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ANNUAL REPORT FY 2018-2019



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REVIEW AND FORECAST

50 years ago, Young Horizons' founders, Dr. Gerhard and Irena Kohn had a dream to serve the children of low-income families with a safe, secure, "home-away-from-home" where they could learn and play. They began with a school serving children of all abilities. In early 1984, they were approached by the director of the California Department of Education, Child Development Division, and asked to take over a state contract serving children in Long Beach. Irena tells the story of how, in the matter of months, they hired the staff, purchased all the materials, set up the classrooms and opened on July 1 serving this high-need population. Since then, Young Horizons has grown to fill locations serving over 400 children daily.

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



Roger L. Scott,
Board Chair

Our Annual 2018-2019 report brings you significant information about our programs, our progress, and our goals for the upcoming years.

This year was a celebration of our 50th year providing quality, low cost education to the children of Long Beach. We marked the occasion with an anniversary gala honoring those who make Young Horizons what it is including Angelina Contreras, a veteran employee who has cared for Young Horizons' children for 33 years, Ron Whittaker, who has dedicated his loving support to Young Horizons for 15 years as a board member and a

current member of our advisory board, and our Executive Director, Sarah Soriano, who marked her 25th year promoting the mission of Young Horizons. We also honored our co-founder, Irena Kohn, and Mayor Robert Garcia as Champions of Children in Long Beach. I am proud to say that we laid the groundwork to honor the legacy of Dr. Gerhard and Irena Kohn for another 50 years, with our best fundraising in many years.

In the next year, we plan to improve our centers with refurbishments and equipment to better serve our students, teachers, and staff. As always, we plan to continue to build our fundraising base. 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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Sarah Soriano,
Executive Director

Five decades have passed since we began serving children and families. Those decades have brought much joy as well as much hardship. We have learned lessons as we went and have grown because of them. As we look to the future, one thing is certain, we will continue to serve the children and families that need our services. The need for affordable child care is still high in Long Beach. Our free or low cost programs give families the ability to place their children in a safe environment while parents work, go to school or look for a job. Our food program provides over 140,000 meals annually to our children to ensure they are growing healthy and strong. We engage our parents with monthly training opportunities, resources and workshops to help them succeed in their role as parents.

We are grateful for supporters throughout the years who have believed in and supported our mission to continue this work. We welcome volunteers to serve on our board, to read to children, or to support in whatever way you can to serve our children and families. We have done this for 50 years and will continue for years to come.



OUR 50 YEAR HISTORICAL TIMELINE

This timeline highlights major events that helped shape Young Horizons into the leader in care and early education that it is today.

- 1969** Agency was first incorporated as the Foundation for Educational and Behavioral Therapy. Dr. Gerhard Kohn and his wife, Irena, founded the program as a child day care, tutoring and a reading program for children struggling in school. Dr. Kohn provided family counseling and individual therapy to struggling teens.
- 1972** Name of organization changed to Young Horizons. The original name was long and not easily understood. The board of directors wanted to have a name that connoted early childhood and the possibility for the future on their young horizon. The new name was adopted.
- 1984** Young Horizons was requested to take over a California Department of Education contract for Child Development services at two locations in Long Beach.
- 1993** Expanded with two additional locations for a total of four centers serving 156 children.
- 1994** Moved to new building at 501 Atlantic Avenue combining two centers into this location along with administration offices and kitchen.
- 1997** Applied for and received new State contract for California State Preschool Program. We opened a new center to serve children in North Long Beach. This center moved to central Long Beach in 2001 due to building constraints and to meet the high need in the 90806 zip code.
- 2004** Opened new center in North Long Beach serving infants, toddlers and preschoolers.
- 2007** Latest center opened – Ludloff Center – named after our long-standing board member and current advisory board member, Ed Ludloff. This allowed us to expand our State Preschool program to 82 additional children.
- 2008-** Present day Young Horizons serves over 400 children daily ages 6 months to 5 years old, over 600 yearly. We employ 90 staff members that including teaching staff, cooks, a driver and administrative staff. Our food program provides over 140,000 meals per year.

CENTER LOCATIONS AND STAFF



KOHN CENTER – ADMIN OFFICE
501 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802



CENTRAL PACIFIC CENTER
1840 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806



NORTH PACIFIC CENTER
2418 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806



GRISHAM CENTER
11-A W 49th Street, Long Beach, CA 90805

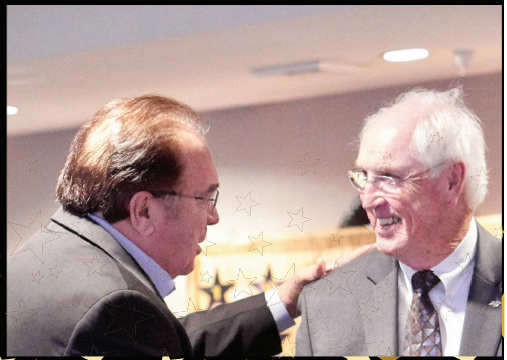


LUDLOFF CENTER
2650 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 90806





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GALA MOMENTS



YOUNG HORIZONS: A SUMMARY OF PURPOSE

Young Horizons' primary purpose is ensuring that low-income children develop the fundamental knowledge and skills they need to keep up and compete with their more affluent peers in kindergarten and beyond.

