ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018

Creating a community of compasión and comunicación.
Dear Todos Juntos Amigos,

Thank you for making 2017-18 another remarkable year for our escuelita! This August marks the beginning of a decade of service. As you can imagine, we are over the moon with pride over the strides we have made as an organization, and for the accomplishments of the more than 1,200 students we have served throughout the years.

As we begin our 10th year, we cannot help but reflect on the incredible work of our community. Our dedicated staff has done a magnificent job at expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services. Our committed Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to strengthen our long-term vision and goals. And our partners, donors, and friends have helped create a holistic approach to our dual-generation work (2 Gen), breaking down isolation and barriers, and creating a community of support for our families.

When I started the Center ten years ago, I could not have known just how meaningful and relevant this work would be today - especially to our immigrant and refugee families. And although we’ve accomplished so much, there is still more work to be done.

The path to poverty begins at an early age when children from low-income families do not have access to the same opportunities as their more advantaged peers. It continues when parents themselves struggle to access social and economic opportunities. This is especially true for immigrants who have to learn how to navigate new communities and fragmented social services, all while struggling to understand the language of their new home. Since the beginning, Todos Juntos has understood that providing services and support to both children and parents can lead to better economic and educational outcomes for the whole family.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. As we look ahead to the next year, we ask that you continue helping put our mission into action, maybe by giving mock-citizenship tests to adult students; or by reading to our littlest learners, or simply by telling others about the little school in East Austin working to change the future of our city. Thank you wholeheartedly for being part of our dual-generation community. Together we accomplish so much more!

Mil gracias,

Christina Collazo
Founder & Executive Director
WHY WE WORK WITH FAMILIES

Why Todos Juntos Exists: Todos Juntos was created as a way to reach parents and their children earlier in life when brain development and family bonds are most critical. We exist to connect the disconnected and to create a community where the whole family is supported and engaged.

How Todos Juntos Reaches Families: The Center provides three core programs: English as a Second Language instruction for adults, Early Childhood Education, and a "Mami & Me" program where parents learn about child development and interact with their children in a variety of educational activities.

Why Todos Juntos' Dual Generation Work Matters: There is a growing consensus that children cannot thrive in homes where parents struggle to make ends meet, and low-income parents cannot succeed without meaningful support for their children. Todos Juntos is the first (intensive) step on a family’s path to new opportunities.

OUR PROGRAMS

CHILDREN
Our Early Childhood Education program offers classes that teach children, ages 18 months to 4 years, the skills they need to be Pre-K ready while fostering a love of reading and learning. And on average, children gained 11 months of vocabulary skills in 8 months.

ADULTS
Our Adult English as a Second Language Program offers multi-level English classes to local adults and also helps them become Austin Community College students. Classes are taught by professional instructors, provided by Austin Community College. On average, 85% of students advance to the next level on the first try.

FAMILIES
Our Mami & Me program utilizes the "Abriendo Puertas" parenting curriculum, and empowers parents to transform their strengths into tools that will help them support their children. Through this culturally relevant program, parents and children engage in meaningful learning opportunities to foster a richer bond.

STRONGER FAMILIES, STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Studies show that $1 invested in quality early childhood education saves taxpayers $9 in future costs.

Lack of English language skills is a barrier to employment. The Texas Workforce Commission estimates the need for adult ESL will double by 2040.

Parental confidence predicts long-term success. The children of parents who are confident in their ability to support and provide for the family are less likely to exhibit behavioral problems even as teens.

In Travis County, 42 percent of all children under six years of age are living in low-income families. By building up families' language skills, preparing kids for school, and parents to actively participate in their community, we help stop childhood adversity before it begins.
Our 2017-2018 Impact

152 Austinites Served
31 program partners
85 volunteers
22,982 hours of instruction and 2,219 volunteer hours

Our staff is 100% bilingual and averages 6 years of service at Todos Juntos

Retention Rates:

Adults - 74%
Children - 86%
Families - 86%

2017-2018 Student Achievements:

82% of adult students passed their end of course exam, advancing to the next level of ESL

100% children overcame separation anxiety and on average children gained 11 months of vocabulary skills in 8 months

98% of parents reported that their relationship with their child had improved since enrolling at Todos Juntos and families logged 22,000 home reading minutes

2017-2018 in Numbers

Together, we raised $202,360 which allowed 52 children to attend high-quality early childhood programming; while 100 adults learned English; and 47 parents built stronger family relationships.

“I love it here because motivated mothers can learn English while their children are learning in bilingual classrooms next door. My students feel safe and comfortable here.” Elena, ESL instructor
SUCCESS FOR TODOS JUNTOS IS

**CHILDREN**
who are bilingual and bicultural, who are prepared socially and emotionally, who love reading, and who are school-ready.

**ADULTS**
who have the confidence, workforce skills, language skills, and social connections to successfully navigate the communities they live in.

**FAMILIES**
who are stronger; parents who know how to advocate for their children and support them in school and in life; and families who value education for generation after generation.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE SAYING

"Attending class at Todos Juntos is important for me because I am learning to read and write in English and to communicate with my peers. I also learn about other organizations and resources that invite us to participate in their services." Soraya, adult ESL student

"I have learned that Todos Juntos is more than just a physical space where learning happens. It is also a place where we all feel supported socially and emotionally, as well as academically." Janet, ESL instructor

"At Todos Juntos I learn every day. I feel more comfortable attending appointments, and understand almost everything!" Anonymous, Adult ESL student

OUR FRIENDS

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"Thank you to all who support this program that lets us have better opportunities in this country. Your donation is not money spent, it’s an investment.”
Ruth, adult ESL student
OUR COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY

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Armstrong Community Music School
American Gateways
AmeriCorps
Austin Fire Department
Austin Police Department
Austin Public Library
BookSpring
Deloitte Austin
Economic Growth Business Incubator
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Kids in Cars
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"Todos Juntos provides me with a community of friends and colleagues, and I get to feel like I am really making a real difference." Raney McKool, Partner and Volunteer Coordinator
Because of YOU, Todos Juntos has been able to do this work for 10 years! Your investment in Todos Juntos makes it possible to offer families their own path to upward mobility and brighter futures. Thank you for helping us connect families to their community and for being an important part of this amazing journey!

We hope to see you at our 10 Year Anniversary party to celebrate The Power of Language on February 7, 2019!