



todos juntos
LEARNING CENTER

2019–2020 Annual Report





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Todos Juntos Learning Center is a community where students—children and adults—build the skills and confidence they need to overcome language barriers and do what every individual deserves: dream and plan for the brightest future for themselves and their family. Todos Juntos exists because we believe that supporting families in their education is the first step towards a more equitable society.

This year, on the heels of Todos Juntos’ ten-year anniversary and a move to a new location, our local community—our world—was struck by the coronavirus pandemic.

This pandemic has laid bare inequalities in the availability of healthcare services, access to safe high quality early childhood education, access to technology and internet, and the lack of support for low-wage essential workers and their families. Our Todos Juntos community has been uniquely vulnerable to this pandemic, as have Latino, immigrant, and low-wage communities across the country. In times like this, our name is a rally call because Todos Juntos (‘Everybody Together’), exemplifies the strength of a collective to create a stronger, healthier, supportive community.

As our students faced fears about their health, housing, access to food, education, and employment, the dedicated staff, students, and friends of Todos Juntos did what they always do: they circled around each other as a comunidad. We launched our first-ever direct assistance program, raising and connecting families to nearly \$200,000 to help pay rent and utility bills, buy food, and cover healthcare expenses. We handed out masks, personal protective equipment, and healthy food for families. Las maestras (‘teachers’) began virtual classes so early childhood students could see familiar faces, sing songs, and read together, while adult students could continue to practice their English skills. As we move into the fall, we’ll continue our efforts to make sure every student has access to the technology equipment and internet access they need to learn online.

Like so many, this pandemic has shown us who we are. At Todos Juntos, we are a place that is deeply rooted in community. We are partners who believe in the power of coming together in times of joy and in crisis. We are advocates who continue to be inspired by the strength, resourcefulness, and resilience of our students and their families. We are grateful for our community—you—who continue to invest time, talent, treasure, and ties to advance the important mission of our learning center.

We invite you to stay connected with us as we continue our efforts to enrich the lives of all who walk through Todos Juntos’ classroom doors, whether those be physical or virtual. Thank you for being a valued member of our growing community!

¡Avanzando juntos!



Erica V. Ekwurzel
Board Co-Chair



Megan Olshavsky
Board Co-Chair

OUR MISSION

Todos Juntos Learning Center is a non-profit organization improving the future of Central Texas by opening the door to academic and economic success for families currently with low income and limited access to resources **through education.**

OUR VALUES

Comunidad.

COMMUNITY

Compasión.

COMPASSION

Comunicación.

COMMUNICATION





OUR APPROACH

We primarily (but not exclusively) serve Latino, Spanish-speaking, families currently with low income and limited access to resources with a three-pronged, multimodal, multigenerational approach:

- 1 *Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction*
- 2 *Culturally appropriate parenting and life skills education*
- 3 *High quality early childhood education (ECE)*

OUR IMPACT

158

STUDENTS SERVED

In 2019-2020, Todos Juntos served 158 students and maintained a 91% retention rate for enrolled families.

91%

RETENTION RATE

73% of adult students progressed to the next English level, and 74% reported feeling more confident speaking English in the community.

60,219

**MINUTES OF
AT-HOME READING**

Families reported 60,219 minutes of at-home reading, and 100% of parents reported growing in their confidence as a parent since starting at Todos Juntos.

\$162,000

**IN COVID-19
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

In response to COVID-19, the Center connected families with over \$162,000 in emergency assistance, food boxes, PPE, learning materials, technology, and safe outdoor learning experiences. The Center also tracked 262 hours of direct phone support to families from late March through June.





TESTIMONIALS

“At the beginning I had a hard time getting used to everything, like using a computer to keep my children busy while I was busy studying, but thanks to the activities of the school and Todos Juntos, I found a way to keep them busy while I was studying.”

– Ligia / MOTHER, WIFE, STUDENT

“I want to share my thanks to all the staff of Todos Juntos Learning Center for all the unconditional emotional and financial support I have received from each and every one of them.”

– Yolanda / MOTHER, WIFE, STUDENT

“I am just so proud of them. Especially those with young kids. To be able to come, participate, and focus while in the midst of a pandemic and all that is going on—that is amazing.”

– Amber / TJ ACC INSTRUCTOR

POWER OF LANGUAGE

Two longtime champions of Todos Juntos were honored on February 6, 2020 at St. David's Episcopal Church during TJ's second annual signature event Power of Language, which **raised more than \$60,000** for TJ's familias and to help build out our new home at St. John San Juan Lutheran Church.

