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On the Horizon...

WE'RE TURNING 50!

Next year marks our 50th year of service to our community. This Annual Report will give you an overview of our past year and a glimpse into the celebrations planned to commemorate our 50th anniversary.

Message from the Executive Director

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Gerhard Kohn and his wife, Irena, for their vision, passion and tireless dedication in creating this organization.

We are pleased to present the 2017-2018 annual report detailing our accomplishments over this past year. This has been a year of growth and change with a much-awaited increase in our funding to increased enrollment. Our daily work of providing a home-away-from-home for the children in our care so rewarding. Why? Because we know that we make a difference, not only in our children and families, but in our community at large.

We have continued to provide high-quality care for over 400 low-income children daily. Parent workshops and engagement opportunities have allowed us to support parents and help them succeed in their role. We know and understand that parents are a child's first teacher. Our food program has incorporated even healthier menu items including serving only whole wheat, adding more fresh fruits and vegetables and the children's new favorite, rainbow rice. We continue to provide training to our staff to ensure a high-quality program for our children.

This coming year is a significant milestone for Young Horizons. We will celebrate 50 years of service. We are grateful to the staff, families and community partners who have supported us along the way. As I look back at these years, I feel immense gratitude to Dr. Gerhard Kohn and his wife, Irena, for their vision, passion and tireless dedication in forming this organization and transforming it into the program we have today.





Their dream was always to give children from low-income families a quality early education. They understood that when you help families in need, not one but two generations are helped and lifted out of poverty. We celebrate our accomplishments not so much with a sense of pride but with a sense of gratitude. We would not have made it without the support and contributions of so many along the way who gave of their time, energy, efforts and financial support to help Young Horizons be where we are today.

Sarah M. Soriano, Executive Director

Message from the Board Chair

“Your support is and has been critical to the success of our programs, and we look forward to your continued support next year and well into the future to make our next 50 years a success.”

Our Annual 2017-2018 report brings you significant information about our programs, our progress, and our goals for the upcoming years. This year in particular our focus is on the future. 2019 will mark Young Horizons’ 50th year providing quality, low cost education to the children of Long Beach. I am honored to serve as Young Horizons’ Board Chair during this momentous year. I truly believe that educating the youngest among us is the best, if not the only, way to provide the groundwork for their future success.

To lay the groundwork for our next 50 years, the Board worked with parents, teachers, and staff to update our strategic plan to ensure that Young Horizons continues to thrive. Our parents in particular demonstrated their involvement in their children’s education by providing valuable guidance on ways that we can work together to increase awareness of our programs and improve enrollment.

Your support is and has been critical to the success of our programs, and we look forward to your continued support next year and well into the future to make our next 50 years a success. This year, we encourage you to donate, and encourage those in your community to donate, to our \$50 for 50 years campaign, our end of the year appeal for support.



And of course, no birthday would be complete without a party. We have already begun planning for our 50th Anniversary gala to take place October 17, 2019. Details will be forthcoming, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Roger L. Scott, Board Chairman



**Wow!
Time
flies.**

Our 50th Anniversary Begins Next Year

As our 50 year anniversary approaches, we have reflected on some of the events that have taken place during the five decades Young Horizons has been serving children.

1969 was the year Young Horizons was founded. It was also the same year Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. The '70's premiered the Star Wars movie, the '80's had the Royal wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, in the '90's , NASA launched the Hubble Telescope and in the 2000's the Boston Red Sox won the World Series.

These same five decades also saw Young Horizons expand from a single center with less than 50 children to a complex of five centers serving more than 400 children daily. Known for being on the cutting edge in the latest teaching techniques and technology, Young Horizons classrooms have their own computer for children to use and each teacher is furnished their own tablet for classroom use, thereby creating a technology-based learning environment. This is just one example of how we apply our motto, "Educate Early."

We look forward to 2019 with several events and a Gala Celebration to mark this milestone. We invite you to join us in these celebrations as we look forward to the next 50 years making history at Young Horizons and serving the children of Long Beach.

Board members ... Past and Present

We are very grateful for all our board members both past and present. Their time, talent and dedication has helped develop Young Horizons and become who we are today.

Founders

Dr. Gerhard Kohn and Irena Kohn

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We apologize for any board member inadvertently omitted.



YOUNG HORIZONS

By the Numbers

49

YEARS OF SERVICE

157

GRADUATED
THIS YEAR

416

CHILDREN SERVED
EACH DAY

1,028

HEALTHY MEALS/
SNACKS DAILY

85

EMPLOYEES

3,322

HOURS OF DAILY
CHILD CARE

5

CENTERS IN L.B.



TRUST

noun: Firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of another.

verb: To have faith or confidence in or rely on.

We are honored to have the trust of Parents and their Children

Our parents trust Young Horizons to take custody and care of their precious little ones knowing that their children are in a caring, loving, and learning environment that is our hallmark. Our dedicated staff have made their life's work nurturing and developing young children's minds and social skills. In fact 57% of our staff have been with us five years or more with 22% having more than 15 years of service. This sense of belonging gives our children the secure feeling of being a part of the Young Horizons family.

