



**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):

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

**Kohn Center/Main Office**  
501 Atlantic Ave.

**Central Pacific Center**  
1840 Pacific Ave.

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

**North Pacific Center**  
2418 Pacific Ave.

**Ludloff Center**  
2650 Pacific Ave.

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## FARM DAY AT YH CENTERS

This spring, children at all our centers had the wonderful experience of Farm Day. We welcomed Happy Hooves Petting Farms to our Kohn, Central Pacific and Ludloff Centers with children from Grisham and North Pacific Centers joining in the fun at the Ludloff Center. Children were able to interact with chickens, goats, sheep, rabbits, a mini pig and even got to ride a pony. Children dressed up as a farmer with red plaid shirts, jeans, and boots. Many thanks to parents who assisted in making a cardboard cutout of a barn and also a cow, which children pretended to milk. Latex gloves were filled with white paint and water to simulate an udder. Farm Day coincided with our monthly theme, the world of animals.



## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD CELEBRATES FAMILIES' CULTURE

Every year, we celebrate the Week of the Young Child. This is a fun-filled week celebrating early education, young children, staff, families, and communities. The activities include Music Monday, Taco Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday.

This year, as an added family engagement opportunity, parents were asked to create a culture poster with pictures of family members, flags, traditions, favorite music, celebrations or activities, and pictures from their country of origin or background. These were displayed at each center for a Culture Day Art Gallery on Family Friday.





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

### *Climbing Mountains*

Over these past two years, you may have heard these descriptive terms: tumultuous, unprecedented, difficult, challenging, tough, hard. And they have been. But these past two years have also taught us many lessons about our resilience, our ability to think on our feet, and to swiftly make changes. We have watched as the world recognized the important work we do and how critical and essential we are.

We made it through the hard times. And we have continued serving children and families, meeting their needs as this critical cog in the wheel of society. We now take a moment to pause and look back at the lessons learned, gain strength to move on and look forward to the future. We know what we have been through and that we have made it through, braver, stronger, and courageous. Our motivation is because our families need us, our children need us, our community needs us. We answered the call and will continue to do so.

And this is where you come in. Support of our programs is paramount to ensuring we have the resources necessary to sustain our programs for years to come and that we are ready to face all the other mountains we may have to climb.

Please mark your calendar ... save the date for our Annual Gala on Thursday, December 1, as we honor our Champion of Children, Marathon Petroleum, Loving Award recipient, Debra Fixen and Learning Award recipient, Nancy Ramirez (more details to come). It will be a fun evening, please join us.



*Sarah*

Sarah M. Soriano  
Executive Director

## APPRECIATING OUR TEACHERS

Across the nation, the first full week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week, when teachers are shown extra gratitude for the work they do. And rightfully so. The impact teachers make lasts a lifetime.

Thank you to all our teaching and support staff for all you do every day. They have worked tirelessly with our children and families, keeping on keeping on, despite the difficulties and hardships these past two years have brought. We are so grateful for each of you. Thank you to our Board of Directors as well as the board of the Organization of Parents and Teachers (OPT) for showing extra appreciation to our teachers with sweets and treats.



## SCREEN-FREE WEEK



Screen-Free Week took place in the first week of May. It was a full week to get away from the glowing screens of everything electronic, from computers to TVs and smartphones. It encourages us to unplug and engage with those around us. It is an annual invitation to play, explore, and rediscover the joys of life beyond screens. Digital devices are all around us. We use them for work, school, and play. We can easily get caught up and disengage from those in the same room around us – family, friends and even our own children. Screen-free week frees us to reconnect with each other and releases us from these devices.

Teachers sent activities home throughout the week for families to engage together and asked parents to share photos. Getting outside and having fun, especially with daylight savings time and warmer weather, allows us to reconnect, have fun, and create new memories. Families enjoyed the activities and shared wonderful photos with us.



# SAVE THE DATE YOUNG HORIZONS ANNUAL GALA

Thursday, December 1, 2022  
6:30 - 8:30pm

The Grand 4101 E Willow St, Long Beach, CA 90815

JOIN YOUNG HORIZONS AS WE HONOR



Debra Fixen  
Learning Award



Marathon Petroleum  
Champion of Children Award



Nancy Ramirez  
Caring Award

## EVENT CALENDAR

May 30: Memorial Day Centers closed

June 17: Grisham and Ludloff Center Graduations

June 21: Central Pacific Center Graduation

June 23: Kohn Center Graduation

June 24: North Pacific Center Graduation

July 4: Independence Day Centers closed

## ASSESSING PROGRAM QUALITY

Every year, we conduct a self-evaluation using a state-designed system to assess our program quality. We want to ensure that children and families receive the best program possible and that we meet their needs. The assessment system includes four components: a program review, children's developmental assessments, parent surveys, and environmental ratings.

Data is gathered to assess and ensure we are meeting all components. Staff, parents, and members of our board of directors participate to ensure a complete overview.

We are proud to report that our program meets or exceeds all measures of quality. This evaluation is submitted yearly to the Department of Education, Early Education Division and the Department of Social Services, Child Care and Development Division.

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