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FUNDACIÓN  
JOHN  
LANGDON  
DOWN

*“All human beings have the right to be happy”*

## HISTORY

The John Langdon Down Foundation was created by Prof. Sylvia G. Escamilla, whose first child, “*Eduardo*”, was born with this genetic disorder. With firm conviction she decided that through special education she would make her son a happy child. Sadly, *Eduardo* died at age five in a tragic accident.

*“Eduardo...you came, embraced by deep love, to teach me that all children, whatever their circumstances, are valuable human beings who need to be understood and loved, have the right to be happy”.*

Your mother, Sylvia



The Foundation came to life in the spring of 1972, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, as the first organization in the world of its kind dedicated to offering educational, medical and psychological programs to children, adolescents and adults with Down syndrome and also their lower income families.

## MISSION

***“To promote dignity, human rights and potential of people with Down syndrome, improving their quality of life”.***



## DOWN SYNDROME

Down syndrome is a genetic condition caused by the presence of a third chromosome in pair 21. It occurs in approximately one out of every 690 births and constitutes the most common cause of intellectual disability. There are 6 million people with Down syndrome in the world. Even though its origins are still unknown, we know that it has nothing to do with nationality, socio-economic background or religion. The risk of having a child with Down syndrome increases with the mother's age.

# SERVICES

The John Langdon Down Foundation offers a specialized program to encourage complete development of people with Down syndrome on an intellectual, physical, social, emotional and spiritual level through the following services:

- Early intervention
- Nursery
- Preschool
- Special primary education
- Speech and language therapy
- Play center
- Swimming
- Physical education
- Music, dance and theatre
- Socio-sexual education
- Lunch service

**Educational psychology**

**Special education inclusion**

**Medical services**

**Personal autonomy training**

**Employment and social inclusion**

**Down Syndrome Clinic**

**School for parents and relatives**

**Continuing education program**

**Services for nonlocal families**

**Mexican School of Down Art**

***TRES 21 Arte-Café* chain**

**National and international public awareness**



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*In order to live, something more is necessary than just existing. That is to create and recreate life by giving it a voice and shape, color and presence, through symbolic creation*

The Mexican School of Down Art is a visual arts academy where students from the John Langdon Down Foundation have a space that allows them to technically and symbolically express their ideas, emotions, perceptions and sensations through artistic creation. Education opens the doors to a complete world of great achievements, promoting the development of all human capabilities from which artistic ability is no exception.

The works of these extraordinary young people have been exhibited in museums and galleries with great success in more than 50 cities around the Americas, Asia and Europe. Their works have been recognized and acclaimed by notable visual arts masters both nationally and overseas.

Symbolic expression has permitted our young people to transform their lack of linguistic skills into shapes and colors through a variety of materials and visual arts techniques such as oil, charcoal, etchings, pyrographics, lithographs and sculpture. This is where artists recreate life under their own terms. Their language leads us through metaphor and hidden emotions to see life from another perspective. With their paintbrushes they manage to capture their feelings and emotions, their dreams, longings and frustrations, their desires and hopes.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Foster the development of abstract thought through artistic creation.
- Promote artistic expression and communication through visual arts.
- Encourage the complete participation and inclusion of people who have Down syndrome into society.







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*100% of the profits are applied to improve the quality of life for people with Down syndrome*

The **TRES 21 Arte-Café** chain is one of the programs run by the John Langdon Down Foundation, having as its main objective the promotion of social and employment inclusion for people with Down syndrome. The name has great significance as it refers to the presence of the three chromosomes in pair 21, which is characteristic of this genetic disorder.

At present we have four cafes open to the public. Following the norms for hygiene quality control, all food at the **TRES 21 Arte-Café** is prepared with the help of students from the Culinary Art and Confectionary Workshop at the John Langdon Down Foundation.

The students themselves are trained to serve the public, and the interior is decorated with recreations of the artworks by the artists from the Foundation's Mexican School of Down Art.



## FUNDING

The John Langdon Down Foundation offers support to lower income families and therefore requires the collaboration and contribution of organizations, corporations and individuals.

The Foundation's Board of Trustees is made up of outstanding members of society who continuously contribute to carrying out the Foundation's objectives.

*We have a lot to give to life*

*Thank you for your generous contribution*

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