

todos juntos **Going Places**

Return to In-Person Learning in the Midst of a Pandemic

With new COVID protocols in place, our Todos Juntos familias made it back to physical classrooms last month for the first time since the pandemic began in what feels like ages ago!

Mil gracias to our program and funding partners for walking this journey with us. We could not have returned to safe in-person learning without you.

Fall 2021 looks different than what we now refer to as pre-COVID programming, but one thing that remains certain is our dedication to our families and their well-being. To maintain a safe learning environment, we have rolled out new apps, systems, and policies to help screen students each day. If a student shows symptoms, we work to test them immediately to minimize learning disruption and help connect them with additional resources should they require follow-up support.

Our incredible programs team has also worked to maintain constant communication with each family to ensure the group is working collectively to support each other as we navigate this new way of programming. We're also excited to kick off the new year with new team members

- ECE teachers - Cecilia Gomez, Claudia Melendez, and Sarah Steele
- Inaugural Programs Director - Katie Mathews
- UT Masters Student of Social Work - Jairo Leon
- And the return of former ESL instructor - Janet Young.

These amazing individuals join our longtime TJ team who many of you have had the opportunity to work with over the last twelve years. We feel pretty lucky to have such an incredible team!



**Back to
SCHOOL**



dell children's
HEALTH PLAN



A Big Gracias to Our Partners

Thank you **Dell Children's Health Plan** for providing mud suits and rain boots for all of our little learners this school year. Their gift allows our teachers and students to increase outdoor play as we continue to navigate this pandemic. Plus, it also creates a lot of opportunities to jump in puddles, and who doesn't love splashing in puddles?!

We also want to say a big gracias to **Tomás Pochettino** and the **Austin FC** for supporting our Early Childhood Ed program this fall by choosing Todos Juntos as his Player of the Month designated non-profit of choice!



Save the Date!

Mary Ellen Isaacs *Amistad Honoree*

Rotary Club of South Austin and University Area Rotary Club

Comunidad Honoree

Community Matters

In October, TJ underwent a little outdoor makeover by our friends at the **Rotary Club of South Austin** who created a much-needed crosswalk, installed new shade, new slides, and built a custom sandbox - TJ's first ever sandbox! Under the leadership of Jim McComb, the club has made sure that TJ's outdoor learning spaces are safe and rich with fun learning for our littlest learners! Also onsite were volunteers from the **Junior League of Austin** who kicked off our "*Juntos es Mejor*" mural. We can't wait to reveal the final mural in December.

Thank you Rotary Club of South Austin and Junior League of Austin for your continuous support of our *escuelita* and families!



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities!

12/6/21 & 12/8/21 - Virtual Mock Citizenship

- Help our Civics students gain their citizenship by conducting virtual mock-citizenship interviews to prepare them for their naturalization test. Training will be provided in advance.

12/10/21 - Mi Familia & Me Holiday Celebration

- Create holiday joy by dressing as Santa or an elf, hand out gifts and books, hot cocoa and more, or maybe wrap gifts beforehand

Ongoing - Virtual English Buddies

- Help our adult students practice their English during out of school time through Zoom. This is a year-round opportunity that make a big impact!

For more information, please reach out directly at christina@todosjuntoslc.org or katie@todosjuntoslc.org



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POWER OF LANGUAGE

Benefiting Todos Juntos Learning Center and our familias!

THURSDAY 2/17/2022 6:30pm

Sponsorships & tickets available on todosjuntoslc.org



Mi Familia & Me, 2021 Pumpkin Painting Party

We are thrilled to be back to in-person events! Did you know that Mami & Me is now officially called Mi Familia & Me? The name change is a result of wanting to make sure our family-focused program is inclusive of our fathers, and all other caregivers who participate in it.

For our first in-person Mi Familia & Me, we celebrated our 13th Annual Pumpkin Painting Party with pumpkins from our friends at **Dreamland**; treats from our friends at **St. John/San Juan**; books from our friends at **BookSpring**; face painting by TJ teachers, and cornhole donated by **ZeroCater**. Thank you to all of our incredible partners - it takes a village!

Thank you Walgreens and Vax Together Austin!

The TJ family is grateful to have been visited by our wonderful friends from **Walgreens Pharmacy Store #6861** earlier this semester when they provided Covid-19 and flu vaccines at no cost to our students and community! Thank you to **Vax Together Austin** for helping to coordinate and manage these clinics. Both Walgreens and Vax Together have also been instrumental in securing much-needed COVID-19 rapid tests to help minimize learning disruption for our TJ students and families. We also want to give a shoutout to our friends at El Buen who have continued to support our vaccine efforts through a generous funding partnership! Gracias, amigos!



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