

# Foundation Todos Juntos

## Annual Report 2018



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Family Support Center Participants Enjoy an Afternoon Game  
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Founded in 2001, [Foundation Todos Juntos \(FTJ\)](#) supports education, healthcare, public health, and social 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 Supported by Foundation Todos Juntos in 2018

#### Educational and Social Projects

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

#### Health/Public Health Programs

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

**Thank you for your support of these vital projects!**



Scholarship Group from Llano del Pinal  
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 2018, the program provided partial scholarships for 107 Guatemalan students, from elementary school to university. In 2018, eight of these students graduated from primary school. Seven students graduated from básico (the equivalent of 9th grade), and two students graduated from high school. Ten students continued post-secondary studies in such fields as medicine, nursing, social work, and education.

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, 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 \$23,668.63 in 2018. Profits of the Pop Wuj Spanish Language School also support the Scholarship Program.



Playing Memory at the Family Support Center  
Photo by Amy Scheuren

## 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 30 children, from toddlers to 6th grade including children with special needs. Although there is a range in the family background and history of the children, all of them come from indigenous, low-income, rural families.

Carmen de Alvarado, who is in charge of the project, meets monthly with the mothers of participants 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. Children who are too young for school arrive in the morning and stay all day. Most 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 \$22,404.32 in 2018.

## 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.

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 2018, Pop Wuj built 19 safe stoves in Llano del Pinal and Xecaracoj, two rural communities located just south of Quetzaltenango.

The Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project is funded in part by Foundation Todos Juntos, with a grant of \$6,206.63 in 2018. Some of these funds were used in late 2018 to purchase building materials for ten more stoves that will be built in 2019.





Children at a Nutrition Program Meeting in Llano del Pinal  
Photo by Lily Bodinson

## Nutrition Program

In 2018 Foundation Todos Juntos also supported the Nutrition Program. The program served 143 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 staff and volunteers provide monthly education, growth monitoring, nutrition consults, medical consults for sick children, various nutritional supplements, and referrals for lab work and specialist care. Thirty-seven toddlers graduated from the program with a healthy height and weight in 2018.

The Nutrition Program continued to use an egg-based formula to cover the caloric needs of underweight babies and toddlers suffering from chronic malnutrition. Dr. Carmen Rosa Alvarado Benítez designed the formula with the support and supervision of INCAP (Institute of Nutrition in Central America and Panama). The Nutrition Program treated cases of acute and severe chronic malnutrition as well as rotavirus and other unexpected illnesses. There was an additional need to study and monitor babies with severe cases of malnutrition or who had adjacent diseases. Nutrition Program staff referred an average of 20 patients per month for lab work, specialists, or follow-up care.

Foundation Todos Juntos supported the Nutrition Program with a grant of \$16,998.09 in 2018. Association Pop Wuj's profits and proceeds from benefits as well as support from [Timmy Global Health](#) also funded 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 Xelajú, a school for children with special needs in Quetzaltenango. Staffed by two local doctors, a local nurse, and foreign and local volunteers, the clinic serves 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 2018, Foundation Todos Juntos supported the Pop Wuj Clinic with a grant of \$249.65.

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## Asociación Abriendo Caminos/Pathways

Asociación Abriendo Caminos (Pathways) is a Guatemalan non-profit organization created to meet the needs of youth and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Quetzaltenango and the surrounding areas. In 2016 and 2017 Abriendo Caminos' comprehensive support center provided individuals with the opportunity to learn necessary skills for employment, offered resources and support to family members and caregivers, and promoted social inclusion and increased community involvement for these individuals.

In 2018 Abriendo Caminos began a restructuring process to adopt a broader scope and a systematic approach to improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Abriendo Caminos board of directors is developing relationships with several partner organizations and is creating a plan to provide resources to these organizations, including training, support from specialists, material donations, and expanded capacity for evaluation and follow-up care.

Foundation Todos Juntos continued to support the work of Abriendo Caminos however no request for funding was made to FTJ in 2018.

## 2018 Financial Summary

### Revenues:

Private Donations	\$99,372	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$99,372	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	\$32,757	
Total Available Resources	\$132,129	

### Expenditures:

Pop Wuj Scholarship Program	\$23,669	32.5%
Centro de Apoyo Familiar (Family Support Center)	\$22,404	30.8%
Pop Wuj Nutrition Program	\$16,998	23.4%
Pop Wuj Safe Stove Project	\$6,207	8.5%
Pop Wuj Clinic	\$250	0.3%
<b>Total Programmatic Expenditures</b>	<b>\$69,527</b>	<b>95.6%</b>
General Administration Expenses	\$3,207	4.4%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$72,734</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Ending Fund Balance <sup>1</sup>	\$59,395
<b>Total Commitments/Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$132,129</b>

<sup>1</sup>The funds available at the end of the year were largely committed to 2019 projects.

### 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, 2018.

### Expenditures

The actual (i.e. cash-based funding) for all quarters of 2018.

### Foundation General Administration

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

### Private Donations

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

**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.

**Donate Today!**



Family Support Center Participants, Families, and Staff at the Year-End Celebration  
Photo by Amy Scheuren

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