



**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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Summer 2022

*“Educate Early”*

## THEY'RE OFF - - TO KINDERGARTEN

Every year, we experience the bittersweet emotions of saying goodbye to our preschoolers who are on their way to kindergarten. We are grateful to have impacted these young lives and we know we have made a difference for their families too. For some of our graduates, Young Horizons has been their home away from home since they were six months old.

Early education lays the foundation for future learning and, as many years of service have taught us, the bedrock for success. We prepare our children socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically. We had 80 graduates from our five centers. Each center held a “drive up” graduation where children received their Preschool Certificate and took pictures with family members and teachers.

We do not say goodbye, we say farewell and wish much success to our graduates and their families.

We always welcome our graduates to return and say hello and share their successes.

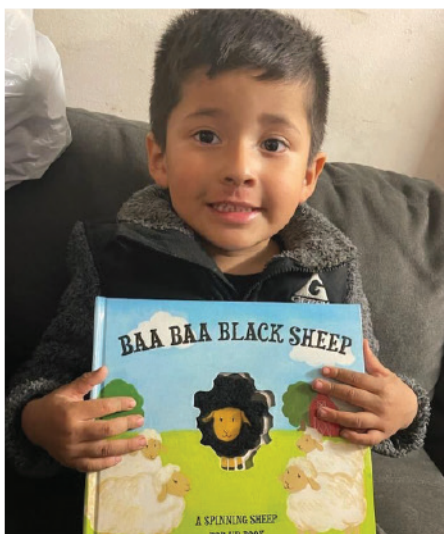


## TAKE HOME BOOK PROGRAM

Reading is the keystone to success in school. It is a known fact. Encouraging the love reading at a young age prepares children for success and develops lifelong learners. Our Take Home Book Program does just that. Children are given a bookbag with books to take home each week and read with their parents, siblings, extended family members or friends. The idea is to encourage everyone to join in the fun of exploring a book.

This 30-week program concluded in early summer. A total of 115 children, their families and extended families and friends participated.

We held a celebration to commemorate the event and each child received 2 new books to keep and all participants receive a certificate of accomplishment. Congratulations to everyone.





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

### New Beginnings

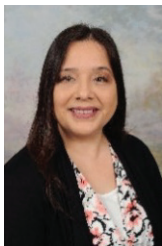
In the "new normal" post-COVID era, we are all trying to find a new way forward. Fortunately, our work with children gives us new inspiration every day. Seeing the smiling faces of our children as they run to their teachers, excited for a new day and hearing the laughter and singing of children playing outdoors, reminds us of the importance of the work. It re-energizes us to keep making our program better every day, because it is what our children and families deserve.

We are excited to announce our newly elected board chair, Jake Mooney, vice-chair, Axel Dubon, Treasurer, Frank Gutierrez and Secretary, Alejandra Albarran Moses. We look forward to their stewardship in guiding Young Horizons during their tenure. Also, heartfelt thanks to outgoing chair, Roger Scott, who willingly extended his term to see us through the pandemic and beyond. His expertise, guidance and commitment were unwavering as we made our way through the ups and downs of a worldwide pandemic. We are so grateful and say, thank you, Roger.

After the pandemic, we faced a new challenge that is being experienced across the nation: staffing. However, after successful recruiting efforts, we are happy to welcome six new teaching staff to our team and know they will fit in just like family. When we are recruiting, we keep at the forefront of our minds that our children deserve loving, caring, dedicated individuals that have a passion for early education. We have found exactly that in our new team members and welcome them with open arms. We still have space available for the right candidates. If you or someone you know wants to make a lasting impact in children's lives, please contact us.

As we look forward to the fall and welcoming new families, we ask you, our committed supporters to help us meet our fundraising goals by supporting our annual gala on December 1, 2022, at The Grand. Raised funds help ensure our children have a high-quality, caring, loving, learning program they deserve.

We look forward to seeing you on December 1.



*Sarah*

Sarah M. Soriano  
Executive Director

## MATH PILOT PROGRAM AT YOUNG HORIZONS (FOLLOW UP)



In our winter newsletter we shared the Zero to Three "Problem Solvers" Math Pilot Project we had the privilege of participating in. As the program comes to an end, we want to thank our teachers and share how proud we are of their efforts and the success of this program.



Teachers implemented the math activities each week, recorded themselves on video and sent the videos to the pilot program project manager weekly. The project manager gave feedback on each activity and recommended adjustments on how to extend the activities. Parents were given information on how to implement the math activities at home. Teachers spent time preparing the materials for the activities in addition to their regularly scheduled weekly lesson planning routine.

The children greatly enjoyed the weekly activities. For that and so much more, we are so proud of our teachers and say thank you. Great job!

## SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM BRINGS FRESH PERSPECTIVE TO OUR CENTERS

Over the summer we have had the privilege of participating in two internship programs. The LBUSD Office of Business Engagement and Strategic Partnerships program and the College Internship Program which connect students to local businesses and organizations to provide opportunities for students to develop their professional skills and gain experience in their field of study.

We had two interns from the school district this summer, one from SATO Academy of Mathematics & Science and one from Poly High School. They interned for 60 hours (2x a week- 4 hours per day). They learned basic office duties and assisted with office tasks such as filing. However, the most exciting part of their internship was participating in the classrooms and learning how to create a basic lesson plan for the children. The last 2 weeks one intern choreographed and planned out a dance recital for the 3 preschool classrooms at the Kohn Center. Our other intern assisted with creating props for the recital and they both worked together with the children. Everyone had a great time.

The interns worked with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to gain a full understanding of the age groups we serve. We wish them much success as they pursue their Early Education careers.





# 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

## MILLER FOUNDATION SUPPORTS TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHERS

This summer, thanks to a generous donation from the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation trustee designated technology grant, every teacher received a new laptop for their classroom. Our heartfelt thanks to the foundation and the trustees who support our program. Previously, teachers were sharing one computer at each center to create their lesson plans, conduct research, and complete child assessments. This wonderful gift will allow teachers access to this much needed technology in their classroom. On behalf of our teachers, "Thank you Miller Foundation."



## EVENT CALENDAR

- Sept. 2 Professional Development Day
- Sept. 3 Centers closed for Labor Day
- Oct. 20 The Great Shakeout – earthquake drill
- Oct. 27 Jumpstart Read for the Record
- Nov. 24-25 Centers closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Dec. 1 Young Horizons Annual Gala
- Dec. 22-26 Centers closed for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 30- Jan. 1 Centers closed for New Year's holiday

## OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!

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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS | SUBSTITUTE ASSISTANT TEACHERS



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SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

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