

## SVI

### INTERNATIONAL WORK CAMP PROGRAM 2017

#### OUR PARTNER

Our partner, participates in the country's transformation through the integration of International Volunteering projects organized in Mexico by civil associations, municipalities, communities and organized groups, as well as sending Mexican citizens abroad on foreign projects with the idea that with this experience they will be able to, on returning to the country, engage more actively in the work of their community

#### SENDING VOLUNTEERS ABROAD

Traveling to another country and meeting new people, places and customs is for many Mexicans, one of their most important dreams. Participating in projects for the public interest, with a beneficial outcome to a community is one of the great satisfactions of these people.

International volunteering is an experience that offers unparalleled insight on the variety of cultures; increases the tolerance for diversity and opens perspectives of life and mind to new possibilities. Our partner sends young people with a minimum of 15 years of age to projects in more than 20 countries in all regions of the world in international volunteer camps. These are organized by associations, municipalities, local groups in other countries in all regions of the world called international volunteer camps.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- 1) **Teens:** 15 to 17 years old. A parental authorization and parent interview is required.
- 2) **Young Adults:** 18 years and up.
- 3) **Seniors:** 50 years and up.
- 4) **Families:** Fathers and mothers with up to two children ages 8 to 11 years old – more information is available at the request.

Any person with some form of disability can participate as long as they can be autonomous and with prior authorization from the association that organizes the camp.

**Note on the participation fees:** Our partner and its partners in Mexico do not get funding from the government or any other institution. Fees requested to the volunteers essentially cover accommodation and food. Sometimes the project host or organizer provides the accommodation but there are always expenses related to the stay of volunteers. A part of your fee is to cover management costs, preparation and evaluation of the camps.

**PROJET VIVA TRANSFORMANDO 1** – San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas- From 16 to 29 of July- 10 volunteers

**PROJET VIVA TRANSFORMANDO 2** – San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas- From 30 to 12 of August- 10 volunteers

**TYPE OF PROJET** : CHILDREN- SOCIAL- EDUCATION

**Project** : Within the public educational system, the USAER Service has the objective of assisting students with special educational needs, with or without disabilities. The program promotes meaningful learning through strategies, activities and didactic materials that help the learning and evaluation that the students present within their curricular performance, helping to evaluate and increase the quality of the education provided in these schools.

**Work**: Volunteers will be involved in activities such as:

- Workshops for children will be divided into two blocks, the first comprising 1st to 3rd grade and the second from 4th to 6th grade. The workshops will be given twice a week. The main objective is to offer children an option of activities that stimulate and develop their creative skills through music, dance, play, crafts.

- Parent workshops “It is worth crying mom, it’s worth crying dad”, it is a space created for parents who are in mourning, to develop skills and create their own tools to recognize and heal the loss generated by a death or disability of a relative.

- “My reading corner” children narrators. Inculcate the taste for reading through the approach with stories and comic strips (morning shift)

- “The information tour”: Conferences for mothers and fathers, about topics of interest (once a month).

**Location**: San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas

**Accomodation**: In a house adapted for volunteers with basic conditions.

**Requirement**: Interest in the theme of non-formal education, work with children and art.

**Participation fees**: \$3,000 pesos, includes registration, meals and lodging.