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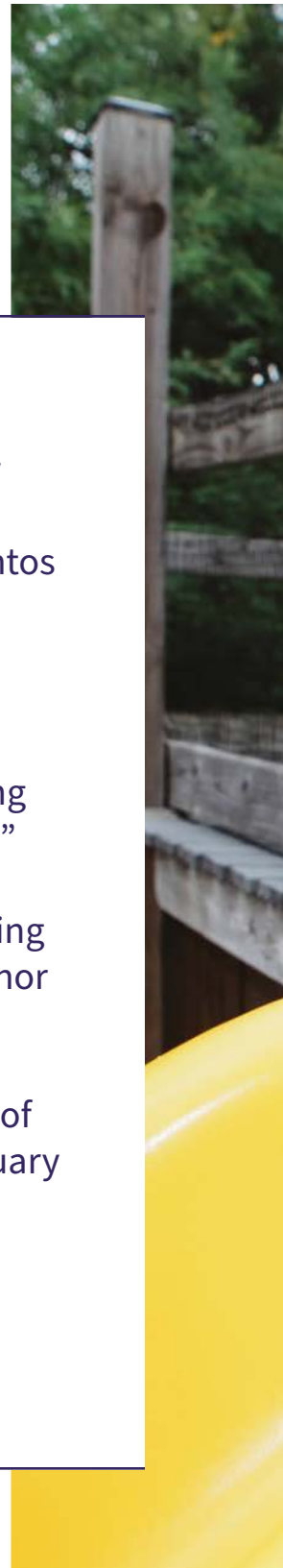
IMPACT REPORT

August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022



Highlights of the 2021-22 School Year

- ▶ Returned to in-person classes with health and safety screenings in place
- ▶ Acquired mud suits + rainboots for outdoor play/learning
- ▶ Grew staff and expanded services to our families in response to demand:
 - Added Programs Director and ECE Director
 - Added two additional ECE teachers
 - Started Saludables Juntos program
- ▶ Completed outdoor classroom renovations
- ▶ New building/facilities since last in-person year
- ▶ Built out Saludables Juntos program + plans for our social worker
- ▶ Partnered with Junior League for mural painting and virtual “read alouds”
- ▶ Completed vision planning led by volunteer and donor Andy Esparza
- ▶ Produced Virtual Power of Language event in February 2022
- ▶ 44 partnerships







Total hours of instruction in FY2022

 64,905

“My favorite part is being able to take my son with me.”

– YOLANDA R.
ESL student & ECE parent

▶ **155 adults and children** completed the 2021-22 school year

▶ Despite the challenges they faced this year with COVID, **more than half** our students went on to the next ESL level

▶ **50% of children** screened with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) were referred for early childhood intervention (ECI)

▶ **517 people** were provided basic needs support including:

- Food access
- Family outings at Candlelight Ranch
- English Buddy System to help families strengthen their English language skills outside of class time
- Tankproof swim lessons for children and water safety instruction for parents
- Weekly music classes
- Holiday gifts from St. Chubby
- Health care pláticas
- Annual Health Fair and Know Your Health Care Rights Workshop
- Vaccine clinics, PPE distribution, PSAs and other education about vaccinations

COVID Response

- ▶ \$82,190 in direct cash assistance and COVID emergency funds granted to our families. This includes more than \$5,300 in HEB gift cards and food assistance to our families in partnership with El Buen Samaritano and their Hands4Hope program.
- ▶ Partnered with Austin Public Health to produce PSA in five languages about COVID vaccines for children and teens
- ▶ Recruited and trained current and former TJ students as vaccine ambassadors



“I loved everything, it’s an organization that gives us important information about things that sometimes you don’t know where you go or what we can do.”

