

# Foundation Todos Juntos

## Annual Report 2012



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Founded in 2001, Foundation Todos Juntos supports organizations that focus on financial aid for education, healthcare, public health, and social projects in Highland Guatemala. The Foundation also assists educational institutions such as language schools for non-Guatemalans in Highland Guatemala.

Foundation Todos Juntos supports educational, social, health, and environmental projects which aim to improve the daily life of residents of the Guatemalan Highlands.

### **Projects Funded by the Foundation Todos Juntos in 2012**

#### **Educational Projects**

- Pop Wuj Scholarship Program
- El Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj

#### **Social Projects**

- El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos (Family Support Center)
- Jóvenes Juntos
- Voces de Cambio

#### **Health/Public Health Programs**

- The Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects
- The Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project

## Pop Wuj Scholarship Program

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program provides funds and support for families to send their children to school. In 2012 the program provided partial scholarships for 131 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2012 seven of these students graduated from primary school. Nine students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9<sup>th</sup> grade) and three students studied in post-secondary programs.

Most of the scholarship students are part of Pop Wuj's established community groups in Chirijkiak, Llanos del Pinal, San Juan Ostucalco, and Xeabaj II. Other students live in nearby communities including the Southern Pacific Coast, Xecaracoj, Tierra Colorada, Momostenango, Pujujil, as well as within the city of Quetzaltenango.

In addition to the financial support, Pop Wuj staff meets monthly with the families, providing education and helping families navigate the educational system.

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program is funded in part by the Foundation Todos Juntos, with a total grant of \$13,074 in 2012.

## El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos

El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos (Family Support Center, formerly La Guardería) is located in Llanos del Pinal, a Maya K'iche community south of Quetzaltenango. The Family Support Center serves as a before and after school program for 36 children and teens, ages 2 to 18. While there are a few other daycares in Llanos del Pinal, this is the only educational support project for school-age children. Although there is a range in the family background and history of children at the Family Support Center, all of them come from poor, rural families. Carmen de Alvarado, who is in charge of all of the social projects at Pop Wuj, meets monthly with the mothers to discuss various educational, public health, and social issues.

Educational support is one of the Family Support Center's primary objectives. Most of the children attend school in the morning and arrive for a hot, balanced lunch. Other children who are too young for school or who attend school in the afternoon arrive in the morning. The majority of the children also receive scholarships through the Pop Wuj Scholarship Program.

El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos is funded in part by the Foundation, with a total grant of \$21,274 in 2012.



## Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project

The Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project is a joint endeavor between Pop Wuj and various communities surrounding Quetzaltenango to construct safe cook stoves to replace open fires in the home. The safe stove design allows the project to integrate elements of public health promotion, environmental protection, financial welfare, and cultural appropriateness into a relatively inexpensive, durable, and easy-to-construct stove. Foreign volunteers and Guatemalan professionals work in concert with local families and community leaders to build safe stoves and address short- and long-term issues facing the community. In 2012, Pop Wuj built 42 safe stoves in Llanos del Pinal and Xepache.

**Health Benefits** – Respiratory illness, often as a result of smoke inhalation, is currently the leading cause of death among children in Guatemala and has become a serious health issue for adults as well. Safe stoves funnel smoke out of the home, thus reducing the primary cause of respiratory illness in Guatemala.

**Environmental and Financial Benefits**– Safe stoves are much more fuel efficient than an open fire. As a result, more trees are left standing and fewer harmful pollutants are released into the air. In addition, families save the time required to collect firewood and/or the money necessary to purchase it.

The Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project is partially funded by the Foundation Todos Juntos, with a grant of \$309 in 2012.

# Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects

Pop Wuj provides medical and public health services via its clinic, mobile clinic, and chronic patient care.

The Pop Wuj Clinic operates in the city of Quetzaltenango two mornings per week and in a rural community one morning per week. The communities served by the mobile clinic include Chirijkiak, Buena Vista, Concepción Chiquirichapa, Xeabaj II, Pujujil, Llanos del Pinal, and the Escuela Xelaju, a special needs school in Quetzaltenango. Staffed by two local doctors, a nurse, and foreign volunteers, the clinic sees approximately 75 patients per week. Pop Wuj assists with specialist referrals and chronic patient care as needed.

[Timmy Global Health](#) funds a large portion of the Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects. The Foundation Todos Juntos partially funded these projects with a total grant of \$190.00 in 2012.



