

Foundation Todos Juntos

Annual Report 2019



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High School and University Graduates
Photo by Henning Sac

Founded in 2001, [Foundation Todos Juntos \(FTJ\)](#) supports educational, health, public health, social, and environmental projects which aim to improve the daily life of residents of the Western Highlands of Guatemala as well as effect long-term, generational change.

Although FTJ's 16-year funding relationship with Asociación Pop Wuj ended at the end of 2018, projects which have contributed to elevating the quality of life for so many in Xela and the surrounding rural communities continued through a new partnership with Asociación 32 Volcanes, a new Guatemalan non-profit organization.

Projects Supported by Foundation Todos Juntos in 2019

- 32 Volcanes Scholarship Program
- El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos (Family Support Center)
- 32 Volcanes Nutrition Program
- 32 Volcanes Clinic
- Various Environmental Programs
- Asociación Abriendo Caminos/Pathways

Thank you so much for your support of Asociación 32 Volcanes in its first year!



Founders of Asociación 32 Volcanes
Photo courtesy of 32 Volcanes

Asociación 32 Volcanes

In December 2018 two Pop Wuj co-founders, Carmencita de Alvarado and Roney Alvarado, retired from the Spanish school in order to focus exclusively on social service, education, and health projects. The team, including Dr. Carmen Rosa Alvarado Benítez and others, founded [Asociación 32 Volcanes](#), a Guatemalan non-profit association that seeks local and international community sovereignty and autonomy for environmental and social justice.

The core commitment and people involved in the work that FTJ and our generous donors support has not changed. Rather, 32 Volcanes brings with it a renewed sense of purpose to lead opportunities to work comprehensively in Xela and the surrounding rural areas.

32 Volcanes was founded on January 2, 2019, with established programs and robust principles including: food sovereignty and nutrition; health; education; bio-regeneration, adaptation to climate change, and waste management; and culture including collective memory, identity, thought, and access to art. They carry out the mission through the strengthened Scholarship Program, Family Support Center, the Nutrition Program, the 32 Volcanes Clinic, and several environmental projects.

In 2019, Foundation Todos Juntos supported the start-up and administrative costs of the organization with a grant of \$21,018.20.



Scholarship Students from Llano del Pinal
Photo by Henning Sac

32 Volcanes Scholarship Program

The 32 Volcanes Scholarship Program provides funds and support for Guatemalan families to send their children to school. In 2019, the program provided partial scholarships for 117 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2019, eight of these students graduated from primary school. Six students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9th grade), and nine students graduated from high school. Three of the nine students in university programs graduated in 2019.

Most of the scholarship students are part of 32 Volcanes' established community groups in Chirijquiac, Llano del Pinal, San Juan Ostuncalco, and Xeabaj II. Other students live in the rural communities of the Costa Sur, Xecaracoj, Pujujil, Olintepeque, and the city of Quetzaltenango.

In addition to financial support, 32 Volcanes staff and volunteers meet monthly with the families, providing parent education and helping families navigate the educational system.

The 32 Volcanes Scholarship Program is funded almost entirely by Foundation Todos Juntos, with a total grant of \$24,907.95 in 2019. Donations made on site in Guatemala also support the Scholarship Program.

El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos



Santos and his students at the Centro de Apoyo Familiar in Llano del Pinal
Photo by Elizabeth Barnes

El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos (Family Support Center or FSC) is located in Llano del Pinal, a Maya K'iche' community south of Quetzaltenango. The FSC serves as a childcare center and after-school program for 31 children, from toddlers to 6th grade including children with special needs. Although there is a range in the family background and history of the children at the FSC, all of them come from indigenous, low-income, rural families. Six new children joined the project in 2019 including graduates of the Nutrition Program and younger siblings or cousins of 2018 participants.

Carmen de Alvarado, who is in charge of the project, meets monthly with the mothers of participants to discuss various educational, public health, environmental, and social issues. Educational support is one of the FSC's primary objectives. Most of the children attend school in the morning and then go to the project for a hot, balanced lunch and an afternoon of homework and activities. Other children who are too young for school arrive in the morning and stay all day. Most of the children also receive scholarships through the 32 Volcanes Scholarship Program. The teaching staff of the FSC is comprised entirely of former FSC participants/scholarship students from Llano del Pinal. They provide an inspiring example for the current FSC children.

El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos is largely funded by the Foundation, with a total grant of \$20,629.20 in 2019. Donations made directly in Guatemala also support the Family Support Center.

32 Volcanes Nutrition Program

In 2019 Foundation Todos Juntos also supported the Nutrition Program. The program served 140 children between the ages of 6-36 months in the rural communities of Llano del Pinal, Buena Vista, La Victoria, Pujujil, and Xeabaj II.

In partnership with [Timmy Global Health](#), 32 Volcanes staff and volunteers provided monthly education, growth monitoring, nutrition consults, medical consults for sick children, various nutritional supplements, and referrals for lab work and specialist care. Thirty-two toddlers graduated from the program with a healthy height and weight in 2019.

The Nutrition Program continued to use an egg-based formula to cover the nutritional needs of underweight babies and toddlers suffering from chronic malnutrition. Dr. Carmen Rosa Alvarado Benítez designed the formula with the support and supervision of the Institute of Nutrition in Central America and Panama.

