



**YOUNG HORIZONS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**
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Winter 2023

“Educate Early”

ANNUAL GALA

In early winter, Young Horizons held its Annual Gala at The Grand Event Center to recognize and honor members of our community that support early care and education. Honorees included Olga Chavez of Marathon Petroleum, as our Champion of Children, Debra Fixen of Pacific Ocean Management/ Shoreline Village, recipient of our Learning Award, and one of our own teachers, Nancy Ramirez, received the Caring Award as a 30-year employee at Young Horizons.

The evening included a wine pull, entertainment by the Jazz Angels, a silent auction and a live giving opportunity conducted by Randy Gordon. We are so grateful for all of our sponsors and supporters who helped us surpass our goal and raised \$75,000.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Inspiring Hope for the New Year

Welcome 2023! Only two short months ago we rang in the new year and expectantly looked forward to what is to come. The new year has already brought us some good news in the way of a new board member, Bianca Villanueva.

Welcome Bianca to the Young Horizons family. Bianca is a public service employee for LA County Chief Executive Office. We are so happy to have the expertise and knowledge of supporting nonprofits that Bianca brings.

Support from our community was on display during the holiday season. Several groups stepped forward to provide gifts for our children for the holidays. A special thank you to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for providing gifts. Another community partner shared gifts for children from a toy drive to ensure all our children received a gift.

For the 29 years I have had the privilege of serving Young Horizons families, one thing always inspires me – the generosity of others when it comes to supporting children and families in need. I am grateful to be a part of this work. Each year, as I look back on the past year and look forward to the new, I find renewed hope and a sense of purpose. Children deserve a bright future, and we are here to provide just that.

Join us in our mission by volunteering, donating time or talent, or making a financial contribution. The children deserve it.



Sarah

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

SHARED SCIENCE RETURNS TO YOUNG HORIZONS

We were grateful to have the Shared Science team visit our centers once again this winter. This year's lesson was on simple machines such as pulleys and levers. Children explored questions such as: How do simple machines help us do work? Simple machines can create leverage to lift loads using pulleys. The activity tied in to our monthly theme of Transportation by incorporating how simple machines help us do work every day of our lives. These activities help children learn about items in our everyday lives and who knows? We may be inspiring the next generation of engineers and architects.



ORAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

The Long Beach Health Department Oral Health Program visited all five Young Horizons centers. Maria James and Leo the Lion puppet conducted an interactive 20-minute classroom presentation on healthy and non-healthy foods. Leo the Lion modeled proper teeth brushing procedures using a giant mouth prop. He modeled how to floss, brush the teeth and tongue, and shared the Two and Two rule (2 minutes, twice a day). Every child received a dental kit to take home.



TRI-ANNUAL REVIEW DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE

Every three years, the Department of Education conducts an intensive review of contracted programs to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements of the California State Preschool Program (CSPP). This review examines twenty-one areas of compliance, including enrollment practices, family engagement opportunities, program quality, administration, and fiscal operations. We are very pleased to report that we met compliance in all areas. We strive to provide a high-quality program for our children and families, and it is reassuring to have this review show we do just that.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY THROUGH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Internships provide students with hands-on experience in their field of study. Young Horizons has partnered with the Long Beach Unified School District and Cal State University Long Beach (CSULB) to provide internship opportunities to students interested in the early care and education field.

We welcomed Athziry Moreno from Poly High School this winter to our Ludloff Center. She gained hands-on experience in the classroom and had the opportunity to create a lesson plan that included an activity, the learning objectives, new vocabulary, and a review. She was able to implement it in the classroom with the support of the teacher. Athziry hopes to pursue her career in the education field.



Athziry Moreno

Jailene Meraz, CSULB, worked at our North Pacific Center and at the administration office. She shadowed each member of the administrative team to learn more about the roles and functions of each position to gain an understanding of the way a nonprofit works. She even had the opportunity to observe a parent/teacher conference (with parent's permission) to see how all parts of the system are vital to the success of the organization. Lastly, she assisted at our fundraising Gala to learn about fundraising events.



Jailene Meraz

We will continue to work with local programs to provide internship opportunities to help our students succeed and help our community as well.



EVENT CALENDAR

March 1: Read Across America Day

April 1 -7: Week of the Young Child

May 5 : Wine & Cheese Fiesta

May 29: Memorial Day - Centers closed

July 4: Independence Day – Center closed

Sept. 1: Professional Development Day – Centers closed

Sept. 5: Labor Day – Centers closed



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