However, decades of experience have taught us that providing care and education is not enough. We must also ensure that children receive appropriate nutrition because hungry children cannot develop and learn. Children need access to books in the home so that reading becomes a pleasure and a habit, rather than a struggle. Parents need to understand the stages of child development and parenting techniques so that they can provide stable and nurturing home environments that do not hinder their children's ability to learn and form trusting relationships. Teachers must know how to create supportive relationships with parents so that parents can turn to them for advice or referrals to community resources.

Young Horizons intentionally addresses these diverse needs of low-income children and their families to give these vulnerable children the greatest chance of succeeding in school and in life.

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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OUR PROGRAMS HAVE A LASTING INFLUENCE



From the time our children enroll in Young Horizons to their graduation into Kindergarten, it is our privilege to guide and direct their development with a solid foundation for the love of learning.

Young Horizons is a happy place where children love to come and experience the joy of life in a safe, caring, loving and learning environment.

Qualified teachers implement our program in a daily structured format that gives our children security and lets them eagerly learn about the world around them.

Our quality early education program experience gives them the foundation for success in school and beyond.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO
 DR. GERHARD KOHN AND HIS WIFE, IRENA,
 FOR THEIR VISION, PASSION AND DEDICATION
 IN CREATING THIS ORGANIZATION.

A PARENT'S STORY

When I moved to the United States a year ago with my daughter I looked forward to a new life and experiences without foreseeing the challenge of being a single parent who has to make ends meet to provide for her daughter. But, thankful to God, Young Horizons saved the day and for that am thankful to Sandra Diaz, my family services specialist who helped me.



Since the time my daughter joined Young Horizons there is a lot of progress. She's a very happy child. She loves the school and the teachers that welcomed her on her very first day when she could barely say any English word. They made her feel welcomed and loved. I can testify to how much progress she's making and as a mother am so happy about the whole beautiful change and experience for my daughter. This makes Young Horizons the best Environment for any child out there.

And as a Parent I don't have the right words to let you know how much I appreciate Young Horizons. I am able to work all my scheduled hours because of the full support I get from Young Horizons giving my daughter an opportunity to be in the center while I am at work.

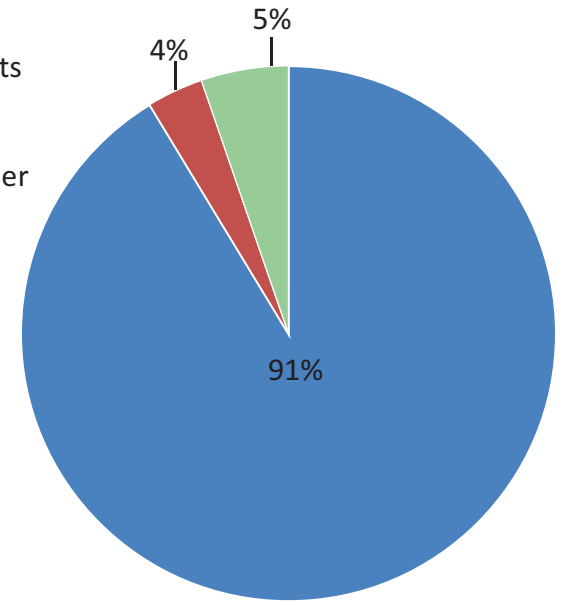
Thank you Young Horizons for understanding the needs of parents like me, you have the best staff ever, very positive teachers, very engaging with the parents and I really appreciate you.

Happy 50th Young Horizons.
 Rebecca Kisakye

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

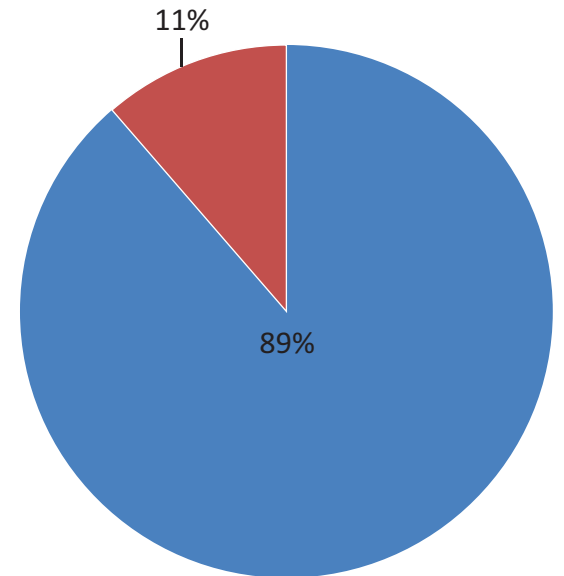
REVENUE

- Federal and State Contracts
- Parent Fees
- Grants/Contributions/Other



EXPENSES

- Program Services
- Support Services



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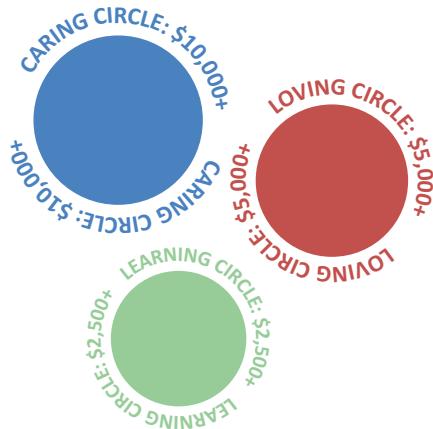
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