

todos juntos **Going Places**

Excitement in the Air this Fall at Todos Juntos!

September saw the beginning of our 14th year of service. The beginning of the school year was marked by excitement, reunions, connections and yes, some butterflies and tears (both happy and sad). One kiddo happily swung down the hall holding both his parents hands after all three left class that week. Can you imagine if you had had the opportunity to start school right down the hall from your own parents?! It really is an exciting time at TJ!

One of our new ECE teachers and former TJ student, Monica, shared: “Todos Juntos not only helped me learn English, but now it gave me the opportunity to work at La Escuelita where I feel very proud to be part of a great team of teachers. Working as a teacher had always been my dream.”

This fall also marks a significant accomplishment by Todos Juntos that will create limitless potential for both TJ and our families: **Todos Juntos officially became a licensed childcare provider in Texas!**

Todos Juntos has historically been exempt from licensing because parents are always onsite learning with their little ones. Moms have indicated to us that many decisions they make are based on whether or not they have reliable childcare. Now that TJ is a licensed childcare provider, moms can take an extra shift at work, enroll in additional classes to further their education or make important doctor's visits for their health without worrying about childcare for their little ones.

As TJ's Programs Director Katie Magner said, “I love that we are starting the year off with the ability to have a mom go to a doctor's appointment without having to disrupt their child's learning.”

Stay tuned for more stories about the difference this will make to our families this school year!

Happy School year



Grateful for Community Support

We want to say Muchas Gracias to all the people and judges who supported Todos Juntos at **Philanthropitch** on October 18th. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$8,694.00 for our adult internship program, Adelante Juntos. Special thanks to **Huston-Tillotson University** for choosing TJ as a recipient of one of their investments!

We also want to express our gratitude to Esther Diaz from **The Pan American Round Table of Austin** for presenting a grant to Todos Juntos as a part of their Centennial Celebration. We will uphold your mission to promote understanding and peace at home and among the peoples of the Americas through education, outreach and friendship.



Save the Date!

*Emcee: Stephanie Bergara,
with music by Bidi Bidi Banda*

Join us in honoring...

ERICA VILLARREAL EKWURZEL,
CAP®, CFRE, MPaff *amistad
award*

and

**ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY
MUSIC SCHOOL** *comunidad award*

Hispanic Heritage Month



Mil gracias to **Yvonne Nava** with KVUE for a heartwarming story on KVUE about our very own **TJ Board Member, Yessica Marroquin**, and for acknowledging and recognizing Yessica's extraordinary journey! In case you missed it, visit KVUE to learn more about Yessica's story and how she found a foundation of support for herself and her daughter at Todos Juntos.

As a Hispanic leader in our community, Yessica and her story remind us that National Hispanic Heritage month reaffirms that American identity is composed of many empowering stories from our Hispanic community woven together.

We at Todos Juntos are honored to have witnessed Yessica's hard work and perseverance to complete one of her many goals. We are on the edge of our seats, full of excitement & anxiously waiting to celebrate her next big accomplishment. ¡Felicidades, Yessica!



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities!

Handicap Parking Installation, Date and Time TBD- Ensure the safest possible facilities for Todos Juntos students and all our partners at St. John San Juan Lutheran Church by refreshing the handicap parking signage. Repaint the designated parking spots and install brand new signs. Experience working with concrete or securing posts is a plus.

12/08/22 - Mi Familia & Me Holiday Celebration

- Create holiday joy by dressing as Santa or an elf, hand out gifts and books, hot cocoa and more, and/or 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 makes a big impact!

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

Save the date THE POWER OF LANGUAGE Benefiting Todos Juntos Learning Center and our familias in person!



FEB 16, 2023

Junior League of Austin's
Community Impact Center

6:00 pm

Mi Familia & Me, 2022 Pumpkin Painting Party



On October 26th, we celebrated our 14th Annual Pumpkin Painting Party! Our little learners and their parents had a lot of fun while wearing adorable costumes and enjoying special activities!



The TJ teachers provided games like pumpkin bowling, ring toss, mini corn hole, cookie decorating, and of course, pumpkin painting!



The kids and their parents decorated and painted pumpkins donated by our Interim Development Director, **Heather Parsons**. Families enjoyed a skeleton photo-op painted by our amazing volunteer, **Jeanette Williams**. Our ECE Director, **Yessenia Prieto**, donated candy, and the kids took home books from our friends at **BookSpring**.

It was such a fun day with beautiful weather and the biggest smiles!

Keeping Kids Safe & Healthy

The TJ family is grateful to have been visited by our wonderful friends from **Kids in Cars by Dell Children's Medical Center**, who performed safety checks and provided our students with carseats! We also had the **Kids Tooth Team Outreach** visiting for two days and making sure that our little learners smiles were bright and healthy! These organizations provide these wonderful services at no cost to our students and community!

And mil gracias to **Superior Healthplan** for their continuous support for the Care Closet. Through this program, our TJ students have monthly access to a wide variety of personal hygiene items at no cost. Gracias, amigos!



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Kids Tooth Team
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