



**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.



YOUNG HORIZONS ANNUAL GALA
THE GRAND EVENT CENTER
6:30 - 8:30PM

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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Spring 2023

“Educate Early”

SPRING FIESTA

Our Spring Fiesta fundraiser, celebrated on May 5th - Cinco de Mayo, was a fun and entertaining evening at The Grand Event Center. The highlight of the evening was special entertainment by Alex Matteo Feiring, a high school student musician that provided a piano concert of Latin-inspired music. Funds from this event support Young Horizons programs and literacy activities. Inspiring a love of reading begins early. Our goal is that every child has books of their own to read at home with their families.



THE WORLD OF ANIMALS – BROUGHT TO LIFE

Our learning theme for May is The World of Animals. Children received a special treat this month. We held our Farm Day at all the centers that included a petting farm with chickens, rabbits, sheep, and even a little pot-belly pig. Children dressed up in western gear and looked adorable! Experiencing hands-on helps children solidify the learning experience and forms concrete ideas in their developing brains. For many children, this was their very first time seeing live animals up close and in person.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Spring usually brings a sense of new life and renewal. The children have grown and developed and are ready to move on to the next chapter in life. They have made friends and learned so much in their time at Young Horizons. Soon, our four and five-year-olds will be leaving the center they have known as their home-away-from-home (for many, since six months of age) and going to kindergarten. In our preschool classrooms you can hear children practicing graduation songs and reciting poems about what they have learned in preschool. Children are excited to show their parents all they have learned.

At this time of the year, we also prepare our program self-evaluation report for the State. This gives us a chance to look deeper at our practices and ensure we comply with all regulations. It is reassuring to know we are complying with the high-quality standards required.

We have an exciting project at our Central Pacific center. Children will soon have a beautiful new playground to enjoy. After 15 years of use, it was time to replace the old structure and install a new one. Construction is almost complete, and we look forward to inviting our community to a ribbon cutting ceremony in June. Look for email date and time in the coming weeks.

We invite you to join us at our centers, either to read with the children or volunteer in the classroom and see first-hand the wonderful smiles on the faces of our children. It will be sure to put a smile on yours, too!



Sarah

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Our teachers were showered with appreciation this month for Teacher Appreciation week. This year, we implemented Teacher Appreciation Spirit Week, with activities for each day of the week to show our appreciation. Monday was "Write a note to your teacher," Tuesday was "Bring one classroom supply item," Wednesday was "Make a piece of artwork for your teacher," Thursday was "Wear your teacher's favorite color," and Friday was "Bring a flower from your garden to create a bouquet for your teacher." Children and families alike enjoyed making their teacher feel special. Lunch was provided on Friday to end the week with a delicious celebration.



SPECIAL PERSON BREAKFAST

As part of the Week of the Young Child activities, the Organization of Parents and Teachers hosted a Special Person Breakfast for parents at each of the centers. Parents or caregivers enjoyed pastries, coffee/tea and had an opportunity to meet and mingle with other families. Parents were grateful for the special event and appreciated the opportunity to engage with one another.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Providing professional development opportunities for our staff is a key component to maintaining a high-quality program. Each year, twice a year, we close our centers on the Friday before Presidents Day and the Friday before Labor Day to provide staff with a full day of training on a topic identified in our self-evaluation as an area of need. In February, we welcomed a special trainer on effective interactions with children and children's literacy and language development aligned to the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS).





save the date
Nov. 30.2023

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ROTARY CLUB OF LONG BEACH VISITS YOUNG HORIZONS

Young Horizons was honored to welcome Long Beach Rotarians to our Kohn Center to share about the important work we do in serving our community. Groups of Rotarians visit various community organizations each year to learn about the organization and the programs they provide. It was a wonderful visit sharing about our early education program starting with a tour and then a brief history of Young Horizons with a photo slideshow of children learning, growing, and thriving in our centers. Thank you, LB Rotary, for including Young Horizons this year.



EVENT CALENDAR

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

SAVE THE DATE **SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**
Early Giving Begins **SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**
LONG BEACH Gives

IN LOVING MEMORY, MARGARITA RAMIREZ

In loving memory of Margarita Ramirez, "Mago," beloved member of the Young Horizons family for 18 years from 1989-2007. Mago was our beloved cook at Young Horizons and loved making delicious, nutritious meals for the children. We are forever grateful for her commitment, dedication, and love for the children in our care.



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