

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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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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It is our privilege to share with you the vision we have for the future of Young Horizons.

We look forward to serving many more generations of children and expanding our outreach by opening more centers in the future. With our wonderful staff and supportive Board of Directors, our goal is to give our children the opportunity to experience the joy of learning and having a solid foundation to build upon.

## Message from Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we ended our 2020-2021 fiscal year, we paused to reflect on the purpose and importance of our work. We continued serving our children and families throughout the pandemic and were able to give parents peace of mind, knowing they had made the right decision in choosing Young Horizons for their child's early education.

One truth became very evident in the pandemic – we are Essential. Essential to families, essential to employers and to our community as a whole. Families needed us to be able to go to work and support their families.

We look forward to 2021-2022 with renewed purpose. At the end of the 20-21 fiscal year, we held a retreat with our management staff to plan for the future. We created a taskforce to study the feasibility of transitioning our programs to serve more infants and toddlers to meet the needs of our community. Progress updates will be included in our quarterly newsletters.

We are grateful to our community, donors, and funders who continued to support us and helped make our programs possible. Thank you and we invite you on our journey as we make early education happen for children every day.



Roger L. Scott Board Chair



Sarah M. Soriano Executive Director

# Why **Parents** Choose Young **Horizons**



Early care and education is provided to 416\* children daily in our five (5) Long Beach Centers.

\* Pre-COVID

Young Horizons provides a safe, caring, loving, and learning environment. Early care and education is provided to 416\* children daily in our Long Beach Centers. All our children come from families who are at or below the poverty income level. Our services are free or low-cost. Our goal is to prepare children to be socially and academically ready for kindergarten, eager to learn and thrive.

\* Pre-COVID

## **Young Horizons Offers:**

- Open Monday through Friday, year round
- All teachers have specialized early care and education (ECE) training
- Program customized to meet each child's need
- Small class sizes
- All staff are pediatric CPR/First Aid certified
- Bilingual staff
- Healthy food program
- Home-away-from-home environment
- Children graduate ready for Kindergarten
- All 5 centers are accessible for parents
- Parent workshops on ECE topics
- Parent engagement opportunities

## **Young Horizons Reflects the Diversity of our City**

We provide service to more that 416\* children daily. All 5 centers have bilingual staff to meet the needs of the families.

Age		Household	
6-17 months (Infants)	9%	Single Parent	71%
18-30 months (Toddlers)	23%	Two Parent	28%
2.5-5 years (Preschool)	68%	Other	1%
Ethnicity		<b>Reason for Need</b>	
Latino	76%	Working	91%
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#### **Board of Directors**

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#### Parent Testimonial

I remember the first day I took Katie Lee to daycare, I had cried the night and morning of, I had mixed emotions.

I was scared to leave my child, as she and I were both really attached to each other. And I did not want her to be scared. I also felt guilt for leaving her with someone she did not know.

There was teacher Jesusa, that comforted my child every morning and reassured me that she was going to be fine. When she transitioned to the toddler and preschool class, Teacher Ashley made Katie feel comfortable.

Teacher Chhum has always been there for any questions and concerns through daycare years. She is very caring and an excellent Site supervisor.

It has been a positive journey. It has impacted both my child and family greatly, in a way that we felt my child was safe and well taken care of.

I would like to thank the whole staff. I want them to know that they are greatly appreciated. And we are thankful from the bottom of our hearts for being such amazing human beings and being the second mother to my child, while I had to leave to go work and provide for family.

I am excited for my child's new Journey to come. And not scared because everyone at young horizons prepared her as much as possible that she is ready for "Big Kids School" as Katie calls it.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart again for everything you all have done for my child.

- Gabriela M., Grisham Center

Serving 416 children in five Long Beach locations (pre-COVID-19)

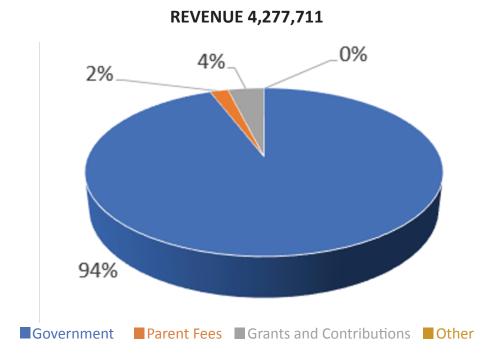
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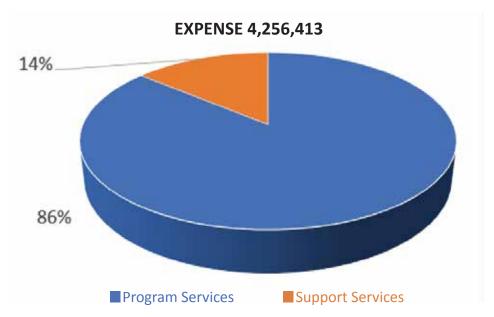
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**Grisham Center** 11 A W. 49th St.

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### 2020-2021 Financial Summary





## 2020-2021 Contributors & Supporters

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