Olga Campos Benz emceed the program, which also featured a testimonial by TJ student, Wendi Carabantes, who shared what TJ has meant to her and how learning English has empowered her and helped her family participate in Central Texas schools and workforce.

Sooch Foundation was recognized with TJ's Amistad Award and St. David's Foundation Dental Program was recognized with TJ's Comunidad Award. Both have been strong supporters since TJ opened its doors in 2009.

Gifts from **Sooch Foundation** have brought to life our programs to help adults learn to read, write and speak English and help them transition to studying at Austin Community College after graduation from TJ. Additionally, Sooch Foundation has helped TJ with connection in the community, multiple social capital opportunities and invaluable guidance to help us grow and expand to meet the needs of our parents and children.

The St. David's Foundation Dental Program has partnered with TJ since we began serving families in 2009, providing important education about dental hygiene, nutrition and health education to our mothers and children, as well dental hygiene packets including toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss. Since we opened our doors, more than 1,500 students have received dental education through St. David's Foundation staff.



COVID-19 IMPACT

To say that this spring and summer were unlike any others would be an understatement, and our families have profoundly felt it. This crisis has meant some of our families lost their jobs; some were guaranteed two weeks of pay but not beyond, and others had less work and therefore lost income.

But, thanks to our generous family of donors, TJ was able to provide funds for families to help with rent, utilities and groceries during this uncertain time.

TJ also connected families to local resources, conducted weekly check-ins, and worked to help keep everyone connected on Facebook and through live ESL classes and ECE story times. Additionally, our mothers shared with staff that they leaned on one another during this time for peer-to-peer emotional support.

This fall, TJ will offer virtual ESL and ECE classes, with weekly field trips to Candlelight Ranch for small groups, and we will continue to check in on our families to help however they need.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our COVID-19 Emergency Fund!

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It was like stopping in time, they closed the school, the gym, the stores, they cut my husband's work, and a health threat, all at the same time.”

Iris | Mother, Wife, Student

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“

We have had help from the smallest things like books, food, to big things like paying rent. We have no way to thank you for so much help and support.”

Francis | Mother, Wife, Student

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“

... it is in this crisis that we can see the solidarity of people who have the resources to help those who do not.”

Ligia | Mother, Wife, Student

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NEW HOME

COVID-19 didn't stop Todos Juntos from moving into our new home at St. John San Juan Lutheran Church in South Austin during the summer of 2020.

The new, larger space will enable TJ to add more classes and accept more adult students and their children into our program, alleviating the waiting lists TJ has had each semester for years. Additionally, the church features two spacious playgrounds and a field adjacent to the building that will be perfect for outdoor learning and celebrations in the warmer months.

Gifts from generous donors during our 2020 Power of Language event helped complete our space, providing classrooms with supplies, furniture and equipment, preparing the space for students to return. Once it is safe to hold in-person classes again, TJ's classes will resume in the new space. For now the space is being used for virtual learning and physically distanced outdoor Mami & Me sessions.

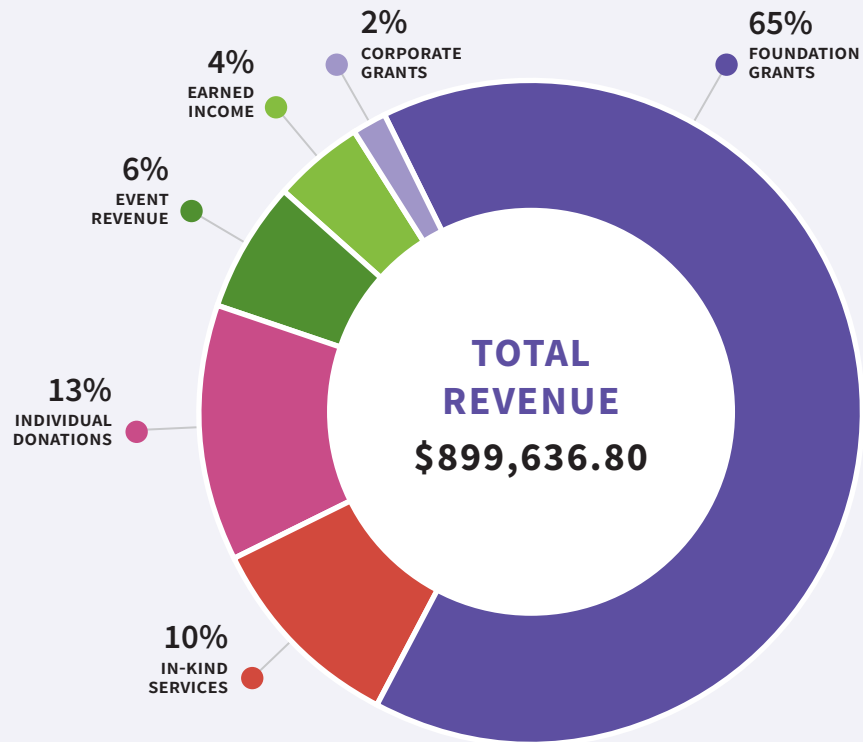
"We have been looking for a new space for years, and thankfully, we have not only found a physical building but also a community-minded partner who is as authentically passionate about serving the community as we are," said Todos Juntos Founder and Executive Director Christina Collazo. "Our new space is larger, has ample parking which is unheard of these days, and an onsite immigration advocacy group. We are thrilled to be at our new location that provides us with exclusive TJ space where our families can feel at home and safe."