Photo by Caroline Yung



# El Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj



Photo by Caroline Yung

[El Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj](#) is a non-profit Spanish language school located in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. The school offers language education, cultural immersion, and volunteer opportunities via its various Spanish programs. Pop Wuj's language programs include the Spanish Immersion Program, the Medical Spanish Program, the Social Work Spanish Program, and Spanish for Educators. The Foundation sent Pop Wuj \$28,813 in registration fees in 2012.

## Jóvenes Juntos

Jóvenes Juntos is a youth development program that encompasses a broad scope of activities for the older children who attend the Family Support Center (El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos) in Llanos del Pinal. Jóvenes Juntos was created to complement the existing programming at the Family Support Center and includes self-esteem building, teambuilding, and leadership development activities; supervised recreational activities; environmental activities; educational support; and occasional field trips to Quetzaltenango. Jóvenes Juntos worked with 15 youth in 2012. In 2012 Jóvenes Juntos received a grant of \$48 from the Foundation Todos Juntos.

## Voces de Cambio

Foundation Todos Juntos is the fiscal sponsor of [Voces de Cambio](#), a Quetzaltenango-based project that fosters young women's intellectual and creative growth, self-confidence, and ability to participate as active leaders in the development of a just and democratic society. Voces de Cambio focuses on the exploration of issues such as discrimination, gender equality, and civic engagement.

Since 2006 Voces de Cambio has offered 15-week writing and photography courses to indigenous and non-indigenous girls. The central question of this program is, "What does it mean to be a woman in Guatemala?" By providing a safe space, building self-esteem, teaching critical thinking skills, and fostering intellectual and creative growth, Voces de Cambio is addressing the need for a new generation of Guatemalan women to become their country's future leaders.

In 2012 Voces de Cambio offered writing and photography sessions and continued its Young Women's Network activities. In 2012 Voces de Cambio received \$2,375.00.

## Financial Summary

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### Revenues:

Private Donations	\$45,271	59.8%
Pop Wuj Registration Fees via PayPal	\$30,364	40.1%
Interest	\$7	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$75,642</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$30,587</b>	
<b>Total Available Resources</b>	<b>\$106,229</b>	

### Expenditures:

Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj (Registration)	\$28,813	42.0%
Centro de Apoyo Familiar	\$21,274	31.0%
Pop Wuj Scholarship Program	\$13,074	19.1%
Foundation Todos Juntos General Administration	\$2,517	3.7%
Voces de Cambio	\$2,375	3.5%
Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project	\$309	0.5%
Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects	\$190	0.3%
Jovenes Juntos	\$48	0.1%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$68,600</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance*</b>	<b>\$37,629</b>	
<b>Total Commitments/Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$106,229</b>	

\*Please note that the 2013 First Quarter Wire Transfer (\$17,354.40) was sent to the projects in Guatemala on 12/31/12. Therefore, the Total Expenditures and Ending Fund Balance shown above in this 2012 Foundation Todos Juntos Annual Report differ from the Foundation's professionally-prepared Tax Form 990 for 2012 by precisely the amount of the 2013 First Quarter Wire Transfer. The 2013 First Quarter expenditures will be represented in the 2013 Foundation Todos Juntos Annual Report.

## Definitions

### **Beginning Balance**

Estimated funds remaining from the previous calendar year. These remaining funds include: 1) unexpended appropriations related to donations received October-December 2011 and 2) the previous year's reserves.

### **Private Donations**

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

### **Pop Wuj Registration Fees via PayPal**

Pop Wuj registration fees via PayPal represent funds received by the Foundation on behalf of the Pop Wuj Spanish Language School. When a student registers for classes they pay a registration fee via PayPal. Because PayPal does not work with Guatemalan banks, the Foundation assists in administering the registration fees.

### **Interest**

Interest earned on fund balances throughout the year.

### **General Administration**

Administration fees include the cost of website hosting, wire transfer and other bank fees, PayPal fees, professional accounting services, registration with appropriate state authorities, and printing and postage fees.

For updates or to learn more about the projects that  
Foundation Todos Juntos supports, please visit:

<http://www.pop-wuj.org/>

<http://proyectospopwuj.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PopWujSpanishSchoolGuatemala>

<http://www.vocesdecambio.org/>

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