



**YOUNG HORIZONS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**
501 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802

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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):

Young Horizons is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization serving children in Long Beach. Donations are tax deductible to the limit allowed by law.

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

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SHARED SCIENCE FUN

“Little children are sponges” we’ve heard it said for years. The Shared Science Fun program puts this into practice by providing science activities for school age children. However, they are piloting a program for younger children to introduce exciting science concepts. Young Horizons’ children were selected for a very special trial lesson for preschool age children. The lesson is called “What is a robot?” and focused on how the computer brain processes instructions like the human brain processes instructions, and how following instructions ties-in to our monthly theme on Safety. The instructors from Shared Science Fun visited each of our five centers with small robots named, Kubo. They explored questions such as, “What is a robot?” and “What happened when the robots followed the instructions?” (three different arrow “instructions,” made out of paper, that the robot followed.) Thank you, Shared Science Fun, for sharing this wonderful activity with our children and inspiring a love for science.



MATH PILOT AT YH CENTERS

Young Horizons was excited to participate in a math pilot program with Zero To Three (ZTT) this winter. ZTT received funding from the American Honda Foundation to create an early math activity program focused on children aged 2.5 to 4 years of age. This play-based, age-appropriate set of activities and songs was designed to nurture the early math skills that support kindergarten readiness. This pilot program will extend for six months, November 2021 thru April 2022. Children and staff alike have enjoyed the activities and look forward to continued participation. We are preparing the next generation of engineers and scientists.



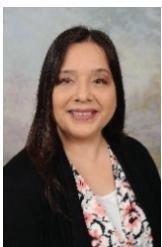
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Welcome 2022

A new year has begun bringing with it new joys and new challenges. The virus surge at the beginning of the year proved to be challenging, but we were able to weather the storm. Throughout the past year we have continued serving our families and continued providing healthy, delicious meals to over 180 children daily. Our Take Home Book Program has had close to 100 participants who read a book with their entire family each week for 30 weeks. We continued to participate in the Quality Start program and are improving our programs to ensure our children have a caring, loving, learning environment.

The year ahead will come with some changes and new opportunities. The Infant and Toddler program was shifted to the Department of Social Services from the Department of Education this year. This shift will include administrative changes for staff but will not affect the program. We are providing training to staff to continue the high-quality service we offer our families.

We invite you to join us on social media and follow along on the adventure with our children as they learn and grow. Thank you for your continued support to make our programs possible.



Sarah

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HELPS FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY

Young Horizons addresses families' need for affordable and safe childcare, and also helps to offset food insecurity, which we know has increased for the hardest hit families since the pandemic began. But we aren't doing this alone. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of Staci Loveridge, a community volunteer who works tirelessly to bring fresh produce to our centers and food banks across Long Beach. Families are so grateful and have expressed how the cost of these food items is usually prohibitive. Thank you, Staci.



IN MEMORY OF FE DELA CRUZ

In honor and memory of Fe Dela Cruz, beloved member of the Young Horizons family from 1992-2007. In her years at Young Horizons, Fe served as a teacher, site supervisor and program director. Fe will forever hold a special place in our hearts and we are forever grateful for her commitment, dedication and love for the children and families in her care. Her youthful spirit, smile and joy were contagious, and you could always find her dancing with the children.

We will miss you, "Teacher Fe!"



NOW ACCEPTING BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Do you love children as much as we do?

Do you want to make a difference in children's lives?

The Young Horizons Board of Directors comprises leaders from the nonprofit and for-profit sector who are dedicated to our organization's mission.

Our board members serve a three-year term and champion the importance of early education and care. In addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, our board members are active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and are fully engaged in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for Young Horizons to advance its mission.

APPLICATION: Please send a brief statement of your interest in being a board member to SSoriano@YoungHorizons.org with the "Board Member Candidate" in the subject line.



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AT ALL
LOCATIONS!**



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HOLIDAY GIVING



We are grateful to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS), LB East Stake, for donating over 200 gifts for our children in December. Advisory board member, Ed Ludloff, made a special effort to deliver the gifts to Young Horizons himself. (pictured above) Local business owners, Agustin Romo of Chaski Peruvian, Roberto Valdez, of GR Holdings, and Veronica Lopez, a friend of Young Horizons, worked together to provide a book set for our children.



EVENT CALENDAR

March 2: Read Across America Schedule a time to read virtually to the children, contact dtriplett@younghorizons.org
March 5: Kindergarten Festival at Burcham Elementary

April 4 - 8: Week of the Young Child
Follow us on social media

May 2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week
Show a teacher your appreciation
May 30: Memorial Day Centers closed

June 1: Program Self-Evaluation

July 4: Independence Day Centers closed

TEACHER TRAINING KEEPS STAFF CURRENT

Staying abreast of current research and development in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) field is of utmost importance to ensure we meet the needs of our children and families. This winter, we provided training to our staff via a virtual Professional Development Day. The training was provided by Child360, a nonprofit that, among other things, provides training for early educators. Topics included: "Trauma Sensitive Care in Times of Crisis: Supporting Young Children & Families in ECE Settings" and "Education Equity Café: Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences." The pandemic has been a traumatic experience for many families. Our staff gained valuable knowledge and tools to support our families and their children in a meaningful way.



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