One of the TJ moms said, "My daughter and I can hardly wait to get back to classes in this new building. It is beautiful!"

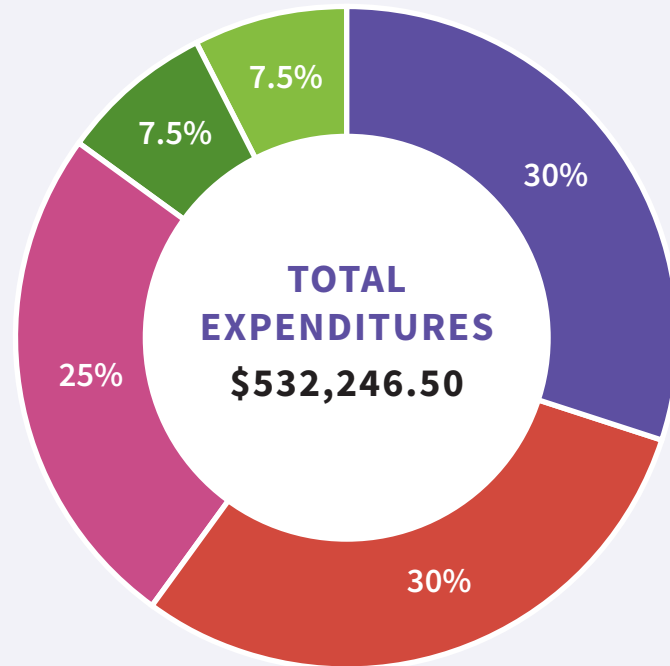
Once COVID precautions are lifted, we will resume in-person tours of the Center and we will welcome visitors.

REVENUE REPORT

Social capital, or networks of support, are the “secret sauce” of the Todos Juntos model.



CORPORATE GRANTS	\$15,764.92
FOUNDATION GRANTS	\$585,616.41
IN-KIND SERVICES	\$89,690.83
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS	\$112,655.64
EVENT REVENUE	\$56,060.00
EARNED INCOME	\$39,849.00



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
MAMI & ME PROGRAM
GENERAL
DEVELOPMENT

OUR DONORS

INDIVIDUALS

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Marisela & Alfredo Herrera
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Benevity Community Impact
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H-E-B
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Orsinger Foundation
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St. John-San Juan Lutheran
Church
Tapestry Foundation
The Long Foundation
The Patrick and Beatrice
Haggerty Foundation
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System/University of
Texas Foundation
Thundercloud Subs
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Austin
United Way of Metropolitan
Dallas
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Velocity Credit Union

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 United Way of Greater Austin
 Deloitte
 South Austin Rotary Club
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AgriLife	Hope Clinic
Armstrong Community Music School	IDEA Public Schools
Ascension Seton	Integral Health
Austin Achieve	KIPP Austin
Austin Asian Community Health Initiative	Kids in Cars
Austin Community College	Leap of Joy
Austin Fire Department	Lions Club
Austin Independent School District	Literacy Coalition of Central Texas
Austin Police Department	Mama Sana Vibrant Woman
Austin Public Health	Mission Capital
Austin Public Library	PelotonU
Austin-Travis County EMS	Planned Parenthood
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas	Rotary Club of South Austin
BookSpring	St. David's Foundation's Dental Program
Capital Metro	St. David's Episcopal Church
Candlelight Ranch	St. Edward's University S.E.R.V.E.
CentralHealth	United Way of Greater Austin
CommUnity Care	University of Texas at Austin
Dell Children's Health Plan	US Census Bureau
Del Valle Independent School District	UT Connect
Economic Growth Business Incubator (EGBI)	Volunteer Health Clinic
El Buen Samaritano	Wayside Schools
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GenerationServe	Zoofari

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