



Quarterly Review

Yucatan Chapter

Compañeros de las Américas Yucatán A.C.

August 21st, 2021

(January – August)

Agenda



01. Introduction

We are very proud of the progress both Chapters have made this year amidst the Covid-19 pandemic!

02. Our 2021 Projects

We share with you the achievements we have made so far.

03. Our 2021 Project Proposals

We present 2 project proposals that are still pending for approval in 2021. We ask for your ideas!

04. Administrative updates & Financial Report

We give you some updates on our administrative process

05. What's next

We are happy for the progress we have made this year, but we still have 4 months to go!

Introduction

Connect, Serve and Change lives! We are very proud of the progress both Chapters have made this year amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Today we'll review our achievements and pending tasks to give you an overview of what you can expect for the following months.



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YUCATÁN A.C.
Más de 50 años de compañerismo Yucatán - Iowa



Our 2021 Projects

Hunger Hike | 2021 edition

On April 16th, a small group of volunteers delivered the food to the non-profit organizations selected as this year's Hunger Hike beneficiaries. *Compañeros de las Américas Yucatán A.C.* and the volunteers followed the federal and regional health guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19.



How we did this year?

2021 Delivery

- \$1800 USD in food
- The Yucatan's Chapter Committee voted for an equal distribution of the donations amongst the organizations.

Beneficiaries

- “Hogar de Ángeles”
- “La Divina Providencia”

Volunteers

- Roberta Graham (Project Leader)
- Paulina Espinosa
- Edgardo González
- William Chay
- Martha Trujeque
- Andrés Cárdenas
- Alex Ramírez



Delivery at “La Divina Providencia”

Photos & Video

Delivery at “Hogar de Ángeles”

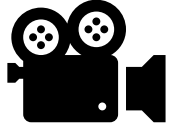


Delivery at “Hogar de Ángeles”



Delivery at “La Divina Providencia”





**A message to our
partners in Iowa**

“To breathe is to live”

After an extensive evaluation of the Project Proposal “Respirar es Vivir” the Committee of the Yucatan’s Chapter approved the purchase of a portable oxygen concentrator for the community in Muna.

It was determined that the portable oxygen concentrator will provide affordable care to patients in Muna suffering from respiratory conditions or illnesses under the guidance of licensed medical professionals.



Project's timeline

July 3rd, 2021

Donation of \$11,350 MXN



July 17th, 2021

The portable oxygen concentrator starts helping people from the community



WhatsApp

Buenos días. Les aviso que ya el concentrador de oxígeno esta apoyando a un paciente y el doctor nos mando sus agradecimientos del parte de el. Muchas gracias a aquell@s quienes nos ayudo a mejorar, y aprobar, el proyecto

July 15th, 2021

Delivery of the portable oxygen concentrator in Muna



October 15th, 2021

First Project Report (Preview)

NAME	AGE	SEX	TOWN	PREVIOS MEDICAL CONDITIONS	VACCINATION	OXYGEN LEVEL WHEN REQUESTED SERVICE	TRADITIONAL MEDICINE	STATE OF RECUPERATION
PEDRO BALAM	33	MALE	MUNA, MUNA	SELF-MEDICATED WITH EXCESS OF DEXAMETASONA EARLY IN SICKNESS	NONE	91	GUAYABA TEA	FULLY RECUPERATED
FAUSTINO EUAN	77	MALE	SAN JOSE TIPCEH, MUNA	NONE	NONE	80	NONE	PASSED AWAY

Scholarship for Indigenous Youth in Yaxunah

Project idea

Provide young indigenous people from Yaxunah financial incentives to continue their studies and encourage their personal, academic, and professional development.

The problem

Over the years, many young indigenous people from Yaxunah can't continue studying due to financial limitations.

How will they be selected?

The criteria to be selected to receive the financial aid is:

1. To be a student (or candidate to an academic program)
2. To have a minimum of 80 average score in previous program.

3. Provide official documentation of being enrolled in an academic program (Student ID, admission letter, grade report, or other).

4. To be part of "Grupo Juvenil Indígena de Compañeros de las Américas" for the duration of the financial support and to take part on the activities of the organization.

How can the financial aid will be used?

The budget (donations) can cover the following expenses:

Lodging, food, transportation, tuition and other fees, admission exams, prep courses, and language classes.

This year's budget

\$900 USD

Will benefit 11 students (18 – 33 years old)

2021 Indigenous Youth Scholarship

Nayeli U. (Project Leader) receiving the 2021 budget. Yucatan Chapter Committee representing Yucatan – Iowa Partnership.