– CRISTINA C.
ESL student & ECE parent





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Saludables Juntos

Todos Juntos' comprehensive health program was started in the fall of 2021 to support our families. Its three primary focus areas are:

- ▶ **Mental health**
(combating stigma and increasing access)
- ▶ **Access to affordable healthcare**
- ▶ **Basic needs** (food insecurity, housing insecurity, access to dignified technology)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recruited five Vaccine Ambassadors—Todos Juntos parents—who reached out to the Spanish-speaking community to educate them about the importance of COVID vaccines and resources available for vaccinations
- Provided evening mental health workshops in partnership with YWCA
- On-site mammograms provided by The Big Pink Bus and Lone Star Circle of Care
- Had our first dedicated case worker and intern from UT School of Social Work implement and facilitate the Saludables Juntos program

Why Our Work Matters To Our Families

TJ's ECE + ESL programs

THE NEED:



In Latino families with low income, only **36%** of children are considered ready for kindergarten.



Latinos benefit the most from at least **80 days** of Pre-K the year before starting school.



40% of Central Texas Latinos feel limited by their lack of English skills in their ability to get a job.

Source: Building a Thriving Central Texas: Advancing Latino Futures, Hispanic Impact Fund of Austin Community Foundation (2021)



“My favorite part is seeing my son share and have fun with the other children and I also had fun with my classmates learn(ing) and trying to pronounce (words).”

– LEONOR P.
ESL student & ECE parent



AFTER PARTICIPATING IN TJ'S ESL & ECE PROGRAMS:



64% of the ECE students that were evaluated increased their English vocabulary in just four months.



100% of students said “YES, I feel that TJ adequately supported me/my family during this school year.”



“Everything they do is wonderful, I couldn’t be more grateful for what they offer us to be able to study English without having to leave my daughter out (of) the school.”

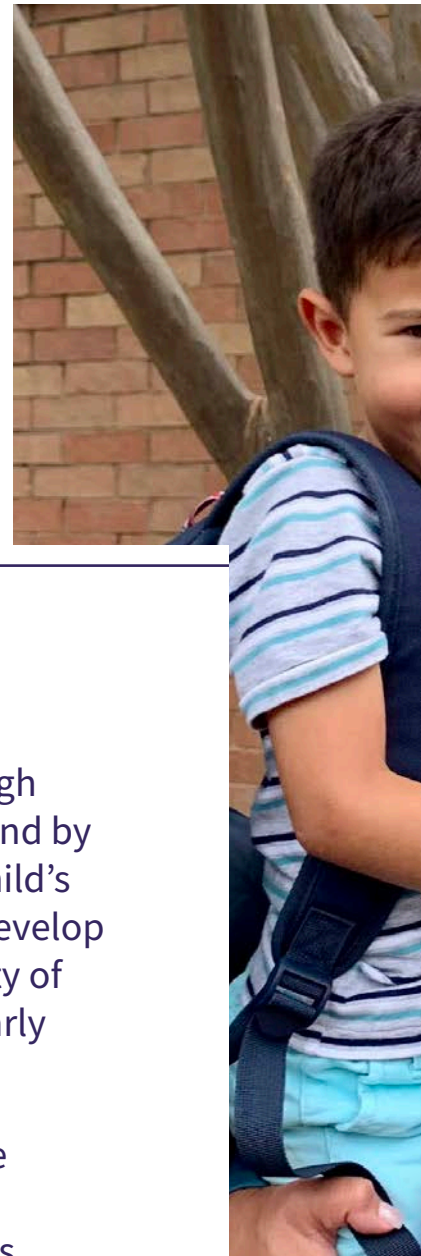
– LAURA C.
ESL student & ECE parent

“My goal for learning English is to attend my child’s high school graduation and understand everything that’s being said.”

– MARTHA G.
ESL student & ECE parent

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Mi Familia and Me



THE NEED:

Starting from birth, children develop brain connections through their everyday experiences. They're built through positive interactions with their parents and caregivers and by using their senses to interact with the world. A young child's daily experiences determine which brain connections develop and which will last for a lifetime. The amount and quality of care, stimulation and interaction they receive in their early years makes all the difference.

A child's relationships with the adults in their life are the most important influences on their brain development. Loving relationships with responsive, dependable adults are essential to a child's healthy development.

