors are open to any volunteer arriving in San Cristobal de las Casas. Indeed, the covid-19 pandemic is far from disappearing from our lives, but we have implemented sanitary measures that allow us to continue operating our facilities safely.*

*The house is alive once again and this is because of each one of you!*

### **Some have left, some have stayed**

*In the last three months, we have seen many dear volunteers returning their homes. They have completed their time as volunteers and it is time for them to say goodbye. So, we send a big hug to all of them. We can only say thanks for their solidarity work with the people and organizations in Chiapas. We are going to miss them so much!*

*However, others stayed to continue their solidarity work. Carolina, Víctor and Mislav continued working as **Human Rights Observers** in communities of*

*Chiapas. Like those who preceded them, they assumed the responsibility of transmitting their experiences and knowledge to the new volunteers joining projects as Human Rights Observers.*



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***“Junax was that place where I learnt from others who had already walked through these paths”***

***Víctor***

*Víctor and Carolina continued their collaboration with **Tierra Roja**, and they had a brief participation in **Mundo de Talentos**.*

*Additionally, they began volunteering with **La Casa de las Flores**, which is an organization supporting children in vulnerable situations. In this place the children can eat, rest, have fun and learn some basic things about literacy, hygiene and nutrition.*

*Finally, this pair assumed important roles within the Junax centre. In addition to the assemblies in which they participated assiduously, Carolina and Víctor helped in their internal organization, communication tasks and even in maintenance work.*





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## ***Volunteers keep coming***

*During this period we have received the largest number of volunteers since the pandemic began, which is undoubtedly a positive sign. Below, we summarize some activities that our volunteers have carried out.*

*Belegui, Alejandro and Yoline, besides three volunteers from the Basque Country, participated **as Human Rights Observers** in different communities within Chiapas. With their work in the Civil Observation Brigades, our volunteers have helped to strengthen the capacity of people to exercise their rights in vulnerable communities.*

*Alberto, Sonia and Víctor participated in **La Casa de las Flores**, which offers a good number of educational workshops for children. In addition, this organization place a lot of care on their diet and nutrition.*

*Nuria collaborated with a **Women's Community Home** in connection with the NGO in which she is based. As a result, bonds of cooperation and solidarity were strengthened between these two groups. Perhaps the best way to summarize her experience is to refer to her own words:*

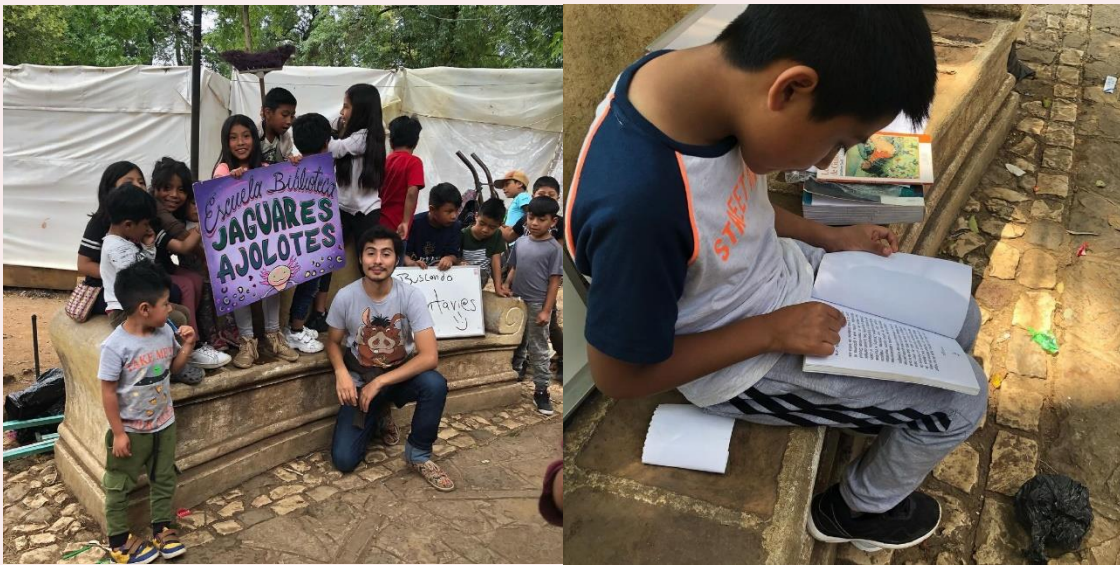


***“... meeting so many wonderful women was and still is a valuable gift.”***

***Nuria***



*Last but not least, we want to share the story of a young volunteer, whose energy spread to everyone in the centre. Sebastian managed to direct his enthusiasm and gather enough materials to set up a small **library/school for the children** around the Santo Domingo market. This travelling school provided the children of the area with a time of recreation and education. This is how Sebastian describe his project: "I managed to get tables, chairs and crayons, so I could tell stories, share dreams and listen to their concerns..."*



*We are now beyond the first half of 2021, a year that began with many uncertainties. However, little by little it has allowed volunteers to get involved in a variety of projects. At the Junax volunteer centre, we thank you for all your support and collaboration. We hope to see new volunteers staying in our house to continue with this chain of cooperation, which is our reason to keep working.*