

Foundation Todos Juntos

Annual Report 2016



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Llano del Pinal Scholarship Students
Photo by Lily Bodinson

Founded in 2001, Foundation Todos Juntos supports organizations that focus on education, healthcare, public health, and social projects in the Western Highlands of 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 2016

Educational and Social Projects

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

Health/Public Health Programs

- The Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project
- The Pop Wuj Clinic
- The Pop Wuj Nutrition Program

Thank you for your support of these vital projects!



Some of the Xeabaj II Scholarship Students
Photo by Lily Bodinson

Pop Wuj Scholarship Program

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program provides funds and support for Guatemalan families to send their children to school. In 2016, the program provided partial scholarships for 122 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2016, eight of these students graduated from primary school. Eight students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9th grade), nine students graduated from high school, and twelve 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 the rural communities of 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 in large part by Foundation Todos Juntos, with a total grant of \$21,454 in 2016. Profits of the [Pop Wuj Spanish Language School](#) also support the Scholarship Program.



Teacher Santos with the Youngest Group at the Family Support Center
Photo by Elizabeth Barnes

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 childcare center and after-school program for 25 children, from toddlers to 6th grade. 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.

After many years of being housed in a private home, in 2016 the project moved into the Centro Polifuncional Ixcanul Noj, a community center in Llanos del Pinal. The move provided improved classroom space as well as a walled courtyard for safe outdoor activities and play.

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 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 \$18,727 in 2016.

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 2016, Pop Wuj built 36 safe stoves in Llano del Pinal. In May 2016, Pop Wuj increased the building pace by adding a second stove construction day each week. This allowed more safe stoves to be completed, thus increasing the number of families benefiting from the improved air quality and decreased expenses.



Cooking Conditions before the
Safe Stove Project, Llano del Pinal
Photo by Amy Scheuren

Health Benefits – Respiratory illness, often as a result of indoor air pollution and smoke inhalation, is one of the leading causes of death among children in Guatemala and is 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 primarily funded by Foundation Todos Juntos, with a grant of \$5,328 in 2016.



Twin participants in the Nutrition Program
Photo by Dr. Carlos de Leon

Pop Wuj Nutrition Program

In 2016, Foundation Todos Juntos also supported the Pop Wuj Nutrition Program. The program served 138 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 referrals for lab work and specialist care. Pop Wuj provides fortified peanut butter supplements for the babies, pre-natal vitamins for the mothers, and children's vitamins for other children in the family.

In 2016, the Nutrition Program budget increased more than expected due to the need to treat cases of acute malnutrition, severe chronic malnutrition, rotavirus, and other unexpected illnesses. Pop Wuj paid for specialist care, lab work, and medications for sick babies and toddlers. Staff costs also increased due to hiring a pediatrician to direct the program.

In 2016, Foundation Todos Juntos supported the nutrition program with a grant of \$11,784. Association Pop Wuj's profits and proceeds from benefits as well as support from Timmy Global Health also fund the Nutrition Program.

Pop Wuj Clinic

Pop Wuj provides medical and health services via its clinic, mobile clinic, and chronic and referral patient care. 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 local nurse, and foreign and local 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 2016, Foundation Todos Juntos supported the clinic and mobile clinic with a grant of \$464.

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

In 2016, the U.S. board of directors of Voces de Cambio and local Guatemalan staff continued to work on organizational changes to improve organizational sustainability. In 2016, Voces de Cambio received \$4,750 through Foundation Todos Juntos.

*Unfortunately, Voces de Cambio's 2016 annual report was not available at the time of publication.

2016 Financial Summary

Revenues:

Private Donations	\$56,191	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$56,191	100.0%
<u>Beginning Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$43,971</u>	
Total Available Resources	\$100,162	

Expenditures*:

Pop Wuj Scholarship Program	\$21,454	32.7%
Centro de Apoyo Familiar (Family Support Center)	\$18,727	28.6%
Pop Wuj Nutrition Program	\$11,784	18.0%
Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project	\$5,328	8.1%
Voces de Cambio	\$4,750	7.2%
Foundation General Administration	\$3,049	4.7%
<u>Pop Wuj Clinic and Mobile Clinic</u>	<u>\$464</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total Expenditures	\$65,556	100.0%
<u>Ending Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$34,605</u>	
Total Commitments/Fund Balance	\$100,162	

Notes

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

*Expenditures report the actual (i.e. cash-based) funding for all four quarters of 2016.

Definitions

Beginning Fund Balance

Actual funds available on January 1, 2016.

Private Donations

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

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. Nearly 100% 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 one 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!



Games during the Family Support Center "Olympics"
Photo by Elizabeth Barnes

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