Elías A. signing the approval letter of the project.



Indigenous students in Yaxunah receiving food as part of the financial aid in 2021..

Let's meet some of the students!



**Damaris Balam
Canul**

*Undergraduate student in
Sustainable Regional
Development Engineering*



Edgar Caamal Nah

*Undergraduate student in
Mechanical Engineering*

Building bridges towards inclusion

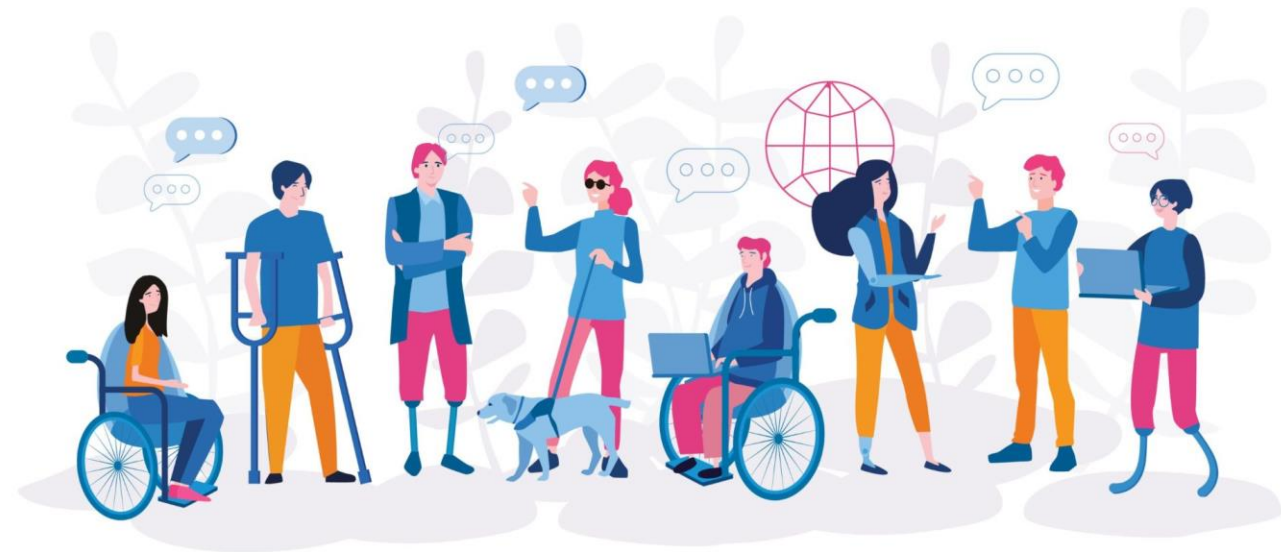
This year, as part of the project “Building bridges towards inclusion”, Adela Muñoz (Project Leader) taught the **3rd Edition of the course** “Building bridges from disability towards inclusion” at the **Autonomous University of Yucatan**.

As an institutional course, **students from different backgrounds** come together to learn about their role in **promoting Disability Awareness** and how they, as professionals, can make a difference by incorporating **inclusive practices in their fields**.

2021 online course: January - July

21 students from:

Marine Biology, Medicine School, Law, Psychology, Veterinarian School, Chemical Pharmaceutical Biology, Architecture, Agronomy and Civil Engineering



The work of the students to promote Disability Awareness

Los modelos de la discapacidad: un recorrido histórico

Integrantes: Cervantes Landa America Michelle, Fernández Caballero Cinthya Alejandra, González Casillas Santiago, Torres Castillo Aaron de Jesus

Prescindencia: Creían que era un castigo de los dioses y que sus vidas carecían de sentido.

Dos sub-modelos surgieron:

(Modelo durante la antigüedad y la Edad Media)

Eugenésico

Marginación



(Eran eliminados) (Eran excluidos)

- Si no era congénita el trato era mejor.
- En el caso de los soldados heridos en guerra recibían pensiones.



La llegada del cristianismo abolió las prácticas eugenésicas.

Médico: Comenzaron a entenderse como enfermedades que podían recibir tratamientos.

(Modelo de principios del siglo XX)



Querían curar a la persona o esconder la diferencia



- Se pensaba que rehabilitadas, tenían algo que aportar



No tomaba en cuenta las capacidades básicas y preferencias de las personas

Social: Atenúa fuertemente los componentes médicos de la discapacidad y resalta los sociales.



