



GOING PLACES

TJ's 10th Graduation

We are super *orgullosos* (proud) about celebrating our 10th Graduation. Here are a few photos from this year's graduations for our adult students, as well as our youngest learners. Students were also celebrated for reading the most minutes; most improved; and being the most helpful.



And not only did we celebrate the graduations of current TJ students - we also celebrated plenty of kindergarten and 5th grade graduations, too. Below are a few before & after photos of former students still working hard and making great strides in their education!



Sebastian,
2013



Sebastian,
2019



Isabel,
2017



Isabel,
2019

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT FLOR & JOSEPH

Flor and her son Joseph became a part of the TJ familia in September 2018. They are one of our favorite success stories because their impact reaches across generations in an especially meaningful way.

Flor shares that joining TJ is one of the best choices she's made for her children. When she first enrolled, Joseph struggled to speak, to express his needs and self-regulate, to socialize with other children, and had severe separation anxiety.

Christina, the Center's ED, recalls those early days. From her office she would watch Joseph and Flor arrive filled with anxiety, "Flor walked as though she carried the weight of the world on her shoulders. And she struggled with her own separation anxiety and doubts." Flor wasn't sure if she was doing the right thing, especially since Joseph seemed terrified to leave her side.

As time went on, Flor found comfort in her English classes where she's learning a new language in order to connect with the community around her, especially doctors and therapists. And she has built confidence, too, especially through her stress management classes where she recognizes her ability as a mother and has learned from other mothers and therapists on how to believe in herself and advocate for (continued below...)

Looking Ahead

As you may have heard, Todos Juntos is currently working on a new Strategic Plan to help us plan for the next 5 years! Thanks to the **Webber Family Foundation**, TJ is envisioning what the next 5 years of our 2-Gen programming will look like. Get in touch if you'd like to join one of our planning committees!

And thanks to the **Sooch Foundation**, we are continuing to improve our infrastructure and data processes. We are also thrilled to be a part of the **University of Texas at Austin's RGK Center's CONNECT** program, thanks to the generosity of the **Orsinger Foundation!**

Finally, we are happy to share that we have added three new partners to the TJ *familia*. Welcome, **IDEA Health Professions**; **Open Door Preschools**; and **Girasol** out of the Texas Institute for Child and Family Well-being at the University of Texas at Austin!

Partners Matter

Thank you to Deloitte for selecting TJ for their 2019 Impact Day!

Deloitte.

On June 6th, 15 Deloitte employees visited TJ to make improvements to our classrooms, offices, storage and outdoor learning areas. Muchas gracias, Deloitte! We are incredibly grateful for your friendship and generosity! Our team and students will be thrilled to see the updated *escuelita* when they return this fall!



Keep us in mind!

TJ is looking for new Board Members and Facilities to help us reach our goals. If you or someone you know is seeking a meaningful opportunity to make a lasting impact, please reach out to us at christina@todosjuntoslc.org to learn more!

FLOR + JOSEPH CONTINUED

her children. She recently shared, "TJ is *"lo maximo"*, it is a place where you are seen, heard, and valued...at TJ, I found salvation and saw that I was not alone".

Flor is working to "break the cycle of her parents". She dreams of getting her GED one day to show her children that she will always work to improve herself. She prioritizes education for herself and for her children because "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 says that she tells everyone about TJ, because she believes that learning *juntos* is important and powerful. "Me and Joseph are partners...we compliment each other and we are partners in learning new things...together. He's taught me to be a better mom."

She ended our interview with, "To the people who support Todos Juntos, thank you. And please keep *apoyando* (supporting) the Center. It is a wonderful place that changes lives and helps children and parents in their first steps of learning and their first steps for a better life."



Joseph with the kitchen his family made from recycled items

