



todos juntos Going Places

Power of Language 2023



Mil gracias to everyone who attended and sponsored our **2023 Power of Language Event**! We had a fantastic evening celebrating with all of you and enjoying the delicious salsa recipes of our students, doing the empathy exercise, having lots of treats, and making memories with our friends at **PicTok Photo Booth**! We're thankful for the opportunity to share **Iris'** incredible success story and updates on what's to come at Todos Juntos, including our Adelante Juntos Internship Program.



Felicidades again to **Amistad Honoree Erica Villarreal Ekwurzel** and **Comunidad Honoree Armstrong Community Music School**!

Thanks to your generous support, we raised just over ***\$195,000*** to support the academic and social well-being of immigrant and refugee families through education, empowerment and community support. This is a record event for us and we couldn't have done it without all of you!



Muchisimas gracias to our event committee led by **Kendra Bolton**, as well as to **Gayle Stallings** for leading the paddles up, and to our very talented emcee, **Stephanie Bergara** of **Bidi Bidi Banda** who got us to the dance floor to end an amazing night!

And finally a big thank you to all of our students, and especially our ESL levels 3 & 4 who had the opportunity to participate in a flower arrangement workshop led by **Hello Flower Bar** and **Heather Arnos**, to create the gorgeous floral arrangements showcased at our Power of Language event.

News from TJ

It has been a busy return to school at Todos Juntos this semester with all sorts of learning and enrichment taking place. We said goodbye to our wonderful ESL teacher **Amber Miller** who had been with TJ for 13 years. She is moving up to a well deserved promotion at ACC and we wish her great success! We also welcomed new ESL instructors: Mariel O'Brien-Olivo and Nader Al Zoubi for our levels 4 and 1. Adult students are in full learning mode heading off to various field trips, including visiting ACC campuses and art galleries, participating in Covid19 vaccine workshops and clinics, getting connected with free tax prep services through **Foundation Communities**, and beginning their internships through our pilot program, Adelante Juntos.

This semester we expanded childcare to support afternoon programming, providing more families with the opportunity to learn English and prepare their children to thrive in school! During Mi Familia & Me, our little learners and their moms recently had a field trip to the Alliance Children's garden which was so much fun! Leap of Joy returned to provide a 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.



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, especially Mr. & Mrs. Claus - Robert and Diana Greenfield! We were overjoyed to celebrate with our families for our 14th Annual Holiday Family Celebration.

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, **WAYA** for providing backpacks, water bottles and coats for every little learner, **BookSpring** for setting up another amazing book table for our kiddos and parents to make their personal selections of winter books and of course, our dear friends from **Armstrong Community Music School** and **Ms. Monica** for giving us the gift of music for this celebration!

And a really big shoutout to **St. Chubby** for providing love-driven, gift-filled Christmases for 10 deserving Todos Juntos families.



Healthier When We Work Juntos



Saludables Juntos or "Healthy Together" is Todos Juntos' health and wellness program that provides wraparound services for our families. Through Saludables Juntos we bring health-focused services and networks of support to current Todos Juntos students and their families. This program is very important, as for many of our families, it requires building trust in order to do this important work together.

We feel pretty lucky to have our very own, and very first social worker on our team, **Diana Marin**. Diana was born in Los Angeles California, she is a first-generation Salvadoran American. Diana moved to San Antonio, Texas and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Social Work at Texas State University. After graduating, Diana worked as a CPS caseworker serving children in the foster care system; currently, she is pursuing her Master's degree in Social Work at Texas State University. At Todos Juntos, the demand for case management and resources is so big that Diana works with our awesome University of Texas intern, **Katerin Arpero**, who joined our team in January and will be with us through April.

Katerin is a first-generation Mexican American, born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley. She moved to Austin to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Social Work at UT Austin. She has volunteered with various organizations focused on work with women and the Latino community. Growing up, Katerin witnessed the adversities the Latino community faces on a daily basis, which has led her to be passionate about working with immigrant communities in Central Texas.

Diana and Katerin are a dream team helping manage our Saludables Juntos program and connecting eligible students with critical resources such as housing and food assistance programs, SNAP benefits, and free/low-cost health clinic recommendations while also gently help our students connect with our Mental Health Support Program in partnership with YWCA!

Thank you for your support in Amplify Austin 2023



We were able to raise **\$7,520** thanks to YOU and a generous matching gift from **MoreHands Maid service**.

Save the date for Celebración de la Música! April 23rd from 2:00 - 5:00PM



Join us for a free, open to the public event, with live music, drum circle, dance party, snacks and more where we will be celebrating with *música* and a beautiful partnership between Todos Juntos and Armstrong Community Music School.