

todos juntos Going Places

The Power of Language: A Night to Remember ✨

Our hearts are full after gathering for **The Power of Language**, a night dedicated to community, connection, and the life-changing impact of education.

We were so proud to honor two true champions of our mission: **Amistad Award, Dom Incollingo**, and **Comunidad Award, CapMetro**.

The highlight of the night was hearing from our student speaker, **Rocio**. Her journey with Todos Juntos, and the bright future she is building for her daughters, reminded us all why this work matters so much.

A huge thank you to: our generous guests who stepped up during the silent auction, live auction, and "Paddles Up" to invest in our families. Our sponsors and supporters whose belief in our mission makes everything possible. Our dedicated team for pouring their hearts into making this event a massive success.

Because of you, The Power of Language event raised \$224k for our organization. We already can't wait to see you again next year! 🥳



Standing Together: Why advocacy matters

Recently, **Todos Juntos experienced a reduction in City of Austin funding**, which directly impacts our free Early Childhood and Adult Education programs, alongside many other social services providers in Austin.

As the City prepares its FY27 budget, our team and board are meeting with the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) to ensure our families' priorities are heard. Our Board Member, **Sydney Padilla Wilburn**, shared a critical truth: *"Without no-cost childcare, families are forced to choose between their income and their child's education."*

While we are hopeful, we have not been re-awarded the 10% funding cut from this year, and further cuts are anticipated.

Last year, nearly *half of the JIC's budget recommendations led to maintained or increased funding*. Your input directly influences City priorities.

Take Action: Please advocate on our behalf! Contact your City Council representative or join us at **upcoming budget hearings** to remind our leaders that investing in early education is an investment in Austin's future. We are deeply grateful to everyone standing with us for the dignity, education, and support our families deserve.

Mind, Body, and Community

At Todos Juntos, we know that true family stability includes taking care of our emotional and mental well-being, that's why we were proud to host dedicated **Mental Health Days** for our students, a space designed to help alleviate daily stressors and address the worries that often come with balancing work, school, parenthood, amongst other things. With activities like *sound bath, yoga, journaling, Zumba, and games*, our students have the opportunity to pause, breath, relax and be the best version of themselves when they leave for the day and gain tools, insights, and practices that they can carry with them into their regular day to day. A big thank you to our team for putting together this space of relaxation and self care.

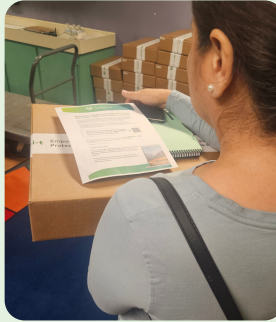
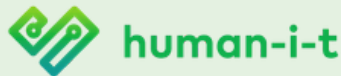


Closing the Digital Gap: Thank You, Human-I-T

Huge thanks to our partners at **Human-I-T** for **donating 75 Chromebooks to our Adult Education students!** 📖🌟 This generous donation is a true game-changer; these devices ensure that every single one of our new students now has a high-quality, fully functioning Chromebook to call their own, joining our returning students who received theirs last year. By ensuring 100% of our students now have their own device to keep, we are closing the digital divide and helping our families:

- Support their children with homework and school communication.
- Build tech literacy for career advancement.
- Pursue personal goals through online learning.

We are so grateful for partners who invest in the tools our students need to thrive and making technology a bridge to opportunity!



A note from our Founder and Executive Director, Christina Fernandez Collazo

At Todos Juntos, we talk a lot about the power of language access and belonging. I was reminded just how meaningful that work is when I had the privilege of attending the **Just Shine** book tour with my daughter and hearing **Sonia Sotomayor** speak. She shared about growing up without books in Spanish in libraries and struggling to learn English until the fourth grade.

Those experiences still shape how she sees the world. When she noticed my Todos Juntos shirt, she paused and said, “You’re right. Language should *never* be a barrier.” It was one of those moments that made me feel especially proud of the work our community is doing together.



Justice Sotomayor also graciously accepted a letter on behalf of the Todos Juntos team. Her words stuck with me: **don’t go to sleep without learning something, and keep finding ways to help your world shine and to help others shine too.** 🌟 By being part of this community, you are doing exactly that. Together, we are helping the mothers and children in our program shine as they embark on their own journeys to learn something new each day, including English.

Recognizing National Social Work Month

March is National Social Work Month, and we are proud to recognize the dedicated social workers who serve as the heart of Todos Juntos.

Our **Saludables Juntos** team does more than provide resources; they offer case management, crisis intervention, and emotional support that allow our families to move from instability to self-sufficiency. By addressing the complex barriers our students face, these professionals ensure that every child has a stable foundation for learning and every parent has a partner in their success.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our social work team for their tireless advocacy, their expert guidance, and the profound impact they make on the families we serve every single day.



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