The Nutrition Program treated cases of acute and severe chronic malnutrition as well as rotavirus and other illnesses. There was an additional need to study and monitor babies with severe cases of malnutrition or who had diseases adjacent to this condition. Nutrition Program staff also referred babies and toddlers for exams, provided follow up care, and/or sent the children to a specialist for recommendations to work together to improve their health.

Eighteen cases of acute malnutrition were detected during 2019, however 14 of these children recovered by the end of the year. The remaining four children with acute malnutrition continue in the program toward a healthy height and weight.

Foundation Todos Juntos supported the Nutrition Program with a grant of \$10,214.82 in 2019. Donations made directly in Guatemala as well as support from Timmy Global Health also funded the Nutrition Program.



A Nutrition Program graduate with her mother
Photo courtesy of 32 Volcanes



Planting pine trees in Valle Palajunoj
Photo by Carmen Rosa Alvarado Benítez

Environmental Projects

Asociación 32 Volcanes developed several small environmental programs in 2019 including reforestation, family gardens, recycling, and environmental education.

- **Reforestation:** 32 Volcanes staff, volunteers, and Scholarship and Family Support Center participants planted 600 trees in four locations in the Valle Palajunoj.
- Staff and volunteers set up four **Family Gardens** with high-risk families and conducted five organic garden workshops on vermicompost, compost, and oyster mushroom cultivation to support families in consuming what they can grow at home and encourage a change to a more nutritious diet with a reduced ecological footprint.
- **Recycling Program:** 32 Volcanes and the FSC in Llano del Pinal collect plastic, glass, aluminum, scrap metal and tin, paper, and cardboard to sell. The intention of the Recycling Program is to reduce the amount of litter and the amount of recyclable materials in landfills as well as encourage good stewardship of the environment.
- 32 Volcanes includes **Environmental Education** in all its projects. They also offered their first academic session on food sovereignty to medical and nutrition students in their last year of university.

In 2019 FTJ did not provide funds to directly support the various environmental projects however we look forward to growing our support of these important initiatives.

32 Volcanes Clinic

32 Volcanes provides medical and health services via its clinic, mobile clinic, and chronic and referral patient care. These programs are funded in part by Timmy Global Health, income generated by the Clinic, and a grant from Foundation Todos Juntos.

The 32 Volcanes Clinic operates in the city of Quetzaltenango three mornings per week. Mobile clinics are conducted five times per year in collaboration with [Timmy Global Health](#). The mobile clinics serve the communities of Llano del Pinal, Xeabaj II, Pujujil, and San Juan Buena Vista. Staffed by two local doctors, a local nurse, and foreign and local volunteers, the clinic serves approximately 18 patients per week. 32 Volcanes assists with specialist referrals and chronic patient care as needed. Health education is also provided at the clinic.

The clinic is free to anyone who participates in other 32 Volcanes projects. Other individuals are charged a small fee of Q40 (approximately \$5.35 USD) plus one pound of Incaparina or Q50 (approximately \$6.65 USD). The fee includes a medical consult with a doctor and medication as needed.

In 2019, Foundation Todos Juntos supported the 32 Volcanes Clinic with a grant of \$2,108.44.

Asociación Abriendo Caminos/Pathways

Asociación Abriendo Caminos (Pathways) is a Guatemalan non-profit organization created to meet the needs of youth and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in and around Quetzaltenango.

In 2018 Abriendo Caminos began a re-structuring process to adopt a broader scope and a systematic approach to improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Abriendo Caminos board of directors developed relationships with several organizations supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and created a plan to provide resources including training, support from specialists, material donations, and expanded capacity for evaluation and follow-up care.

Foundation Todos Juntos continued to support the work of Abriendo Caminos however no request for funding was made to FTJ in 2019.

2019 Financial Summary

Revenues:

Private Donations	\$84,904	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$84,904	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	\$59,395	
Total Available Resources	\$144,299	

Expenditures:

32 Volcanes Scholarship Program	\$24,908	30.3%
Asociación 32 Volcanes	\$21,018	25.5%
Centro de Apoyo Familiar (Family Support Center)	\$20,629	25.1%
32 Volcanes Nutrition Program	\$10,215	12.4%
32 Volcanes Clinic	\$2,108	2.6%
Total Programmatic Expenditures	\$78,879	95.8%
General Administration Expenses	\$3,445	4.2%
Total Expenditures	\$82,323	100.0%

Ending Fund Balance	\$61,976
Total Commitments/Fund Balance¹	\$144,299

¹The funds available at the end of the year were largely committed to 2020 projects.

Note

Starting in 2015 Foundation Todos Juntos financial reports have been compiled using Cash Basis Accounting for both income and expenses.

Definitions

Beginning Fund Balance

Actual funds available on January 1, 2019.

Expenditures

The actual (i.e. cash-based funding) for all quarters of 2019.

Foundation General Administration

Foundation general administration fees include wire transfer and PayPal fees, professional accounting services, registration with appropriate state authorities, postage, and insurance.

Private Donations

Private donations represent the total funds donated by individuals and organizations.

Foundation Todos Juntos extends special thanks to our loyal donors. Nearly 100% of the Foundation Todos Juntos funding comes from our generous donors. Even small donations go far.

Support educational, social, health, public health, and environmental projects and make a tangible difference in the life of a child, family, or community in Guatemala.

Donate Today!



Family Support Center Participants, Llano del Pinal
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