COMUNIDAD MAYA PIXAN IXIM 2021
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LETTER FROM CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim is gaining visibility and we are establishing ourselves as a leading Indigenous led nonprofit committed to protecting the rights and well-being of Maya and Indigenous peoples across borders. We aspire to live in harmony and equilibrium with all peoples and our Mother Earth. Together, we can rebuild our common humanity and recover from historical injustices by righting our relationships.

We employ Maya and indigenous collective approaches and models to our governance and work. We engage with diverse stakeholders: partner organizations, governmental bodies including sovereign tribal governments and nations, private sector partners, media, and international and national NGOs to hold space for Indigenous peoples and our interests. We are unapologetic in our assertion of our efforts to end Indigenous erasure and to promote sovereignty and self-determination for all Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island and Abya Yala.

This year we engaged in national and international advocacy that articulated the issues facing Maya peoples and Indigenous migrants including, forced displacement and continuing violations of our international human rights in Maya Territories and the U.S. We have joined Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations in collaborative efforts to elevate Maya people’s voices and issues through multiple programs and projects. Through our relationships, we have shared deep knowledge of our advanced agricultural and environmental sciences, Maya medicine, education, arts, and culture. Our participation in these collaborative spaces enriches the lives of all of our partners and our global family. We invite you to join us.

Luis Marcos & Carolina Martin Ramos
Co-Executive Directors, Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim
Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim (CMPI) was founded by Maya Q'anjob'al community members in Omaha, Nebraska in 2007. We gained our 501(c)(3) status in 2012 and have developed all programming through traditional Indigenous collective consultation models with community members and Maya spiritual, cultural, and political leaders in Maya Territories and in the U.S. CMPI envisions a world where Maya and all Indigenous peoples will no longer face genocide, forced displacement, or violence. We are obligated to steward harmonic relationships with the land and all living relatives. We seek to protect and share our traditional life-affirming spiritual and cultural practices with all peoples of the earth because we believe that Indigenous peoples hold critical knowledge and sustainable solutions to prevalent, long-term problems. Together, we can create a better world.

**OUR VISION:**
We envision that the Maya Community in the U.S., Q'anjob'al Maya Territory, & across borders will be prosperous and contribute to the cultural, economic, and social prosperity of all.

**OUR MISSION:**
To improve the health and well-being of Mayan people through community development strategies in Omaha, Nebraska, the U.S., and Q'anjob'al Maya territory in a manner consistent with the Q'anjob'al Maya system of social organization and in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
OUR WORK:
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2021

PROMOTING SOVEREIGNTY
Through projects and programs that respect Indigenous customs of reciprocity & that support sovereignty across borders.

MEETINGS WITH CHEROKEE NATION
political, spiritual, cultural, & linguistic leadership

MAYA HEART & SOUL
Living Maya: practicing and sharing our traditional way of life: spirituality, cultural knowledge, Maya medicine, arts, language, and our models of shared governance & collective organizing.

MAYA SCIENCES & REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE
Honoring & stewarding the land: traditional Maya knowledge across borders & our community garden.

HONORING RELATIONSHIPS
Relationships of mutual respect between Omaha Nation & Maya Nations.
OUR WORK:
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2021

MAYA ADVOCACY: SEPARATED FAMILIES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

We have advocated fiercely for the rights of Indigenous migrants.
We demand justice for the separated families & children who died; most of whom were Maya.

MAYA TERRITORY

We hold spiritual obligations to our ancestral lands so we continue to fight to protect the land and our peoples from forced displacement by extractive industries, continuing persecution, genocide, & human rights violations in Guatemala.

MAYA LEADERSHIP

Through policy and advocacy efforts, human rights work, educational webinars, and civic engagement we elevate the issues and voices of Maya people in the U.S. & Maya Territories.
OUR WORK:
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2021

COVID COMMUNITY RELIEF
Community members gained information, critical cash assistance for rent & food, vaccines, testing, & medical care during the continuing pandemic.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

MAYA CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Maya community led collective organizing on issues impacting our families: Maya workers at meat packing plants, maintaining traditional cultural and spiritual beliefs, access to community services and resources, & the rights of Indigenous migrants in the U.S. In 2021, CMPI leaders brought Maya leaders to the table with the Biden Family Reunification Task Force & Stakeholders to advocate for the rights of Indigenous migrants.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2021

**PRIVATE DONATIONS**
Generous community support, anonymous donors, & friends of CMPI trust and believe in Maya vision and Indigenous leadership.

**GRANTS**
Support from foundations allow us to perform critical work in the U.S. & Maya Territories. These grants allow for Maya community needs to be addressed by Maya & Indigenous experts including our Maya & Cherokee legal advocates.

**In-Kind Donations & Volunteers**
In-Kind donations, shared resources, training, support, volunteers, and invaluable unpaid work and engagement of community members.

2021 REVENUE: $229,000

Thank you for believing in our collective vision!!!
FUNDING THAT DELIVERS BIG IMPACT 2021

**COVID RELIEF:**
Critical assistance and supplies for Omaha, NE Maya community members including, meatpackers, informal workers, asylum seekers, & families facing medical challenges.

**INVESTMENTS IN MAYA LEADERSHIP:**
Maya community members training in U.S. immigration law, civic engagement, advocacy, traditional medicine, radio & tv technology, & administration.

**ADMINISTRATION & OTHER COSTS:**
Strengthening operations & infrastructure, professional consulting, & investments in robust web-based software systems to track services & institute best practices.

**RELIEF IN MAYA TERRITORY:**
Supporting Maya leaders addressing COVID, human rights and environmental threats, and poverty in Maya Territory in Guatemala.
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GRATEFUL TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Your donations make a difference!!!

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TO ALL OUR RELATIONS

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