



Tickets for our 2025 Power of Language event are sold out! Join our waitlist by contacting our Director of Institutional Advancement Delphi Alvizo at delphi@todosjuntoslc.org.

### MEET TODOS JUNTOS BOARD MEMBER

Kendra Bolton



#### **Supporting Health & Gratitude**

The UT School of Pharmacy partnered with our Saludables Juntos program to enhance awareness of available health resources for all TJ students. As part of their project, they created a beautiful Gratitude Board in November, providing a meaningful space for students to reflect and express appreciation. One of our TJ students wrote: "A heartfelt thank you to Todos Juntos for the opportunity and for helping me with my health". We are grateful for the UT School of Pharmacy students' dedication to community wellbeing and their ongoing support of Saludables Juntos!



### Expanding Access: Grant-Funded Lyft Rides for Our Families

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We are thrilled to announce that, through our partnership with **United Way of Greater Austin** and the **Family Network Service Provider**, our ECE team recently discovered a grant-funded **Lyft** service. Our dedicated **Saludables Juntos** team swiftly took on the responsibility

of attending the required training, on behalf of TJ, to become eligible participants in the program. By securing access to this program, we will be able to better support our students and families in need of transportation. The SJ team will assist students in learning how to navigate the Lyft program, which offers free, coordinated Lyft rides to enhance their mobility and access to essential services.

### What initially motivated you to join TJ's BOD?

I had recently moved back to Austin and wanted to get back into serving my community, I started as a volunteer and the rest is history!

### What specific aspects of being a board member do you find most fulfilling?

Seeing the students of all ages smile and hearing their stories of continued determination and success! And, interacting with the TJ staff!

### How has TJ changed or grown since you first joined the board?

We've moved! We've grown the staff, the number of students we serve, the number of programs we offer and the impact on our community! What hasn't changed is the dedication to the mission and awesome leader, Christina!

## What are some of your passions/hobbies outside of your professional and board work?

I love to dance! I also love to sing and taking care of my flowers!

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## **Bridging the Digital Divide: Todos Juntos' Tech Lending Library**

At Todos Juntos, we believe access to technology is essential for learning and success. That's why our Tech Lending Library is available free of charge to all TJ students through our Adelante Juntos program! With a library of laptops and mobile hotspots, students can access the tools they need for online classes, appointments, homework, and more—especially in moments when a smartphone just isn't enough. Our hotspots offer unlimited data and can be taken anywhere, ensuring uninterrupted connectivity even in rural areas.

By providing these resources, we're helping students stay connected, learn efficiently, and reach their goals.



#### MEET TODOS JUNTOS BOARD MEMBER KENDRA BOLTON

# Is there a specific quote or motto that inspires you in your leadership and decision-making?

These are guidelines that I try to remember:

- 1. There's also more to know about a situation, I probably don't have all the information, ask a question.
- 2. Laugh.
- 3. It's not a fire, unless it's a fire. Relax.

#### Mi Familia & Me Holiday Party

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The Mi Familia & Me holiday party was a joyful celebration filled with laughter, warmth, and community spirit! This special event would not have been possible without the incredible support of our dedicated staff, partners, and volunteers: Mia Mia Preschool, Consuela, Generation Serve, WeComm volunteers and board members, Vero and Sydney.



A special shoutout to **TJ volunteer Dom**, and the **Trellis Foundation volunteers**. And, of course, a huge thank you to our amazing **Mi Familia & Me and ECE teams**, whose hard work and dedication made this celebration truly magical and fun for our little learners and their families.

# What advice would you give to someone considering joining a non-profit board?

Share your knowledge, bring your creative critical thinking cap and be ready to pivot.

#### Do you have a special memory/ anecdote about TJ (community, student, event, etc) that you would like to share?

One of my favorite memories about TJ is the special Christmas partnership with Austin FC in 2023 - the surprise, gratitude, and joy that was brought to the TJ family through this partnership and all the work that was put into it was so memorable!

#### In Community

In challenging times, community and connection keep us strong. TJ remains dedicated to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive space for our students while prioritizing our team's well-being. We have prepared by establishing protocols, resources, and mental health support to navigate ongoing changes. We are committed to staying informed, adapting, and fostering hope. Juntos, we will continue to uplift and support our community with dignity, resilience, and a deep sense of belonging.



Thank you for being a thoughtful partner and committed member of our TJ community, Kendra!

