



**CommUNITY Impact  
and  
Annual Report  
2021 - 2022**



**YOUNG HORIZONS**  
CARING LOVING LEARNING

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**  
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We invite you to review the information provided as a partial overview of Young Horizons' mission and accomplishments in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.



**Sarah M. Soriano**  
Executive Director

I am proud to introduce our incoming board chair, Jake Mooney, who assumed the leadership role in July 2022. Jake Mooney joined the board in 2018 and has served in the capacity of Vice-Chair since 2020.

We thank our outgoing chair, Roger Scott, for his leadership for 6 years, seeing us through the difficult past two years of the pandemic. His dedication, passion and support were instrumental in the success of our programs.



**Jake Mooney**  
Board Chair

It is my honor and privilege to step in to this important role of leading Young Horizons. I have a strong commitment to Young Horizons' mission and the children and families we serve. I have always said, and it is true, that Young Horizons feels like home for me, and I want to make sure this program continues, succeeds, and grows to a stalwart of the community.

We look forward to working together in partnership with our board and staff to support the community with this vital, high-quality program for children and families.



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## Our Mission & Philosophy

### Our Mission

The mission of Young Horizons Child Development Centers is to provide quality childcare and preschool programs in a caring, loving and learning environment.

### Our Goal

Our goal is to create centers where children are cared for, loved, and can learn. Young Horizons is children's home-away-from-home.

### Our Purpose

Our centers have three purposes:

- Provide for the care and education of young children.
- Provide quality teachers and caregivers who are well-trained, warm, and caring.
- Provide parents the resources needed to help in their role as parents.

### Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is based upon these strongly held beliefs:

#### We Believe

We believe that the child's development is enhanced in partnership with the home, school, and community. We respect parents as the most significant adults in a child's life.

#### We Believe

We believe that children learn best in a positive atmosphere designed to foster a sense of self-esteem. Our teachers and caregivers create a relaxed, and nurturing environment. Our curriculum is developmentally appropriate.

#### We Believe

We believe each child is special and unique. We recognize that young children are action oriented and learn by hands-on experiences. We promote understanding and respect for the child's cultural heritage.

## Community Impact

### Creating Unity within the Community

Serving those who experience food insecurity and more

Served 326 children

Low teacher-child ratios:

Infants 1:3

Toddlers 1:4

Preschoolers 1:8

2 paid teacher training days

98% of children reached their developmental milestones



This partnership to receive rescued food enables Young Horizons to donate food to some of our most in-need parents to help combat food insecurity for children at home.



We distributed:

6000 lbs. of produce\*

300 lbs. of ground beef\*

3000 lbs. of nonperishables\*

120 backpacks with school supplies\*

10 cases of hand sanitizer  
(for center use)

20 cases of diapers

300 face masks

\* Donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – East Stake

## All Our Children Are Superheroes

Everyone has a superhero inside waiting to be discovered

**Infants**  
**6 – 18 months**

**Toddlers**  
**18 – 36 months**

**Preschoolers**  
**3-5 years**

**Sometimes real superheroes live  
in the hearts of small children**

## Parent Impact

A parent shares how Young Horizons impacts her life

**“I would not be working if I did not have the care provided by Young Horizons. Young Horizons has helped my family a lot. The education provided, not only the basic academics but the socialization, introduction to different foods, eating together in family style meals, following directions and just how to be good citizens. Thank you, Young Horizons.”**

Lorena G.  
Grisham Parent



### Board of Directors

Alejandra Albarran Moses, Ph.D.  
Kris Gragson  
Frank Gutierrez  
Danita Humphrey  
Claudia Kouyoumdjian, Ph.D.  
Nancy Manriquez Dowell  
Jake Mooney, Board Chair  
Dominique Perez  
Roger Scott

### Advisory Board

Martha Bernadette, MD  
Katie Larson  
Ed Ludloff  
Michael Mais  
Roland Spongberg  
Ed Sudario  
Ron Whittaker

## Strategic Plan 2018 - 2023

- Increase Enrollment
- Increase Awareness
- Increase Engagement
- Board Development

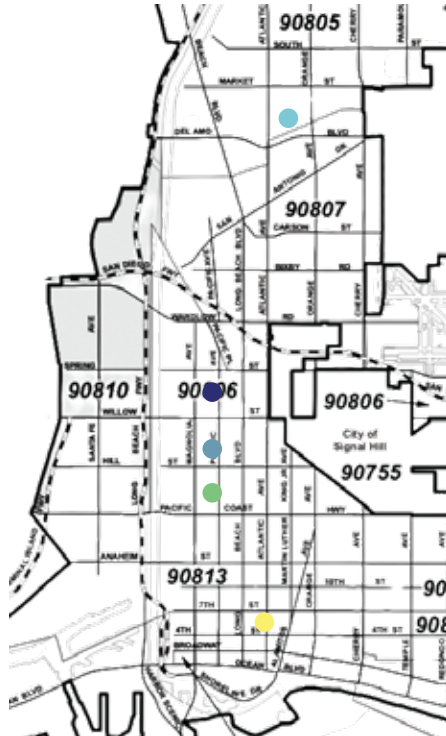
## Goals & Objectives Met

- ✓ Increase Enrollment: streamlined enrollment process, increased community engagement, completed center upgrades
- ✓ Increase Awareness: launched Social Media campaign, participated in community events, updated signs at centers
- ✓ Increase Parent Engagement: increased center events and opportunities for parents to engage, added engagement app and Parent Cafés
- ✓ Board Development: Diversified recruiting, enhanced onboarding and developed and implemented board portal
- ✓ Finalizing a new strategic plan for 2023-2026

## Locations

- **Kohn Center/Main Office**  
501 Atlantic Ave.
- **Central Pacific Center**  
1840 Pacific Ave.
- **Grisham Center**  
11 A W. 49th St.
- **North Pacific Center**  
2418 Pacific Ave.
- **Ludloff Center**  
2650 Pacific Ave.

