

Foundation Todos Juntos

Annual Report 2013



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2013 High School Graduates from the Pop Wuj Scholarship Program

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 projects which aim to improve the daily life of residents of the Guatemalan Highlands.

Projects Funded by the Foundation Todos Juntos in 2013

Educational and Social Projects

- Pop Wuj Scholarship Program
- El Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj
- El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos (Family Support Center)
- Voces de Cambio

Health/Public Health Programs

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



Family Support Center participants during a hike in Llanos del Pinal

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 39 children and teens, ages 3 to 19. 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 at the project where they receive 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 \$17,021 in 2013.

Pop Wuj Scholarship Program

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program provides funds and support for families to send their children to school. In 2013, the program provided partial scholarships for 124 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2013, fifteen of these students graduated from primary school. Thirteen students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9th grade), seven graduated from high school, and two students studied in post-secondary programs.

Most of the scholarship students are part of Pop Wuj's established community groups in Chiriquiac, 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 parent 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 \$16,107 in 2013.

El Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj



Photo by Jeff Leventhal

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 \$25,014 in registration fees in 2013.



Doña Lidia Elizabeth and her children with their new Safe Stove in Llanos del Pinal

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 project integrates elements of public health, environmental protection, financial welfare, and cultural appropriateness into an inexpensive, durable, and easy-to-construct stove. Foreign volunteers and Guatemalan professionals work with local families and community leaders to build safe stoves and address short- and long-term issues facing the community. In 2013, Pop Wuj built 43 safe stoves in Llanos del Pinal and La Victoria.

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 \$1,862 in 2013.

Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects

Pop Wuj provides medical and public health services via its clinic, mobile clinic, and chronic and referral 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 Chirijquiac, 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. Health education is also provided at the clinic.

[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 \$624 in 2013.

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?"

In 2013, Voces de Cambio offered the basic writing and photography program to 15 young women. Voces de Cambio also continued its Young Women's Network activities, including advanced radio production, creating 18 public service announcements in Spanish, K'iche', and Mam. The Young Women's Network now boasts over 50 active members. In 2013, Voces de Cambio received \$2,952 through Foundation Todos Juntos.

Financial Summary

The Foundation's Financial Reports are compiled using Cash-Based Accounting

	CY 2012		CY 2013	
Revenues:				
Private Donations	\$45,271	59.8%	\$52,633	64.7%
Pop Wuj Registration Fees via PayPal	\$30,364	40.1%	\$28,760	35.3%
Interest	\$7	0.0%	\$9	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$75,642	100.0%	\$81,402	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	\$30,587		\$37,629	
Total Available Resources	\$106,229		\$119,031	
Expenditures:				
Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj (Registration)	\$28,813	42.0%	\$25,014	36.9%
Centro de Apoyo Familiar	\$21,274	31.0%	\$17,021	25.1%
Pop Wuj Scholarship Program	\$13,074	19.1%	\$16,107	23.7%
Foundation General Administration ¹	\$2,517	3.7%	\$4,253	6.3%
Voces de Cambio	\$2,375	3.5%	\$2,953	4.4%
Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project	\$309	0.5%	\$1,862	2.7%
Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects	\$190	0.3%	\$624	0.9%
Jovenes Juntos	\$48	0.1%	\$0	N/A
Total Expenditures	\$68,600	100.0%	\$67,834	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$37,629		\$51,197	
Total Commitments/Fund Balance	\$106,229		\$119,031	

1: Foundation General Administration expenses rose from 3.7% to 6.3% of total expenditure in 2013, due to a high level of PayPal donation charges in the 4th Quarter. These PayPal donations were then disbursed in the 1st Quarter of 2014. This ratio is expected to return to 2012 levels in 2014.

Definitions

Beginning Balance

Estimated funds remaining from the previous calendar year. These remaining funds include 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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