



todos juntos  
LEARNING CENTER

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



Coming Together. Learning Together.  
Succeeding Together.

# OUR MISSION:

*Building a community of dignity for families  
to realize their own success.*



Dear Todos Juntos Amigos,

Ten years. One decade. In 2018-2019, we celebrated ten years of service to our parents and children. And it was an incredible year, thanks to the support and dedication of donors and friends like you. Over the last year, we held our first major fundraiser; we were honored by K Friese + Associates and I Live Here I Give Here with the Small Non-Profit Award; we served 36% more students and even took our programming on the road to Manor, Del Valle, and Dale, TX!

When I started the Center, I knew we would serve children and we would serve their mothers. Moms would learn English and their babies would get ready for school. And we would also teach moms about their role in their children's development. We would create a safe and community-focused space where parents and children could come together, to learn together, and to set a strong foundation for future learning.

Today, Todos Juntos continues to prioritize collaborative community and meeting families where they're at. TJ does not assume to know what families need but rather engages families to find out what is most relevant to their lives. The Center partners with over 30 local organizations to offer families a multitude of on-site services to support the whole family. Through TJ's holistic efforts, we engage and inform families and we prepare them to navigate life in Austin for themselves and - even more importantly - for their children.

Our vision for Todos Juntos as we move into our next decade is to have a permanent home of our own, increase partnerships, and to grow our model to serve twice as many students each year, while also introducing new services that support the fathers of the families we serve.

As you read about our work this past year and our impact in the community, please know you have played a key role in this success, and we invite you to continue to put our mission into action. On behalf of our children and families, we say a very heartfelt "*gracias*" for joining us on this journey!

Mil gracias,



Christina Collazo  
Founder & Executive Director



# TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENT: THE POWER OF LANGUAGE



Todos Juntos celebrated 10 years of supporting children and families with its inaugural fundraising event, **The Power of Language**, which took place on February 7, 2019 at St. David's Episcopal Church.

To commemorate this milestone, TJ honored two longtime champions of our work: **Carmel Borders** and **Austin Community College**. Both have played an instrumental role in our growth and success since opening our doors in 2009.

Nearly 150 people attended and TJ successfully raised \$56,000, which will provide education and support for 23 children for one year. The evening also featured a visit from two of our original ECE alumni, Adrian and Daniella Rodriguez who are both now middle-schoolers at IDEA Montopolis and personal stories from student and parent, Maria de la Luz Reveles.



## Celebrating 10 Years!



### AMISTAD AWARD:

**Carmel Borders**

*for 10 years of friendship*



### Comunidad AWARD:

**Austin Community College**

*for 10 years of community*

# WHAT WE DO



## Early Childhood Education



Classes that teach children, ages 18 months to 4 years, the skills they need before enrolling in school.

## Adult Education



Multilevel English classes for adults that also help them become students at Austin Community College.

## Mami & Me



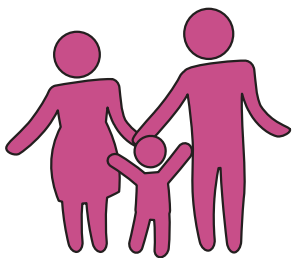
A parenting program that empowers parents to build solid social, emotional, and educational foundations for their children.

# WHY WE WORK WITH FAMILIES



We work to diminish isolation and improve social mobility by helping families navigate a fragmented social services system, connecting parents with resources and information to empower themselves and their families, and equipping them with the knowledge to support their children in school and life. The desired end goal for our adults is that they gain enough language and confidence to navigate the community and enter the workforce; and children who are school-ready - academically and social-emotionally.

# WHY OUR DUAL-GENERATION WORK MATTERS



**Parental confidence predicts long-term success. The children of parents who are confident in their ability to support and provide for the family are less likely to exhibit behavioral problems even as teens.**

**The most significant predictor of a child's future success in school is their mother's literacy level.**



**Todos Juntos reaches parents and their children earlier in life when brain development and family bonds are most critical.**



# OUR IMPACT IN 2018-2019



130 Adults and 73 Children Served



24,197 total education hours provided



7 TJ adult students completed citizenship applications

4 TJ adult students passed their citizenship tests and became US citizens

\* 100 % of TJ citizenship students passed their mock citizenship test administered by TJ volunteers



## Todos Juntos Parents

100% of parents said they felt confident as parents.

100% said they better understood what it means to advocate for their children.