Source: First Things First
<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/early-childhood-matters/brain-development/>

“Todos Juntos is a community that values the integrity of families— young and elder— and this value very much aligns with my upbringing and the teachings I'd like to pass onto my young family.”

– ERICA VILLARREAL EKWURZEL, TJ Board Member



“I have worked at Todos Juntos for over a year and I feel honored to be part of this organization. Being an immigrant person, I can perfectly understand all the difficulties that families face when doing so. I love working at Todos Juntos because I see firsthand the benefits that families receive here.

At Todos Juntos, children and adults find a loving community that helps them to develop and grow. In my work with parents, I see their commitment to achieve a better life and give a better life to their children, striving every day to break the cycles of poverty and violence in which unfortunately many of them have grown. The stories that I have witnessed in this job show me the great impact that TJ has in the community.”

– **CLAUDIA MÉNDEZ LÓPEZ**
*Mi Familia & Me Program Coordinator,
 ECE Lead Teacher & Psychologist*

AFTER PARTICIPATING IN TJ’S MI FAMILIA AND ME:

100%

100% of parents reported that they have an improved relationship with their child.



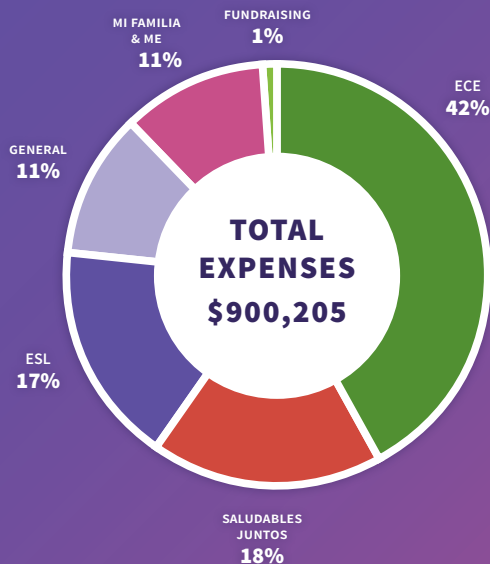
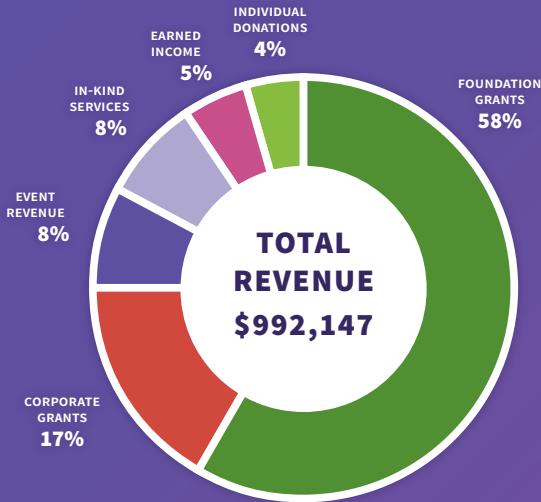
91% of parents reported that they agree or strongly agree that “*Learning at home is just as important as learning at school.*”



90% of parents stated “*I feel confident as a parent.*”



Financial Highlights:



- ▶ Expanded monthly giving circle and created major donor program: 20 monthly or recurring donors and 11 major donors confirmed
- ▶ Macbook Air computers donated by DISCO Cares

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Focus on the Future

In early 2022, Todos Juntos embarked on a journey to envision our next three years and what we want to accomplish for our families. The result was a bold, yet achievable vision plan with the following goals:

GOAL #1: Enhance Programs

GOAL #2: Expand Reach

GOAL #3: Ensure Sustainability

GOAL #4: Establish a Long-term Home

“Todos Juntos has a proven track record of delivering high quality programs and services to underserved communities. They have an outstanding team of talented professionals, a clear and inspiring long term plan, and a sustainable model for continuing the work. We are excited about continuing to be donors and volunteers in the future.”

– KAREN & ANDY ESPARZA, TJ Donors



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