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## How one teacher engaged families during the pandemic

I have been a teacher at Young Horizons since 2013. I love my job working with children and engaging their little minds. During the pandemic, learning how to adapt came without warning and fast, especially in the education field. I work with preschool age children, and both children and their families had to learn and adjust to these changes as they came, just like me.

Due to everything shutting down, I quickly tried finding ways to keep my children learning and engaged remotely. All while still giving them a safe, loving, and emotional assurance that this “scary” virus would pass, and we would one day go back to our classrooms together. I first reached out to parents through phone calls, emails, and even text messages, to assure them I was here to support. I guided them on how to use Zoom, stayed connected via emails regarding any Health Department updates as well as center updates.

Zoom was a learning process. I feel as if my students and I learned ways to keep Zoom calls interesting together and we found so many good at home activities to do. I met virtually with large groups, small groups, and individually. Some parents worked late hours, so I made sure to always make myself available to their schedules as much as I possibly could. Children loved seeing their peers on screen, others were shy at first, but that soon changed. I used a closed Instagram classroom group to post about future meeting times, activities, and materials needed. This allowed parents to plan ahead and make themselves available. I also shared photos of homework, activity ideas, and resources. Children enjoyed the Zoom Yoga, the Virtual Farm Field Trip, the zoo animal project, and the “All about me” project, to name a few.

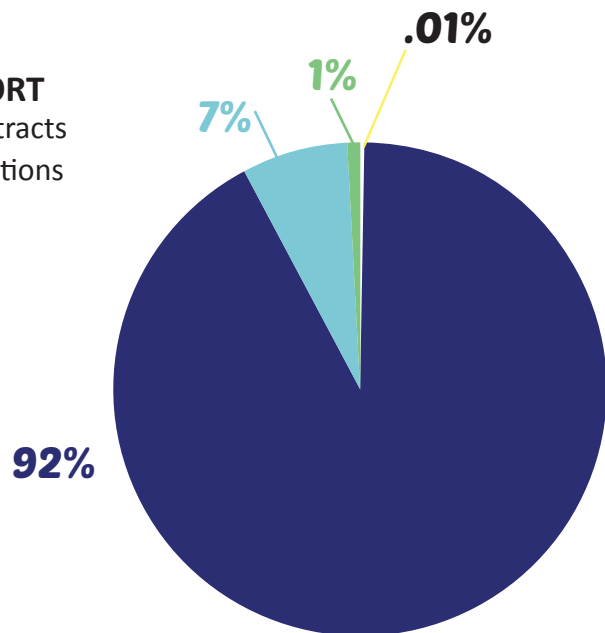
**The parents were an amazing and supportive group. I could not have done it without them. Building such great teamwork created a strong relationship among all my parents. This relationship continued throughout the entire pandemic, and to this day. It has been a learning experience and a guide to continue growing in the classroom and with families.**

-Teacher Dana L. (Kohn Center)

## 2021-2022 Financial Summary

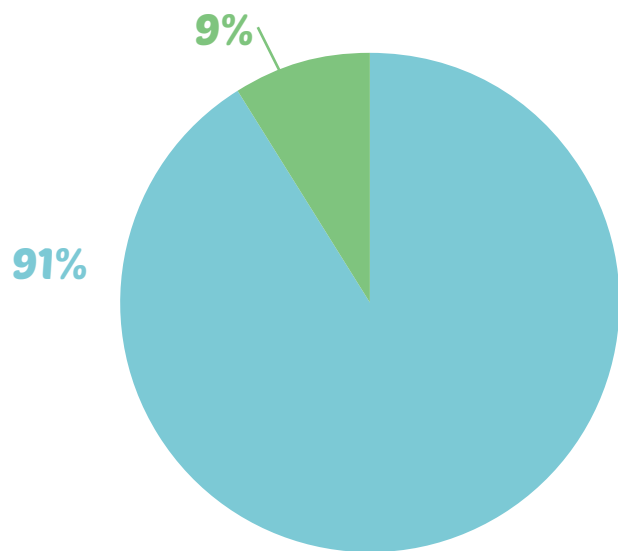
### REVENUE & SUPPORT

- Federal & State Contracts
- Grants and Contributions
- Special Events
- Other



### EXPENSES

- Program Services
- Support Services



## 2021-2022 Contributors & Supporters

### Foundation Grants

Bess Hodges  
Earl B and Lorraine E Miller Foundation  
Freeman E. Fairfield Foundation  
Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation  
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Munzer Foundation

### \$1,000 - \$5,000

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\* Partial list, our apologies for any omissions

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