

Foundation Todos Juntos

Annual Report 2017



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Family Support Center Participants, Luis and Andrea
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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 Western Highlands of Guatemala as well as effect long-term, generational change.

Projects Funded by Foundation Todos Juntos in 2017

Educational and Social Projects

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

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!



Scholarship Group from Chirijquiac
Photo by Lily Bodinson

Scholarship Program

The Pop Wuj Scholarship Program provides funds and support for Guatemalan families to send their children to school. In 2017, the program provided partial scholarships for 121 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2017, 15 of these students graduated from primary school. Six students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9th grade), five students graduated from high school, and two students graduated from 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, Pujujil, Cajolá Chiquito, Olintepeque, 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 \$20,798.23 in 2017. Profits of the [Pop Wuj Spanish Language School](#) also support the Scholarship Program.



Homework at the Family Support Center
Photo by Marysabel Vasquez

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.

Due to increased rental costs at the former location, in 2017 the project moved to a new building in Llano del Pinal. The new location provided improved kitchen and classroom space.

Carmen de Alvarado, who is in charge of the project, meets monthly with the mothers of participating children 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 go to the project for a hot, balanced lunch and an afternoon of homework and activities. Other children who are too young for school arrive in the morning and stay all day. 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 \$20,887.04 in 2017.

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.

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.



Cooking Conditions before the Safe Stove Project
Photo by Amy Scheuren

Additionally 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. Families also save the time required to collect firewood and/or the money necessary to purchase it.

Foreign volunteers and Guatemalan professionals work with local families and community leaders to build safe stoves and educate the community about relevant health and environmental concerns. In 2017, Pop Wuj built 30 safe stoves in Llano del Pinal and Xecaracoj.

The Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project is funded in part by Foundation Todos Juntos, with a grant of \$1,698.37 in 2017.



Early Stimulation Activities at a Nutrition Program Meeting in Buena Vista
Photo by Amy Scheuren

Nutrition Program

In 2017 Foundation Todos Juntos also supported the Pop Wuj Nutrition Program. The program served 100 children between the ages of 6-36 months in the rural communities of Llano del Pinal, Buena Vista, La Victoria, Pujujil, and Xeabaj II. In partnership with [Timmy Global Health](#), Pop Wuj provides monthly education, growth monitoring, nutrition consults, medical consults for sick children, various nutritional supplements, and referrals for lab work and specialist care.

Due to supply problems with a Guatemalan-produced supplement, in August 2017 the Nutrition Program created an egg-based formula to cover the caloric needs of underweight babies and toddlers suffering from chronic malnutrition. The new formula was designed with the support and supervision of INCAP (Institute of Nutrition in Central America and Panama) and is easy for the mothers to prepare in their homes each day. The Nutrition Program treated cases of acute and severe chronic malnutrition as well as rotavirus and other unexpected illnesses. Pop Wuj paid for specialist care, lab work, and medications for sick babies and toddlers.

Foundation Todos Juntos supported the Nutrition Program with a grant of \$7,036.94 in 2017. Association Pop Wuj's profits and proceeds from benefits as well as support from [Timmy Global Health](#) also funded the Nutrition Program.

Pathways/Asociación Abriendo Caminos



Pathways Activity with a Xela Artist from a Local Art Gallery
Photo by Ashley Aue

Pathways (Asociación Abriendo Caminos) is a new Guatemalan non-profit organization created to meet the needs of young adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Quetzaltenango and the surrounding areas. Pathways' comprehensive support center provides individuals with the opportunity to learn necessary skills for employment, offers resources and support to family members and caregivers, and promotes social inclusion and increased community involvement for these individuals.

In 2017 the program worked with ten participants, from children as young as 10 to adults. School-age participants had a stronger focus on developing academic skills and coordination with schools, while all participants developed life skills such as cooking, cleaning, money management, and using public transportation, etc. All program participants also developed occupational skills. Each group made regular outings, in order to gain confidence using public transportation and shopping in stores and the produce market, and participated in numerous community activities.

Foundation Todos Juntos supported Pathways with a grant of \$6,070.06 in 2017. Pathways also created its own funding stream through monthly participant fees and the sales of goods and services in the project.

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 by 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 Xelajú, 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 2017, Foundation Todos Juntos supported the clinic and mobile clinic with a grant of \$374.33.

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 2017, 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 2017, Voces de Cambio received \$752.64 through Foundation Todos Juntos.

2017 Financial Summary

Revenues:

Private Donations	\$58,764	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$58,764	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	\$34,605	
Total Available Resources	\$93,369	

Expenditures*:

Centro de Apoyo Familiar (Family Support Center)	\$20,887	34.5%
Scholarship Program	\$20,798	34.3%
Nutrition Program	\$7,037	11.6%
Pathways (Abriendo Caminos)	\$6,070	10.0%
Safe Stove Project	\$1,698	2.8%
Voces de Cambio	\$753	1.2%
Clinic	\$374	0.6%
Total Programmatic Expenditures	\$57,618	95.1%
General Administration Expenses	\$2,994	4.9%
Total Expenditures	\$60,612	100.0%

Ending Fund Balance	\$32,757
Total Commitments/Fund Balance	\$93,369

Note

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

Definitions

Beginning Fund Balance

Actual funds available on January 1, 2017.

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 comes from our generous donors. Even small donations go far.

Support educational, social, medical, and public health projects and make a tangible difference in the life of a child, family, or community in Guatemala.

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Preparing for the Mother's Day Celebration at the Family Support Center
Photo by Elizabeth Barnes

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