



todos juntos Going Places

Teachers are at the heart of Todos Juntos!

We have the best teachers at TJ! They work tirelessly to serve our families, while staying true to our mission. Their dedication is exemplary, and the education they provide goes far beyond the classroom, building community and making connections.

During 2023 Teacher Appreciation Week, Todos Juntos celebrated our teachers and the difference they make in the lives of our families with a lot of love from the students, but also from some of our partners. Muchas Gracias to Melissa Acosta/[mama wears pants](#), [Thundercloud Subs](#), [Homeslice Pizza](#), [Sock Club](#), [Eli Halpin Oil Paintings](#), and [Erin Condren Design](#) for all their kind gifts. Your generosity helped us make sure that our teachers had a special week filled with goodies. Thank you, teachers!



Texas Capital Bank Award



Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Texas Capital Bank, more young children from immigrant and refugee families will be able to participate in Todos Juntos's Early Childhood Education program this school year 2023-2024. We have been working on expanding our preschool classes to meet the increasing demand from the community. This year, we are prepared to accept 64 kids into our program for the first time since becoming licensed!

Thank you Texas Capital Bank, for investing in our little learners!



ESL & ECE Graduations!

May was a month of joy and success as we closed out our program year with two graduation ceremonies. We celebrated the graduation of 11 of our little learners from our Early Childhood Education program, as well as the completion of our Adult English Students' year of English classes.

Our Early Childhood Education program is designed to provide our little learners with the foundation they need to succeed in school, and the ESL program helps adults learn English in a supportive and welcoming environment. Many of our Adult English Students will be moving onto the next level of English this fall, while the graduating little learners are headed off to either PreK 4, or Kindergarten.



We are so proud of our TJ families and all they accomplished this year! We will miss our oldest little learners, but we are confident that they will do great in their new schools.

Thank you to all our partners that made these celebrations possible: [ACMS](#), [Good pop](#), [BookSpring](#), and [Sock Club](#). In honor of our Amistad Honoree Erica Ekwurzel, every little learner received a copy of the book "The Little engine that could" which was her favorite book as a kid.

Thank you to everyone that supports La Escuelita and our Adult Education programs. We share the joy of education and growth with all of you!



Summer fun!

In June and July, TJ families had the opportunity to participate in [Camp Glimmer](#) at [Candlelight Ranch](#) in Marble Falls.

Zip lining, rock climbing, archery, and rock painting were the most popular activities and everyone had a great time. Thank you to all the counselors, coordinators and volunteers that made it possible for our families to experience the the great outdoors and beat the heat in a fun and exciting way!



We are very grateful to [Tankproof](#) for providing our TJ community with swimming and water safety lessons! Over the course of a week, a total of 29 kids gathered at [Austin Motel](#) to learn swimming skills.

Muchas Gracias Tankproof for another successful year of swimming lessons! We look forward to continue this partnership that allows children of color to build confidence and physical skills in the water!



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I am Austin Woman Award



Back in May, our Executive Director Christina Collazo received the **I am Austin Woman Award** from [Austin Woman Magazine](#) during the 8th Annual Woman's Way Gala and Awards. This award recognizes a "woman who is beloved in the Austin community for her innate ability to engage, empower, and inspire those around her. Through her lengthy career and avid community involvement, she has led with exceptional grace and finesse her actions, echoing the core mission of Austin Woman magazine. The impact she has made as a woman and for women is key". We are very proud of Christina and her leadership, helping Todos Juntos grow! Congratulations!



Non-Profit of the year Award

On another surprising and exciting note, we were honored to receive the Non-Profit of the Year Awards presented by [Austin Business Woman](#)! TJ was nominated along with 17 non-profit organizations that keep working for the betterment of Austin and Central Texas. Our Board co-chair Erica Villarreal Ekwurzel and Communications Coordinator, Maria Vela, received the award on behalf of Todos Juntos and all the team, volunteers, partners, supporters, board members and TJ families!



Opera for Kids



We had a wonderful time at the [Austin Opera](#) Concerts at the Consulate "Opera for Kids" event. Thank you Austin Opera and [Armstrong Community Music School](#) for inviting us to partner in this educational concert.

