A Wonderful Holiday Season at TJ

TJ staff and families shared a wonderful holiday season. Thank you to all of our friends, partners, and volunteers who made December extra special. Thank you to Lions & Tigers & Toys for helping us provide each student with a special gift; Eanes Elementary Cub Scouts Pack 66 for holding a book drive to ensure each TJ child had new books for winter break; Jeanette Williams for personally purchasing new books for each TJ student; and Diana & Robert Greenfield for playing the most important roles in December - Santa and Mrs. Claus.

We would also like to give a big shout out to the St. Chubby Golf Classic group for providing ten TJ families with the joy of Christmas for the whole family. This is TJ’s third year participating in the St. Chubby project and Todos Juntos is incredibly grateful. Bill May, President & Founder of St. Chubby shared that the project was started in memory of his father, B.L. (Chubby) May, who received immense joy from dressing as Santa each year and providing children with the joy of Christmas. After his passing, his loved ones decided to hold a golf tournament and continue his tradition. Bill also shared that many of the families at Todos Juntos are the very reason they created this initiative. To learn more about this year’s golf tournament on April 25th, and their 20th Anniversary, please visit their website https://www.stchubby.com/

Citizenship

As immigrants and refugees continue to face uncertain times in our community, Todos Juntos is forging ahead to help them integrate into the community in ways that are meaningful to each family. Because of TJ, Gisela and Beatriz (featured here), successfully passed their citizenship exam and were sworn in as US Citizens this fall. Both attribute their time at TJ as reason for their success in passing and expressed gratitude to our friends and partners who help make TJ a safe place to learn together with this children - and for helping them succeed!
Census 2020

We are excited to share that Todos Juntos is one of seventeen local organizations to receive a grant to support our ongoing Census work. This support comes from a funding collaboration between United Way for Greater Austin, St. David’s Foundation, Episcopal Health Foundation and Austin Community Foundation. This collaborative funding will target hard-to-count communities in five Central Texas Counties. Census 2020 is an important initiative, as data collected will determine funding for services such as health care, housing and education. Todos Juntos is committed to continuing our work to make sure Central Texas families feel informed and prepared to participate! To volunteer of get involved with TJ’s Census work, please reach out to raney@todosjuntoslc.org. Volunteers are needed to assist our families navigate the online platform and complete the 2020 Census, exact date is TBD.

When Hispanics Rise

The Hispanic Impact Fund is a signature program of the Austin Community Foundation, which seeks to close the opportunity gap and promote the advancement of our Latino and Hispanic communities in Central Texas. We are proud to share that we have been awarded a grant for a second year to support our quality Early Childhood Ed program which currently serves 50 children four times a week. Program manager, Estevan Delgado, shares "While the Fund had the pleasure of granting Todos Juntos $20,000 during this two-year period, nothing prepared me for being able to see your founder and staff in action at Todos Juntos – you all are truly doing something magical for our community. Thank you for all you do in creating an environment where we can promote multi-generational learning, equip families with the skills and tools they need to be successful, and celebrate our diverse heritage."

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Don’t forget to mark your calendars for Amplify Austin

2020: Thu, Mar 5, 2020 at 6pm. Amplify Austin Day is our city’s annual day of giving. The 24-hour period provides an easy and fun way for our entire community to give together while helping local nonprofits. Be sure to check out TJ’s Amplify page for ways to get involved!