



todos juntos Going Places

WHAT A GREAT SUMMER!



Reflecting on the Summer activities at Todos Juntos is always a joy: Out in the sun, we were happy to offer another year of water safety in partnership with **Tankproof**, through free swimming lessons for our TJ community at the **Austin Motel**. They also had the opportunity to create unforgettable memories at **Candlelight Ranch**, enjoying outdoor adventures. Back at the center, our **Conversation Club** offered the opportunity to curb summer learning loss for our adult students, and children thrived in **Creative Action's** engaging day camps.

We're also particularly proud of our new partnership with **St. Edward's University** to provide ongoing mental health support for our community, which will continue throughout the upcoming school year. And of course, a special thanks to the individuals and corporations like **Microsoft**, **Deloitte**, and the **conversation club volunteers** who dedicated their talents and time this summer to **volunteering with TJ**. What a great Summer we had, juntos!

NEWS FROM OUR BOARD

We are incredibly grateful for the support, guidance, and expertise of our Board of Directors. We extend our sincere thanks to **outgoing Board Chair, MJ Korpela**, as well as **Treasurer, Aman Patel**, for their invaluable contributions and dedication to Todos Juntos. We are excited to embark on this new chapter with our **New Board Chair Barbra Boeta**, along with new members **Veronica Sandoval and Sydney Padilla**, whose commitment to our cause will strengthen our impact in the community. Thank you and **Welcome to the Todos Juntos familia!**



CHANGING FUTURES

Luz's story is a testament of TJ's work and impact. Last year she was a new TJ student; this year she will come back as a Mi Familia & Me program facilitator. At Todos Juntos, she reclaimed her voice and is ready to use her skills and make a difference. Your support can help us reach our goal of \$10K to continue transforming lives through education and community support. Please help share the TJ story or visit todosjuntoslc.org to make a gift online.



MEET TODOS JUNTOS VOLUNTEER KATHIE YOUNGHANS

How did you hear about Todos Juntos?

My daughter Holley sent me here as she thought it would be a great fit for me!

What TJ program/activity have you volunteered with and how long have you been doing it?

I have only been able to do the summer conversation groups- 2 of them.

What specific aspects of your volunteer role have you found most rewarding?

It was so great to see how willing to share and engaged the women were. I so enjoyed getting to know them a bit and felt honored to be among them.

Can you share a specific story or anecdote that's special to you or that highlights the impact of your volunteer work with TJ?

I loved hearing Luz give advice to a fellow student about her experience of going to the airport and becoming a volunteer at the customer service kiosk so she could improve her English and get over her vergüenza or shyness- now that's some courage and grit!

Have you learned or developed any new skills through your volunteer work? If yes, please share an example.

I would say that it makes me more aware of just listening and waiting to respond if needed.



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OUR LITTLE LEARNERS ARE OFF TO A GREAT START!



The start of a new school year is right around the corner and we're filled with excitement as our graduated little learners prepare to embark on their next chapter in PreK-3, PreK-4, and kindergarten. ✨ Thanks to your generous support we've been able to provide La Escuelita, with essential resources our children need to thrive, at no cost to families. Our dedicated ECE team has worked tirelessly to create a nurturing environment where children learn to cooperate and empathize, build problem-solving abilities, and establish a solid foundation in reading and math. **Last year, 98% of La Escuelita students improved in Language**, and we're confident that these skills will serve our graduates well as they continue their educational journeys!

MEET TODOS JUNTOS VOLUNTEER KATHIE YOUNGHANS

What do you wish other people knew about Todos Juntos?

What a great asset you are to the community and your need for a bigger space.

Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience as a TJ volunteer?

I wish there were more volunteer opportunities that I could engage in.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of volunteering?

I am a big walker, I love yoga and Qi Gong and also cooking. I travel when I can but have an aging dog right now so not as much as I might like.

Is there a specific quote or motto that inspires you?

"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always". -Robin Williams

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I lived in Guatemala when I was 19 and was made queen of the football team and dressed up in traje- it was a big honor for me!

GTOPS RECIPIENT!



Todos Juntos has been chosen as one of the recipients of the **GTOPS grant** (Grant for Technology Opportunities Program)! This award will directly support the efforts to bridge the digital divide in Austin, with a particular focus on empowering our adult education students.

SALUDABLES JUNTOS

Getting glasses can be a hassle, especially for those without insurance! Typically, a person without insurance would need to sign up for MAP, visit a primary care doctor, and then request a vision test. Through Saludables Juntos' case management, our social work team is able to provide a [VSP Eyes of Hope](#) gift certificate for a vision test and new glasses. We're committed to removing barriers and ensuring our students have the tools they need to succeed. During our most recent school year, **Saludables Juntos provided 20 VSP gift certificates** to TJ families who benefited from this partnership. You can read more about this and other ways that Todos Juntos is helping families in Central Texas in our new **Impact Report** coming soon!

GOOD THINGS AHEAD:



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