

The Chiapas Photography Project
San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México
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Dear friends, greetings from all of us here in Chiapas, where the rainy season is now in process.

We're writing to ask for your help in our efforts to establish a CPP endowment fund for the future of indigenous photography in Chiapas. There are a variety of ways in which you can help us:

- ◆ Donate to our endowment fund – we want to emphasize that donations of any amount are welcome, and have ranged from \$5 to \$1000+
- ◆ Invite a friend or colleague to donate
- ◆ Make copies of this letter and pass it on to everybody you know
- ◆ Send us additional names and addresses for our mailing list
- ◆ Send us your email address so that we can keep you in touch with CPP news and events

A Note From MEF: In Fall 2004, we formed a partnership with the Maya Educational Foundation MEF, www.mayaedufound.org, an organization that supports the educational and professional development of Maya people. MEF receives tax-deductible donations for the CPP Endowment Fund. 95¢ of every dollar donated for CPP goes directly to the Endowment.



MEF Board Member Armando Alfonzo says of our work: "The Maya Educational Foundation has kept track of the accomplishments of the Chiapas Photography Project since its creation. MEF sees the CPP as an effective means to document and disseminate Mayan cultural values and to promote photography as a useful skill and a good means of communication and expression. CPP's accomplishments offer an educational source for scholars and people interested in the Maya. MEF decided in 2004 to fully embrace the CPP and to provide sustainability for its activities. MEF hopes that the fund will allow the CPP to continue operating for many years to come."

Fundraising Coordinator: we are looking for a fundraising professional to help coordinate our Endowment campaign. The role would involve helping us to continue raising funds through donations by individual supporters like yourselves, but attracting foundations and corporations to support our Endowment campaign. Contact cduarte@rscj.org for further information.

We hope you enjoy reading *The New York Times* article about us, reproduced on the back of this letter (<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/10/23/arts/design/23kino.html>). Visit our website www.chiapasphoto.org for more information about our new books and other publications available for purchase. In the Fall, we will let you know more about our activities and about an exciting museum-level exhibition project that is in progress.

The photographers and I thank you again for your continued support of our work,

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