



**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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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.

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2418 Pacific Ave.

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Summer 2023

“Educate Early”

GRADUATIONS AT YOUNG HORIZONS

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023. We held our graduation ceremonies in June, and it felt wonderful being in-person once again for the first time since 2019.

Our five centers had a total of 78 graduates leaving for Kindergarten in the Fall.

Young Horizons has provided these graduates with our high-quality programs, projects, STEAM instruction and special events along with lots of fun games and playtime. The sum of these is what makes our children special, well-rounded, and fully prepared for kindergarten and the beginning of a lifetime of learning.

We are so grateful for the opportunity we had to nurture, teach, and guide this special group of graduates and send them off on their educational adventures, having prepared them for success in school and life. We wish them much success.



CENTRAL PACIFIC PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Thanks to funding from the Department of Education (CDE), we were able to upgrade our Central Pacific Center playground to replace the outdated equipment. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in July to celebrate the new playground. We were joined by parents, our CDE consultant, Dr. Sandra Flores, and our contractor, Mark Dulaney of MCD Construction.

Maddox Swartz, four-year old son of Claudia Swartz, our Organization of Parents and Teachers board president, had the honor of cutting the ribbon and welcoming the children onto their new playground structure. We look forward to many years of enjoyment for generations to come.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Celebrating Growth, Welcoming Change, and Honoring Achievements

We welcome our new school year with joy and anticipation as we plan for the educational activities for children and engagement opportunities for parents. This is a bittersweet moment for teachers as they prepare to send their older students off to kindergarten. They know the children are ready and have the solid foundation for success in their next chapter, but saying goodbye is difficult as well. We love to have our children return and visit letting us know how they're doing in kindergarten and beyond.

Our board welcomed two new members, Juancarlos Mariano and Moustapha Hammoude. Juancarlos is an engineer and Moustapha is in banking. They both bring the most critical skill needed for a board member of a nonprofit organization: passion for our mission. We are grateful for their willingness to support our cause in ensuring that young children have access to high-quality early education.

Also, we invite you to join us on **Thursday, November 30, 2023, 6:00-8:00 p.m. for our Annual Gala to be held at The Grand Event Center, Long Beach.** This year, we will have four honorees. Cindy Young will receive the Champion of Children award. Roger Scott will receive the Loving Award, the City of Long Beach Public Health Emergency Management team, PHEM will receive the Caring Award and our very own program director, Danielle Triplett, will receive the Learning Award. We hope you can share this unforgettable night with us. To learn more, visit younghorizons.org/gala. See you there.

Thank you for your continued support of Young Horizons. Together, we make a difference.



Sarah

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

LONG BEACH EARLY LEARNING HUB

Young Horizons is excited to participate in the first phase of the LB Early Learning HUB (The HUB). This project is a collaboration of the Mayor's Fund for Education, the Long Beach Unified School District and the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee. The HUB will work to support all families, whatever their needs or budget, in finding quality and affordable childcare.

The Long Beach Early Learning Hub will work with childcare providers in the greater Long Beach community to match families with available childcare spaces that fit their needs. They will help fill vacancies through community-wide marketing and outreach, a streamlined search feature, a universal application, and a centralized enrollment system.

Families will be able to select Young Horizons when applying for care and submit all paperwork online to facilitate the enrollment process.



PLANNING OUR 2023-2024 YEAR

Every year, our administrative team sets aside a day in the summer to plan for the coming year. Activities are planned to meet all learning standards and goals, translating the overarching concepts into daily lesson plans. Young Horizons uses a Thematic Curriculum with monthly themes that explore the world around us. We incorporate Math/Science skills, Language/Literacy Skills, Visual & Performing Arts (Dramatic Play, Music and Dance) and Health, Nutrition and Physical Development, into our weekly lesson planning. Each activity is tied to a developmental milestone and the California Learning Foundations (CLF). The CLFs outline the knowledge and skills most children can achieve when they experience the interactions, instruction and environments that promote early learning and development.

We know the learning that will take place this year will allow children to grow, develop and thrive.



SCAN TO
PURCHASE TICKETS



save the date
Nov. 30.2023

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NOW ENROLLING

Thanks to recent legislative changes in California, we are thrilled to introduce LOWER family fees for our early education programs serving children ages 6 months to 5.

At Young Horizons, we've always believed that a strong foundation in education starts from the very beginning. With these changes now a reality, we are excited to make high-quality early education even more accessible to MORE families.

Starting this enrollment season, admission income qualifications will be significantly REDUCED, opening up more opportunities for little ones to embark on a journey of exploration, creativity, and growth.

Spread the word among your friends and family – let them know that Young Horizons is committed to providing a nurturing and enriching environment for young learners. We set the stage for a brighter future through quality early education.

Visit our website or get in touch with our admissions team to learn more about the updated admission and enrollment details.



EVENT CALENDAR

Sept. 1: Professional Development Day – Centers closed
Sept. 5: Labor Day – Centers closed

Oct. 20: The Great Shakeout - statewide earthquake drill
Oct. 26: Jumpstart Read for the Record

Nov. 23-24: Centers closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Nov. 30: Young Horizons Annual Gala

Dec. 22-26: Centers closed for Christmas holiday
Dec. 30- Jan. 1: Centers closed for New Year's holiday



NOW HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM



SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
Early Giving Begins
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023



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