Orígenes en el Movimiento de Vida Independiente, que nació en Estados Unidos

(Modelo actual)



Enfásis en la rehabilitación de una sociedad



Destrucción de estereotipos

PERSONAS CON GRANDES LOGROS

ÚNICOS, CREATIVOS Y FUERTES

La discapacidad ha sido un movimiento de lucha para desarrollarse en un estado de derecho y protección social impulsando a todos a participar en la misma actitud social en pensamiento, lenguaje y comportamiento.



Personas que son ejemplos de superación:

Alex Zanardi

- Ciclismo adaptado
- 3 paralímpicos con oro



Aaron Fotheringham

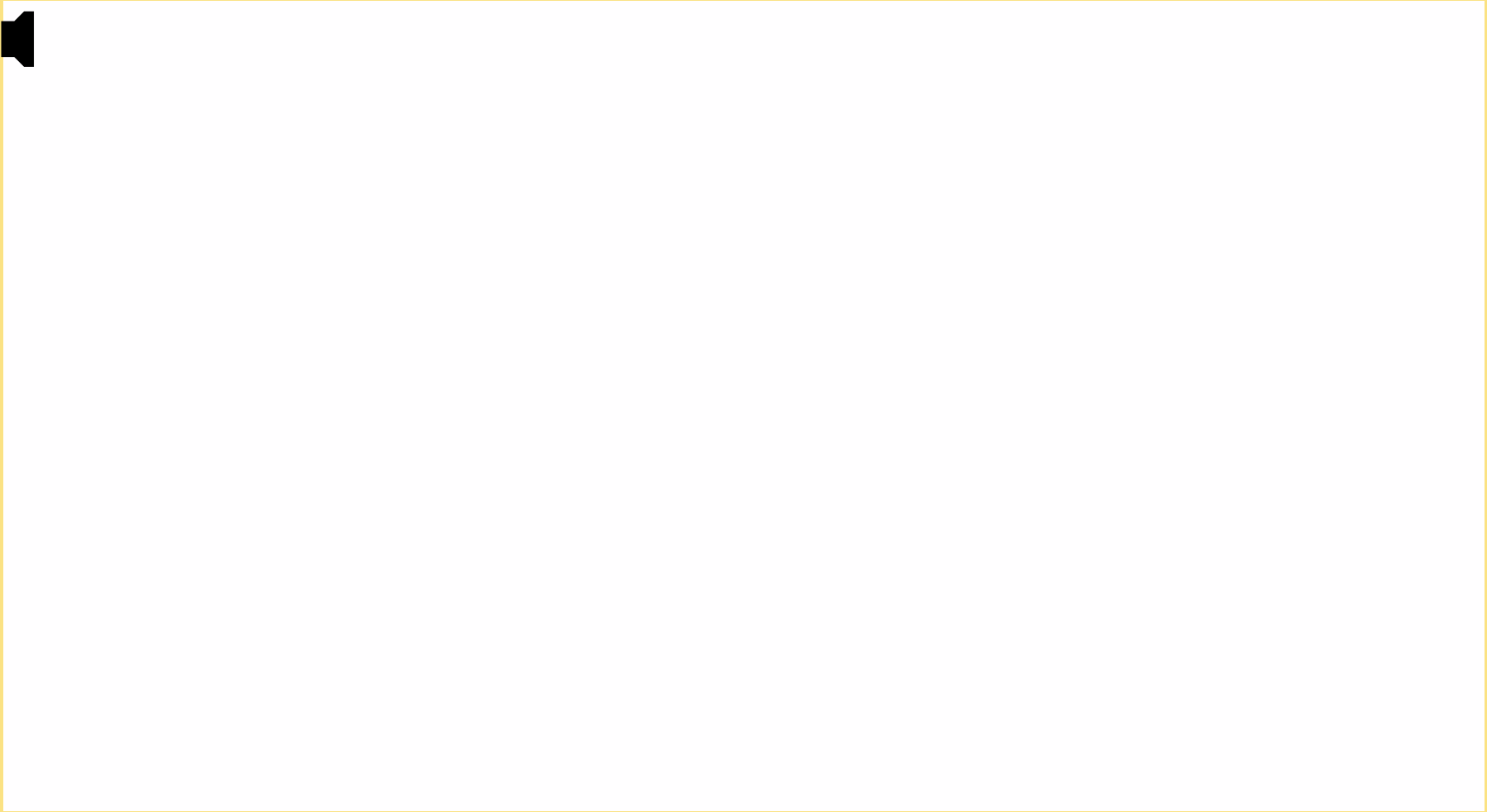
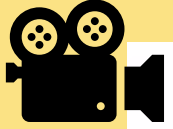
- Skater
- Giros de 180°
- Salto mortal



La inclusión de las personas con discapacidades generan

- Pensamientos y un lenguaje positivo
- Apoya a mejorar las relaciones interpersonales, comportamientos y actitudes
- Permite romper los estereotipos y borrar los prejuicios impregnados en la sociedad.