Our children trust their teachers and look forward to coming to Young Horizons each day and be greeted individually by their teacher. Each day is filled with joy and excitement learning new things, playing with friends and receiving the unconditional love of their teacher.

Young Horizons is a state funded organization which must adhere to all State of California rules and regulations, many of which are more stringent than the city or county. We are reviewed annually in such categories as nutrition, program content and safety, which places Young Horizons as a standard-bearer for Early Care and Education.

Former Student Expresses Gratitude

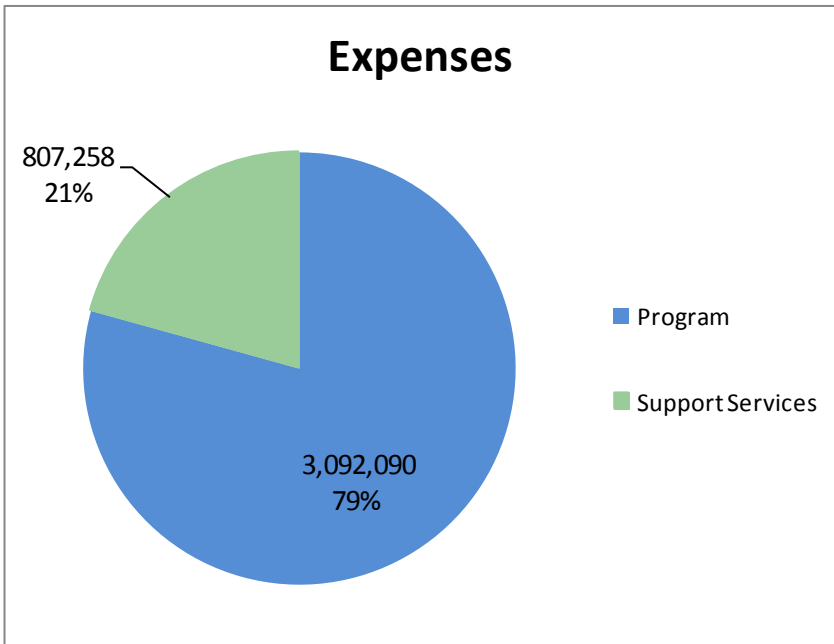
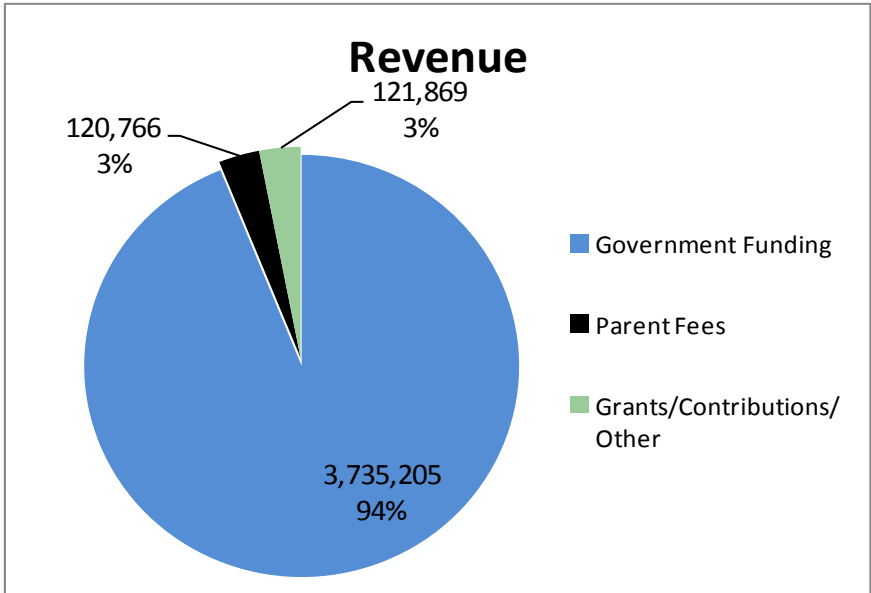
Now I'm a 14 year-old
freshman in high school ... I've
seen how Young Horizons'
education has served me.



My name is Angel Acosta and I arrived at young Horizons at an infant age, around the age of 3 I left young Horizons. This is my experience throughout those years. My mom has told me that I had multiple behavior difficulties when I entered young Horizons. Throughout those years the teachers at young Horizons have worked with me on my behavior skills and helped me improve as a person. My mom also tells me that the teachers had a lot of patience with me and that they wouldn't punish me but educate me and tell me not to do that certain action and why not to do it. Now I'm a 14 year old freshman in high school. Now that I'm a teenage boy on my way to manhood, I've seen that young Horizons' education has served and stuck to my benefit I also have pictures from my 2 year old birthday cake at young Horizons
Thank you so much young Horizons' staff
- sincerely Angel Acosta

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“Educate Early”



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On the Horizon...

We will be launching our
50 year anniversary celebration in 2019.



SAVE THE DATE
50th Anniversary Gala
Thursday, October 17, 2019

For Gala information and other events
Visit our website: www.younghorizons.org

Mission Statement

The mission of Young Horizons Child Development Centers is to provide quality childcare and preschool programs in a caring, loving and learning environment.



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