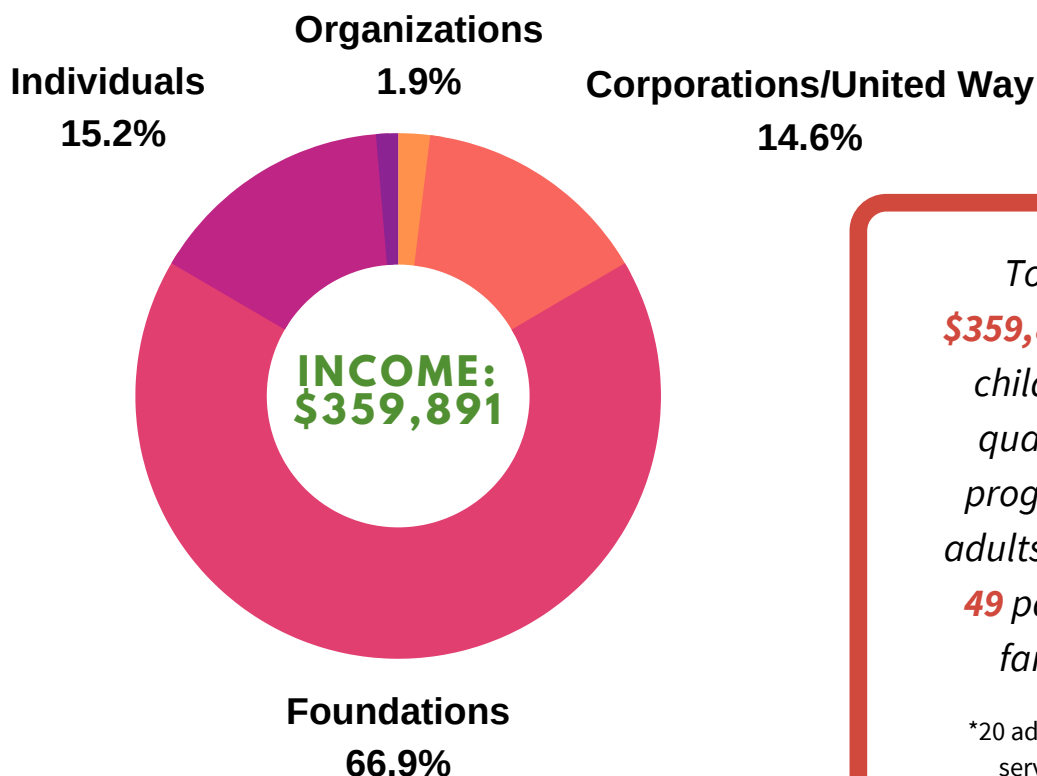
## Student Achievements

5 students completed the **Teaching Assistant Certificate Program.**

Families reported **49,327** minutes of at-home reading with their young children.

\*68% of reading minutes were attributed to our Raising a Reader Program

# 2018-2019 REVENUE



Together, we raised **\$359,891** which allowed **53** children to attend high-quality early childhood programming; while **110** adults learned English; and **49** parents built stronger family relationships.

\*20 additional children and parents were served through rural programming

# OUR FRIENDS



## \$25,000+

Benge-Hury Family Foundation

Buena Vista Foundation

Genevieve & Ward Orsinger Foundation

Sooch Foundation

Tapestry Foundation

United Way for Greater Austin

Webber Family Foundation

## \$5,000 to \$10,000

ASK Foundation

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## \$2,500 to \$4,999

Tom Borders

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I Live Here I Give Here

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## \$1,000 to \$2,499

Diana Greenfield

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Letty Landa

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Thundercloud Subs

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Charles Zeller

## \$600 to \$999

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Mary Bell

Benevity Community Impact Fund

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Donn's Texas BBQ

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Jean Haggerty

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**THANK YOU!** Your investment in Todos Juntos makes it possible to offer families their own path to upward mobility and brighter futures.

# OUR FRIENDS



## \$250 to \$500

Anonymous	Libby Doggett	Melissa Keane	Elizabeth Perez
Betsy Abell	Erica & Jarrod Ekwurzel	Candy Lochridge	Mary Jude & Ken Peterson
Bobbi Barker	Phil Ellett	Jenifer Marin	Corey Rhoden
Lori Blewett	Lisa & Ken Ellis	Holly & John McDaniel	Aja Salazar
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Joe and Ann Daly	Carole Jordan	Cynthia Osbourne	Mark Williams

## \$100 to \$200

Sally Blue	Andrea Hutson	Gayle McKool
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Sheryl Bowen	Kent Johnson	McPherson
Keith Cohan	Yusuf Johnson	Ivan Milman
Kathy Dowdy	Alejandra Junco	Lillian Mitchell
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## Up to \$50

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Marcelina Del Toro		

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*If you notice an error, please let us know right away.*



# SUCCESS FOR TODOS JUNTOS IS



## PREPARING FOR REAL-WORLD READINESS



TJ provides students a flexible learning environment that supports life changes and daily needs to advocate for themselves & their families in a way that is relevant in today's society.

## BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GROWTH



TJ creates a network of parents, caregivers, students, partners & teachers to create a solid support system for families.

## PROVIDING STRUCTURE TO MEET GOALS



TJ promotes group learning by encouraging all students and teachers to contribute ideas, and provide active support for each other within a framework that promotes digital literacy & critical thinking.

## WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAYING



*"As an immigrant, I could lose everything in the blink of an eye...but even if I have to leave this country one day...my education, and that of my children, cannot be taken away from us". - Flor, ESL Student and Mother to Joseph*

## IN-KIND DONORS



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The Great Outdoors

Tito's Handmade Vodka

Torchy's Tacos

The Tree House

Uchi/Uchiko

Urban Betty

Vuka Collective

Wanderlust Yoga

Well Life Place

Whiskey Shivers





# OUR COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY



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Austin Community College  
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Community Care  
Del Valle Independent School District  
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Hope Clinic

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Integral Health  
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"For any English class, the best use of time is spent on communicative activities. Basic level students need all of it - writing, speaking and reading. The more time they have in actual class time, the better because they're learning all the fundamentals of English. That's why Todos Juntos is a great place to learn because it's the only free, ACC led, class in Austin that offers 12 hours of English learning per week." - Amber, ESL Coordinator



# OUR VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIPS



*"The connection between the teachers, students and families is palpable when you are in the classrooms and on the playground.*

*You find children that are happy, engaged and interacting with adults and each other. These children are carefully cared for and nurtured by a dedicated staff, while their mothers are participating in their own classrooms with instruction in the English language and other aspects of cultural immersion."*

*- Jeannette Williams, 1-1 Reading Volunteer*

***Thank you for helping us connect families to their community!***

## JOIN US IN 2020

We hope to see you at our  
SECOND annual celebration  
**The Power of Language** on  
**February 6, 2020!**

**Save the  
date:**

**February  
6th  
2020**

**Gracias!**

TJLC is the most student centered place I have ever worked at. All the teachers care about the students and this helps the students want to learn and come to class. TJLC is a family and I am proud to be a part of it. - Janet Couvillon, Technology Instructor