Video to promote Disability Awareness in children. The products of this year's course were digital resources because the Covid-19 pandemic prevented all in-person activities.



**Our 2021 Project
Proposals**

Sustainable water harvesting

Project idea

Provide the community with an effective rainwater harvesting system to expand the availability of water during dry season and/or crisis (ex: hurricane season).

The problem

The community Tigre Grande in Tzucacab doesn't have access to drinkable water due to lack of water extraction equipment, ineffective public water supply system, and geographical conditions.

Project Leader

Edgardo González,

Student in a Master's Program

Spanish 100%

English 50%

Portuguese 25%

What they need

- Construction of a ferrocement container for rainwater storage of 15,000 liters: \$18,822 MXN
- Rotoplas container of 750 liters: \$7,979 MXN



Capacitando en tiempos de pandemia

Project idea

Promote cultural and knowledge exchange with 2-hour long online workshops of a variety of topics. Chapter members can contribute with their knowledge and expertise.

The need

Covid-19 has changed the way we live and interact with others. With our schools, cultural centers closed, and in-person activities being restricted, people need alternative ways of learning and connecting with others.

Project Leader

Andrés Cárdenas,
Master in Renewable Energy



A black and white photograph of a person's hand holding a pen over a tablet. The background is blurred, showing another person working at a desk. The text 'Our 2021 Administration updates' is overlaid on the right side of the image, with a green horizontal line below it.

Our 2021 Administration updates

Our updates

Tax exemption

In recent months, there's been **many changes in the legislation** regarding NGO and taxes. There's a high probability of **more changes in the following months**.

We have made progress in the long process to become an NGO with tax exemption, but we are still awaiting a response from the Office for the Treasury and Public Credit.

We will keep you posted.

Tax declaration

As of January 2021, we are required by law to declare our taxes as a legal NGO.

We require an accountant to help us with our monthly tax declaration. Even if we don't have any income as an NGO, we still are required to declare it. **This has become our administrative expense every month.**

We are looking for a specialist in accounting for NGOs to **give us a basic training and guidance** towards which administrative path we should take to comply with the law.

2021 Call for proposals

This year we received 4 new project proposals:

- “To breathe is to live” | Dana Silverman (Project Leader) – **Approved**
- “Scholarships for Indigenous Youth in Yaxunah” | Nayeli Uicab (Project Leader) – **Approved**
- “Sustainable Water Harvesting” | Edgardo González (Project Leader) – **Pending: Needs a partner to help evaluate viability of the project**
- “Online training during Covid-19” | Andrés Cárdenas (Project Leader) – **Pending**



Financial report

INCOME	EXPENSES
\$140 USD – Bridges Towards Inclusion (Disability)	\$598.94 USD - To breathe is to live (Oxygen Concentrator)
\$800 USD – To breathe is to live (Oxygen Concent)	\$900 USD - Scholarship for Indigenous Youth
\$900 USD – Scholarship for Indigenous Youth	\$61.69 USD – Administrative (Accountant)
\$1,840 USD	\$1,560.63 USD

Balance: \$279.37 USD

What's next?



Building bridges towards inclusion

- Adela Muñoz (Project Leader), retired from the university this last August 1st. The university has requested 6 months to find a new professor to teach “Building Bridges from Disability towards Inclusion”.

To breathe is to live

- Dana Silverman will submit the first project report on October 15th.

Scholarship to Indigenous Youth in Yaxunah

- Nayeli Uicab will submit project report on November 15th.

Project Proposals

- Rain Harvesting Project: We need a Partner from Iowa who can help with the evaluation of the project's viability
- Online training Project: We need brainstorm to gather ideas for the online workshops, and volunteers to teach the online workshops.

Administrative

- Continue tax exemption process.
- Find consultant for basic NGO legislation, accounting, and taxes declaration.
- Select our accountant.
- Evaluate Project Reports.
- Evaluate our forms and processes.



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Thank you

Thanks to your commitment and strong work ethic, we look forward to strengthen our partnership to continue **Connecting, Serving and Changing lives!**

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