

Foundation Todos Juntos



Annual Report 2014

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2014 High School Graduates from the Pop Wuj Scholarship Program
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Founded in 2001, Foundation Todos Juntos supports organizations that focus on 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 as well as affect long-term, generational change.

Projects Funded by the Foundation Todos Juntos in 2014

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

Pop Wuj Scholarship Program

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program provides funds and support for families to send their children to school. In 2014, the program provided partial scholarships for 137 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2014, ten of these students graduated from primary school. Sixteen students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9th grade), twelve students graduated from high school, and five students studied in post-secondary programs.

Most of the scholarship students are part of Pop Wuj's established community groups in Chiriquiac, Llano del Pinal, San Juan Ostuncalco, and Xeabaj II. Other students live in nearby communities including the Southern Pacific Coast, Xecaracoj, Momostenango, Pujujil, Cajolá Chiquito, Olintepeque, and the city of Quetzaltenango.

In addition to 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 by the Foundation Todos Juntos, with a total grant of \$25,111 in 2014.

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 \$22,745 in registration fees in 2014.



Evelyn, reading at the Family Support Center
Photo by Jeff Leventhal

El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos

El Centro de Apoyo Familiar Todos Juntos (Family Support Center, formerly La Guardería) is located in Llano del Pinal, a Maya K'iche' community south of Quetzaltenango. The Family Support Center serves as a before- and after- school program for 41 children and teens, ages 1 to 18. While there are a few other daycares in Llano 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 the 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 then 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 partially funded by the Foundation, with a total grant of \$22,824 in 2014.

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.

In 2014, Voces de Cambio offered the basic writing and photography program to 13 young women. Voces de Cambio also continued its Young Women's Network activities, including a muralism workshop. The Young Women's Network increased its membership to more than 60 active members. In 2014, Voces de Cambio received \$950 through Foundation Todos Juntos.

Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects

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

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 Chiriquiac, Buena Vista, Xeabaj II, Pujujil, Llano 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.

In 2014, Foundation Todos Juntos also supported the Pop Wuj Nutrition Program. Approximately 75 babies between the ages of 6 months and 24 months and their mothers in Llano del Pinal, Buena Vista, and La Victoria participate in the Nutrition Program. Pop Wuj provides education, growth monitoring, nutrition consults, and various nutritional supplements each month. Pop Wuj provides a fortified peanut butter supplement for the babies, pre-natal vitamins for the mothers, and children's vitamins for other children in the family.

The Pop Wuj Public Health and Medical Projects are funded in large part by the profits of the Pop Wuj Medical Spanish Program and [Timmy Global Health](#). In 2014, Foundation Todos Juntos partially funded the clinic and mobile clinic with a grant of \$329 and the nutrition program with a grant of \$71.



Carmelina, finishing a Safe Stove in Llano del Pinal
Photo by John Hann

Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project

The Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project is a joint endeavor between Pop Wuj and rural 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 2014, Pop Wuj built 25 safe stoves in Llano del Pinal.

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 \$1,790 in 2014.

Financial Summary

The Foundation Todos Juntos financial reports are compiled using Cash Basis Accounting

	CY 2013		CY 2014	
Revenues:				
Private Donations	\$45,389	61.2%	\$42,806	64.1%
Pop Wuj Registration Fees via PayPal	\$28,760	38.8%	\$23,942	35.9%
Interest	\$9	0.0%	\$8	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$74,158	100.0%	\$66,756	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	\$37,629		\$43,954	
Total Available Resources	\$111,787		\$110,710	
Expenditures:				
Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj (Registration)	\$25,014	36.9%	\$22,745	29.6%
Centro de Apoyo Familiar	\$17,021	25.1%	\$22,824	29.7%
Pop Wuj Scholarship Program	\$16,107	23.7%	\$25,111	32.7%
Foundation General Administration	\$4,253	6.3%	\$2,993	3.9%
Voces de Cambio	\$2,953	4.4%	\$950	1.2%
Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project	\$1,862	2.7%	\$1,790	2.3%
Pop Wuj Public Health & Medical Projects	\$624	0.9%	\$329	0.4%
Nutrition Program			\$71	0.1%
Total Expenditures	\$67,834	100.0%	\$76,813	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$43,954		\$33,897	
Total Commitments/Fund Balance	\$111,787		\$110,710	

Note:

The CY 2013 private donation revenue was adjusted from \$52,633 to \$45,389 because \$7,243.79 of income was incorrectly recognized in December, 2013 but due to cash-based accounting practices it should have been recognized as received in January, 2014.

Definitions

Beginning Fund 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>

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