



**YOUNG HORIZONS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**
501 Atlantic Avenue
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Our mission is to provide quality childcare and preschool programs in a caring, loving and learning environment.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
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YOUNG HORIZONS FAMILY PICNIC

After a five-year hiatus due to the pandemic, our cherished Family Picnic made a grand return this year at Recreation Park to celebrate the end of the year and have time for connection and fun. Our parent group planned and coordinated the event. We grilled over 280 hamburgers and 140 hot dogs. We are deeply appreciative of the incredible support from staff and family volunteers who contributed their time and energy to make the picnic a resounding success. Highlights included a giant bubble station that captivated everyone all day, an art station, face painting, and a pool noodle obstacle course. The children also enjoyed organized games and entertainment provided by Amazing Kid Co, which added an extra touch of fun to the festivities and made it memorable for the children. Kudos to the parent group, staff, and family volunteers for making this picnic a success.



SUPPORTING FUTURE EDUCATORS: OUR STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This year, we had the pleasure of hosting two students from Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) who completed 100 hours of meaningful internship experience with us. These students assisted our administrative staff, contributed to graduation projects, and gained valuable hands-on experience in the classroom.

During their time with us, the interns were involved in administrative tasks, supported event planning, and observed classroom activities, helping them decide on their future career paths in teaching and pediatric nursing. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been inspiring.

Additionally, we are excited to welcome a student from the Future LB program, who will also gain practical experience and insights into their chosen field. We are proud to support these emerging professionals as they explore and prepare for their future careers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Transitioning from Summer to Fall

As we wrap up a delightful summer and welcome the fall season, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful achievements we've witnessed and look forward to the exciting new chapter ahead.

This summer has been truly special, highlighted by the return of the Family Picnic and our joyful preschool graduation celebrations. Watching our children celebrate this significant milestone with performances, gifts, and the enthusiastic support of their families has been incredibly heartwarming. Their growth and accomplishments are a testament to the nurturing environment we strive to provide.

As we transition into the new school year, we are excited about the opportunities and activities we have planned. Fall brings with it new learning themes, enriching experiences and continued growth for our children. We look forward to continuing to foster our children's development and creativity in a caring, loving, and learning environment.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our amazing staff and dedicated volunteer board members. Your hard work, commitment, and passion make everything we do possible. Your unwavering support and tireless efforts ensure that our programs are successful and that our children receive the best early care and education.

To our supporters, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement. Your dedication and involvement are crucial in making our programs vibrant and successful. Here's to a wonderful start to the new school year, filled with new adventures and learning opportunities.



In Service,

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

CELEBRATING PRESCHOOL GRADUATIONS: A JOYOUS MILESTONE FOR 75 YOUNG GRADUATES

This year's preschool graduation ceremony was a heartwarming success, marking a significant milestone for 75 young graduates as they wrapped up their early education journey. The graduations, held at each individual center, were attended by several board members, joining in the festivities and sharing in the excitement.

The ceremony was filled with joy as parents enjoyed singing and dance performances by the children. Each performance showcased the talent and enthusiasm of the graduates, leaving everyone with smiles and a sense of pride.

In addition to the celebrations, each graduate received a special gift sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The gift included a variety of engaging activities designed to keep the children entertained and inspired throughout the summer.

Overall, it was a wonderful celebration of the accomplishments of our preschoolers and a great example of our community coming together to support their growth and development. We look forward to watching these young learners continue to thrive as they move forward in their educational journey.



WELCOMING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS: ROSALINA VERGARA AND ELIZABETH WILLIS

We are thrilled to welcome Rosalina Vergara and Elizabeth Willis as the newest members of our board. Their unique backgrounds and expertise are set to bring a fresh and valuable perspective to our organization.

Rosalina Vergara comes with extensive experience in marketing. Her skills in brand development, communication strategies, and community outreach will help us enhance our visibility and effectively promote our programs.

Elizabeth Willis joins us with a strong background in finance. Her experience in financial management will be a great asset as we continue to develop and oversee our financial strategies and ensure fiscal responsibility.

We're excited to see the positive impact Elizabeth and Rosalina will bring to our team. Their contributions will be vital as we work together to advance our mission and achieve our goals. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to both Elizabeth and Rosalina as we embark on this new chapter together.

COMMUNITY HELPERS MONTH: EXCITING VISITS AT OUR EARLY EDUCATION CENTERS

This month, we've been having a blast learning about Community Helpers at our early education centers! To bring the theme to life, we were lucky to have some awesome guests from Waste Management Co and LB Transit visit us and share what they do to help our community.

The Waste Management team wowed the kids with a fun presentation about how they keep our streets clean. They even brought a real garbage truck for the children to check out, making the whole experience hands-on and exciting. The kids learned about recycling and the important role waste management plays in taking care of our environment.

LB Transit also made a great impression with their visit. They brought along a bus, which the kids loved exploring. The transit team explained how public transportation works and why it's so important for getting people around the city. It was a fantastic way for the children to see how buses help keep everything running smoothly.

These visits were a big hit and really helped bring our Community Helpers theme to life. We're grateful to Waste Management Co and LB Transit for taking the time to engage with our students and make learning about these important roles so much fun.

We can't wait to see what other exciting things we'll discover as we continue our exploration of the amazing people who help our community thrive!



WINE & CHEESE

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- Sept 2: Labor Day
- Nov 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 23-25: Christmas Holiday
- Dec 31 - Jan 1: New Year's Holiday

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