



todos juntos Going Places

Power of Language 2022



Mil gracias to everyone who attended and sponsored our **2022 Power of Language Virtual Event!** We had a fun evening celebrating with all of you and enjoyed the delicious "Drunk Salsa" demo by **Maestra Amber** and TJ Student, **Ruth**, and the adorable video of our little ones also making salsa. We're thankful for the opportunity to share **Yessica's** incredible success story and updates on what's to come at Todos Juntos over the next 12 months, including our licensing journey and the Parent Internship Program.



Felicidades again to **Amistad Honoree Mary Ellen Isaacs** and **Comunidad Honorees Rotary Club of South Austin** and **Rotary Club of Austin University Area!**



Thanks to your generous support, we raised \$98,000 to support the academic and social well-being of immigrant and refugee families through education, empowerment and community support.

Muchisimas gracias to our amazing event committee led by **Eli Castro** and **Heather Parsons**, as well as to **Gayle Stallings**, and to our very talented emcee, **Stephanie Bergara** of **Bidi Bidi Banda**, without whom this virtual event would not have been possible! We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

What TJ Students Are This Semester

It has been a busy return to school at Todos Juntos this semester with all sorts of learning and enrichment taking place. In honor of Black History Month, our littlest learners have been reading various books including Dream Big, Little One by Vashti Harrison, to learn about all of the wonderful accomplishments of African Americans throughout history. To promote National Children's Dental Health month our friends from St. David's Foundation provided a fun dental hygiene workshop and toothbrush kits to our familias. During Mi Familia & Me, Leap of joy provided a spectacular dance class for parents and their children to enjoy together. Our friends at BookSpring and Armstrong Community music school continued to foster the love of music and reading by providing more música and books to all of our kiddos. While in ESL, adults participated in COVID information workshops to learn more from health care professionals about how to safely navigate Omicron and their eligibility for boosters.



TJ Holidays

Muchísimas gracias to all of our volunteers, partners, donors, and sponsors who helped make our Annual Holiday Mi Familia & Me a huge success this year! We were happy to celebrate with our families as they prepared for winter break.

Because of your support, our Todos Juntos familias enjoyed this special day of crafts, books, gifts, music, and photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus! Shout-outs to **Generation Serve** for providing adorable snowmen winter gloves, **Texas Electric** for the gingerbread houses, **St. John Lutheran Church** for providing gifts for all of our little ones, and of course the wonderful **BookSpring** for setting up another amazing book table for our kiddos and parents to make their personal selections winter books for our kiddos!

A really big shoutout to **St. Chubby** for providing love-driven, gift-filled Christmases for 8 deserving Todos Juntos families. And finally to the **Tapestry Foundation** for surprising our team with a fun-filled, smash room holiday party!



Healthier When We Work Juntos



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After years of offering health focused resources, services and connections, we officially kicked off our fourth core TJ program, **Saludables Juntos**. This was a step to formalize the work that we have been doing for years in partnership with many of our Central Texas partners. We feel pretty lucky to have Jairo Leon, our UT Masters Social Work Intern, helping manage our Saludables Juntos program and connecting eligible students with resources such as housing and food assistance programs, SNAP benefits, and free/low-cost health clinic recommendations just to name a few! And with mental health being still being a taboo subject, Jairo also gently helps our students connect with our Mental Health Support Program in partnership with **YWCA**.

Jairo's long term goals include obtaining his licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), and working with the Latinx community in areas such as healthcare, employment services, immigration proceedings, and male youth empowerment. We're definitely fortunate to have him and all the support he provides. Gracias, Jairo!

All of our Saludables Juntos programming is generously supported through grants from **Texas Mutual** and **Buena Vista Foundation**.

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FREE CONCERT!



Join us this weekend, Sun, March 6, 2022 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, for a free concert at Todos Juntos! Hear opera singing, flute playing, violin and piano in a 45-minute concert featuring many of ACMS's talented faculty followed by instrument making, drum circles and an instrument petting Zoo. This event is brought to you by Armstrong Community Music School with the support of Larry Connelly.

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