

Foundation Todos Juntos

Annual Report 2015



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New Scholarship Program Students from Xeabaj II
Photo by Amy Scheuren

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 Foundation Todos Juntos in 2015

Educational and Social Projects

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

Health/Public Health Programs

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

Thank you for your support of these vital projects!



Chirijquiac Scholarship Students and Family Members
Photo by Amy Scheuren

Pop Wuj Scholarship Program

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program provides funds and support for families to send their children to school. In 2015, the program provided partial scholarships for 132 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2015, fifteen of these students graduated from primary school. Six students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9th grade), six students graduated from high school, and ten students studied in post-secondary programs.

Most of the scholarship students are part of Pop Wuj's established community groups in Chirijquiac, 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, Olinstepeque, and the city of Quetzaltenango.

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

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program is funded by Foundation Todos Juntos, with a total grant of \$17,650 in 2015.



Ismael and Wilson Hard at Work 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) 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 40 children and teens, from toddlers to high school students. 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 indigenous, low-income, 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.

Christmas at the Family Support Center

From the [Pop Wuj Projects Blog](#), we invite you to catch a glimpse of the 2015 Family Support Center Christmas celebration.

Our final Family Support Center activity of 2015 was the Christmas Party. We invited the participants' family members to join the kids, the staff, and volunteers at the Family Support Center on Thursday, December 17th.

We arrived with piles and piles of gifts for the children, staff, and parents. Each child received a new pair of school shoes, a new fleece jacket, and a small gift. The staff members also received a fleece jacket and all of the parents received photos of their children. After distributing the gifts, everyone enjoyed a traditional Guatemalan Christmas meal of tamales de arroz and caliente (rice tamales and a hot fruit and spice drink).

Thanks to Carmencita's (the director) tenacious Christmas shopping, we found candy canes in the Terminal Market and were able to play Dawn's (a long-term volunteer) candy cane game. The object of the game is to pass the candy cane down the line, using only your candy cane--which is in your mouth! We played three rounds with the kids and one round with the parents. Everyone got at least one candy cane to enjoy--and some persuasive 11 year olds also received an extra candy cane.

For photos of the event and regular updates, please visit the [blog](#).

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, including the Spanish Immersion Program, the Medical Spanish Program, the Social Work Spanish Program, Spanish for Educators, and Online Spanish.

The Foundation sent Pop Wuj \$6,164 in registration fees in 2015.



Carmelina, finishing a Safe Stove in Llano del Pinal
Photo by Victor Glass

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 2015, Pop Wuj built 20 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 Foundation Todos Juntos, with a grant of \$2,487 in 2015.



Mothers and Children at the Nutrition Program
Photo by Jeff Leventhal

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. These programs are funded in large part by the profits of the Pop Wuj Medical Spanish Program and Timmy Global Health.

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, 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 2015, Foundation Todos Juntos also supported the Pop Wuj Nutrition Program. The program served 162 children between the ages of 6-36 months in Llano del Pinal, Buena Vista, and La Victoria. Pop Wuj provides monthly education, growth monitoring, nutrition consults, various nutritional supplements, and referral for lab work and specialist care. 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.

In 2015, Foundation Todos Juntos supported the clinic and mobile clinic with a grant of \$48 and the nutrition program with a grant of \$126.

Voces de Cambio



Quetzaltenango

Photo by Sarai, Voces de Cambio Participant

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 explores issues of discrimination, gender equality, and civic engagement.

In 2015, the U.S. board of directors and local Guatemalan staff of Voces de Cambio determined that organizational changes were needed to improve organizational sustainability. As such, Voces de Cambio hired a U.S.-based part-time development staff person to help strengthen their board of directors, guide their fundraising, and increase the effectiveness of their outreach efforts. In Guatemala the Young Women's Network continues to include more than 60 members.

In 2015, Voces de Cambio received \$5,700 through Foundation Todos Juntos.

2015 Financial Summary

Revenues:

Private Donations	\$65,655	95.1%
Pop Wuj Registration Fees via PayPal	\$3,371	4.9%
Interest	\$1	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$69,027	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	\$33,997	
Total Available Resources	\$103,024	

Expenditures*:

Centro de Apoyo Familiar (Family Support Center)	\$23,820	40.3%
Pop Wuj Scholarship Program	\$17,650	29.9%
Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj (Registration)	\$6,164	10.4%
Voces de Cambio	\$5,700	9.7%
Foundation General Administration	\$3,059	5.2%
Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project	\$2,487	4.2%
Pop Wuj Nutrition Program	\$126	0.2%
Pop Wuj Clinic and Moblie Clinic	\$48	0.1%
Total Expenditures	\$59,054	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$43,970	
Total Commitments/Fund Balance	\$103,024	

Notes:

Starting in 2015 Foundation Todos Juntos financial reports are compiled using Cash Basis Accounting for both income and expenses. Previously the expenses were reported under the accrual method. As such the 2015 first quarter Pop Wuj projects funding was reported as an accrued expense for 2014.

**Expenditures report the actual (i.e. cash-based) funding for all four quarters of 2015.*

Definitions

Beginning Fund Balance

Actual funds available on January 1, 2015.

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. In March, 2015, Pop Wuj began using a secure, Guatemalan online payment system and no longer required assistance from the Foundation.

Foundation General Administration

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

Foundation Todos Juntos extends special thanks to our loyal donors. Over 95% of the Foundation Todos Juntos funding for these programs comes from our generous donors. Even small donations go far.

Won't you help us support concrete changes in the life of a child or family?

- \$18.75 supports a child at the Family Support Center for 1 week
- \$35 treats a baby's malnutrition for one month
- \$160 builds one Safe Stove
- \$170 supports the education of one student for a year

Donate Today!



Mothers in La Victoria, Guatemala
Photo by Jeff Leventhal

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

Pop Wuj Spanish Language School

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