



**YOUNG HORIZONS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

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Our mission is to provide quality childcare and preschool programs in a caring, loving and learning environment.

To our friend (s):

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

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Fall 2021

“Educate Early”

CENTERS FACELIFT

“A red door means “welcome” in an old early American tradition. If a family had a red front door, tired travelers traveling by horse and buggy would know that a home was a welcoming place to rest. They would be able to spend the night there. A red door provides protection.”

Young Horizons’ centers have all gotten a much-needed facelift, including a beautifully painted red door. Painting began in June and was completed in August. Much needed flooring at our Kohn Center as well as new signage was also installed.



WINE & CHEESE SUMMER FEST FUNDRAISER

Our community steps up to support Young Horizons

On September 16 we held our annual Wine & Cheese Summer Fest at The Grand Event Center sponsored by Marathon Petroleum. Funds raised will help support our Early Learning and Literacy programs for low-income families. The event included delicious wine, cheese, assorted meats and fruit platters, while the Jazz Angels provided the entertainment with background music.

There was an Opportunity Drawing for a variety of prizes, including premium seats at an LA Angels game, an Anchors Away Duffy boat ride with a Tantalum gift card; Apple AirPods and a Taco Maria (a Michelin star restaurant) gift card.

A video of parent testimonials was shown that included how Young Horizons has impacted Gabriela Mora's family:

"It has been a positive journey that has impacted both my child and family greatly in a way that we felt my child was safe and well taken care of. I'm 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 do for my child."

Thank you to all of our supporters for believing in Young Horizons’ mission and taking a part in the important work we do to prepare children for lifelong learning.



Board Chair Roger Scott presents Cindy Smith, Marathon Petroleum, the YH Sponsorship award.



Olga Chavez and Cindy Smith, Marathon Petroleum, holding the YH Sponsorship award



Board Chair Roger Scott welcomes and thanks the guests at our event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Gratitude keeps us moving forward

Throughout our 53-year history, Young Horizons' teachers, staff, and supportive Board of Directors have defined who we are by rising to the occasion, regardless of the challenges and being there when our children and their families need us.

History repeated itself in 2020. During those uncertain times we quickly pivoted to online learning. Our teachers and staff held online learning that included literacy, math and science fun and games to keep our children engaged. Our teachers kept a daily routine which is so important for young children.

We created new online activities such as the Read to Me program where community volunteers, teachers, and staff recorded themselves reading their favorite books for the children. They looked forward to the videos as well as other online content for learning and engagement.

All of our five facilities are open, following all health guidelines. Offering our programs to the community has been so important and we look forward to maintaining the caring loving and learning environment that has been a part of Young Horizons for the past 52 years. We look forward to the future with a renewed vision and gratitude for our team.



Sarah

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Staying abreast of current topics

Finding the right training topics for our Professional Development Day starts months ahead of the actual training day. Young Horizons evaluates their daily program, assesses children's growth and development and surveys parents to identify areas of improvement needed. After the process is complete, administrative staff plan workshops that will help us improve and continue to provide a high-quality program.

The topics selected this year were around inclusion, diversity, and customer service. We appreciate our presenters, Dr. Alejandra Albarran Moses who presented a fantastic activity of creating a "brain" with all the positives or challenges a child can experience and how those impact the development of the brain. Our second presenters were Julie Turvey and Therese Accinelli from Child Net, who shared about Navigating Mental Health and Current Early Childhood Therapy Treatment Options. Our administrative staff presented a refresher on our We Care Customer Service Model and the importance of giving every family a superb customer experience.

Providing staff with up-to-date topics is key to Young Horizons' high-quality programs and ensuring our children receive the best early education possible.



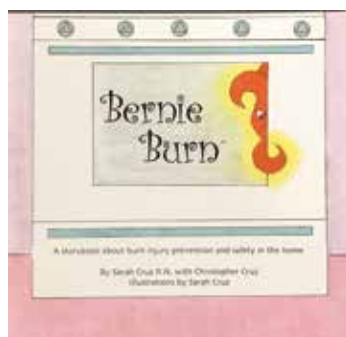
OPEN HOUSE

Parents attend via a virtual video tour

The creativity of our center staff was once again on display when we offered our Open House opportunities. Virtual tours on private social media pages were made available either live or recorded so all parents were able to access the information about their center. Children's progress and work were highlighted.



VIRTUAL FIRE PREVENTION WORKSHOP



For our health and safety monthly topic, children learn about fire safety and burn prevention. This is an important topic we also share with parents via a parent workshop every year. This year, due to COVID restrictions, we held a "virtual" training using the book, "Bernie Burn: A Storybook About Burn Injury Prevention And Safety in the Home." Parents shared feedback about the book and children had activities in the classroom to further their learning.

Thank you to Debbie Karaman, Scald and Burn Prevention Education Specialist from the Los Angeles Grossman Burn Center for sharing this important resource for our parents.



HARVEST LUNCH

Our annual harvest lunch will look a little different this year, once again. The traditional delicious turkey and mashed potatoes will be served, but instead of our family-style meal with the children, we will serve individual servings for children. Of course, we can't forget the pumpkin pie!



DID YOU HEAR? LONG BEACH GIVES RAISED OVER \$2 MILLION DOLLARS!

Yes, that's right!

203 local nonprofits participated in this year's Long Beach Gives Campaign. We are proud to be part of this campaign and beyond grateful to the community for their support. We surpassed our goal of \$10,000.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped spread awareness of our mission. We combined our fundraiser with LB Gives and increased our impact.

EVENT CALENDAR

CENTER CLOSURES

Centers will close to observe the following holidays and special events:

November 25-26 – Thanksgiving and day after
 December 23-24 – Christmas
 December 30-31 – New Years

2022

January 17 – Martin Luther King Day
 February 18 – Professional Development Day
 February 21 – Presidents Day

SAVE THE DATE:

March 1 – Read Across America Day

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