



**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**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

THE GRAND EVENT CENTER

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 352 children in five Long Beach locations

Kohn Center/Main Office
501 Atlantic Ave.

Central Pacific Center
1840 Pacific Ave.

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11 A W. 49th St.

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COMMUNITY HELPERS SHOW UP FOR CHILDREN’S LEARNING

Our learning theme for the month of September was Community Helpers. Children learned about all the different jobs and services that make up our community. We reached out to our community and had a great response.

Long Beach Fire Stations 11, 7 & 1 visited all five of our locations and shared information about fire safety and demonstrated the stop, drop and roll. Children had the opportunity to climb inside fire trucks and explore the hoses, tools, and ladders.



The Long Beach Police Department North and West Division officers came out and shared with children about their important role in the community, gave police capes to children, and children were also able to go inside patrol unit.



Tony Chacon, Community Relations Coordinator, from Long Beach Transit shared a very interactive presentation on how important buses are in our community to help people get to their destinations.

Long Beach Public Library Early Literacy/Reading Program Specialist, Sheridan Cazarez coordinated visits from librarians of different branches to discuss their role, read a story, and conduct a learning activity with children.

Even our very own contractor, Mark Dulaney of MCD Construction shared his role as a contractor for Young Horizons. He described the uses of his tools and safety equipment and allowed the children to explore them.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Embracing Change and Celebrating Our Little Ones

As the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler, we pause and realize another season has come to an end and a new one has begun. Our minds turn to winter activities and the upcoming holiday season.

The seasons come and go, the weather changes, and even our children change and grow and one day will transition to kindergarten.

The impact of this important work we do is not lost on us. We know that every day we are impacting children's and families' lives. When we take this pause and consider the work we have done, are doing, and will continue to do, we understand that ours is a labor of love. We have these beautiful, little children in our care, and we want to do everything we can to make sure they are happy, thriving, learning, and developing.

This is why it is so important that we hold events such as the Fundraising Gala on November 30th. We invite the community to join us and support our efforts to make children's lives better and encourage and empower our parents in their role for this season and the seasons to come. We truly hope you can join us and support our programs.

We are grateful to our contributors and look forward to years of partnership and collaboration to make a lasting impact on children's lives.



Sarah

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director



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EMPOWERING AND ENCOURAGING STAFF AT OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Being an early educator with young children truly takes a person who has a true passion and love for working with children. The lasting impact a teacher has on a child is not taken lightly. We provide our staff with hands-on training to ensure they have the tools they need to succeed. This training day included a teamwork activity that demonstrated the importance of helping one another, an overview of several new technology systems to help our organization run more smoothly, a workshop on behavior management in the classroom, and a fun, hands-on art workshop.

We celebrated ten staff who have reached service milestones:

5 Years of Service: Chriseta Champion, Rebecca Moreno, Valerie Nava, Alma Perez Crystal Prado, and Martha Romo

10 Years of Service: Dana Lopez

20 Years of Service: Javier Rivera

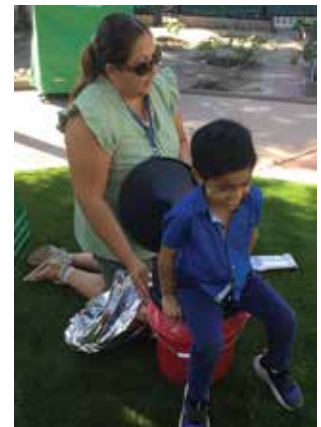
25 Years of Service: Alba Claunch



THE GREAT SHAKEOUT 10/19 AT 10:19AM

Young Horizons participated in the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill at all of our centers. The Great ShakeOut drills are an annual event for families, schools, and organizations to practice what should be done during an earthquake and to be prepared. All participants throughout the state of California, on the same day and the same time stop, drop, and roll. This brings more awareness to being prepared for an earthquake and, the State checks their emergency alert system by sending out alert text messages. In addition to our monthly drills, we act out different scenarios. Some children participate indoors and others outdoors. We also take this time to check emergency supplies and food to make sure nothing has expired. All staff and any visitors were encouraged to participate. At the Kohn Center, there was an injury simulation where children and staff provided aid to an "injured" staff member.

Children were able to discuss how they felt, and teachers shared the importance of being prepared and knowing what to do in the event of an earthquake.



YOUNG HORIZONS ANNUAL GALA

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6:00 - 8:00PM

THE GRAND EVENT CENTER, LONG BEACH

\$125 PER TICKET | \$1,250 PER TABLE OF 10



GALA RAFFLE ITEMS INCLUDE
TOTAL WINES & MORE: PRIVATE
WINE CLASS FOR 20*,
LOS OLIVOS WINE TASTING,
GIFT CARDS & MORE



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STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Earlier this fall, the board and staff of Young Horizons set aside a day to strategize and plan for the direction Young Horizons will take over the next 3-5 years to continue to meet our mission of serving children and families. Our streamlined strategic plan will be shared over the coming months.

Our focus continues to be on providing high-quality service. To do this we need a strong, supported workforce, a diverse instructional program that includes a mental health program, involved parents and an active and engaged board.

Stay tuned!

EVENT CALENDAR

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

Jan. 15, 2024: Centers closed for MLK Day

Feb. 16, 2024: Centers closed for Professional
Development day

Feb. 19, 2024: Centers closed for Presidents' Day



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