



todos juntos  
**Going Places**

## Settling in together in South Austin

We can't believe it's mid-fall already! Summer 2020 came and went while Todos Juntos settled into our new home and kicked off our 12th year of service! We are now comfortably located inside **St. John's Lutheran Church** in South Austin.

We are so grateful to St John's for providing us with a wonderful new site which allows us to create a safe learning space for our *familias*. The new space has an onsite immigration advocacy center, gives us the opportunity to grow our impact and it has a huge parking lot! *Woohoo!* Safe parking for all of our students and visitors. (Our new partners were also a voting site this year!)

Speaking of visitors, we are now hosting masked, in-person tours for groups of 1-2 persons. Please reach out if you find yourself in south Austin and want a peek of the new learning space YOU helped create!

We are very eager for our parents and little ones to join us for in-person ESL and ECE classes in the Spring, if the current situation permits, so that they can enjoy their beautiful learning space. Until then, we continue to do our best to provide critical services to our families, prioritize our families' needs, and support each other during this vulnerable time.



Gracias to everyone who joined our Cafe en Casa last month! We had volunteers helping in California and Argentina to make our first virtual cafe a success. And locally, we had **Texas Coffee Traders** who donated their delicious coffee! If you attended, you may have noticed coffee-making instructions in Burmese. This was done to give our guests a similar experience to that of our students. One participant said *"the lesson wasn't the moment of confusion, but the humbling moment when the mirror was held up to me and I was forced to confront how differently I experience our community through language."* As our student Lidia shared during the event, everyday things such as going grocery shopping in the US can be challenging when you do not speak English. It's especially stressful when you need to communicate with a teacher or health provider but cannot understand information you know is important. Language shouldn't be a barrier. If you were unable to attend, please visit Todos Juntos' YouTube page to check out some of our featured videos, such as the video tour of our new space and our short COVID response video.

## Bridging ..... Communities

In September, the **South Austin Rotary Club**, led by rotarian Jim McComb, refurbished the Center's two play spaces at our location and built a pedestrian bridge on the path to one of the playgrounds. Also on hand to support this project was the **Texas Ramp Project**. From morning to late afternoon, the volunteers and engineers brought their energy, tools, and spirit of service and worked tirelessly to make our play spaces beautiful and more accessible to our families so that we could use the playground during our Mami and Me classes. Todos Juntos Learning Center is so grateful to the South Austin Rotary Club for their service to our families and community. **#ServiceAboveSelf**



## Safety First during Mami & Me

This fall, we enrolled 105 adults in our English classes and 43 children, ages 18mos - 4yrs, in our Early Childhood Education classes. All students were provided with relevant learning materials and kits to make at-home learning a little easier. Although in-person learning was not the preferred method for fall, we are fully committed to doing our part to keep our families safe and healthy during this pandemic.

## PLAYING, LEARNING, & GROWING TOGETHER.

In October, we started offering our beloved **Mami & Me** classes in person at our new site! This has been the sweetest part of fall, because it gives us a chance to build community in person with our familias. Every Thursday, our moms and children join us for fun and safe outdoor learning, story time, activities, and of course their favorite - playground playtime. The families have enjoyed this time to be together, and the children are having so much fun each week that they don't want to go home!



## Non-Profit Life During COVID-19

The coronavirus pandemic has brought much uncertainty to our community, including the Todos Juntos team, but we continue to stay **#StrongerTogether** and prioritize the health, safety, and needs of the families we serve. It is with the help of our amazing funding and programmatic partners that we are able to do this!

Thanks to the **AllTogether Fund**, this fall we kicked off our latest round of emergency financial assistance to current and former Todos Juntos familias who are in need of Utility Assistance. And with the help of our Board, and corporate and funding partners, all of our mothers and children received a ChromeBook or Dell laptop to keep that will assist them with their ESL, children's classes, and any other digital connection need their family might have.

And a big thank you to our amazing friends at **El Buen Samaritano** and **Candlelight Ranch**, who have continued to provide food access and safe outdoor learning to our familias.

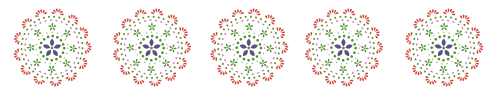
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