



**YOUNG HORIZONS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**
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To our friend (s):

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Fall 2024

“Educate Early”

SUMMER FIESTA: CHEERS TO A SUCCESSFUL WINE AND CHEESE FUNDRAISER

Our Summer Fiesta Wine and Cheese Fundraiser was a delightful success. Thank you to everyone who joined us for an evening of great company, delicious food, including a charcuterie board, and wine. Attendees had the opportunity to mingle and connect. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and meet new friends while supporting a great cause. We held an exciting silent auction and opportunity drawing, featuring a variety of prizes, including wine baskets, gift certificates, and more. Congratulations to our lucky winners and thank you to everyone who participated.

Throughout the evening, we shared our vision, goals and accomplishments for Young Horizons. Beautiful poster boards shared wonderful pictures of a variety of activities at our centers throughout the year. A highlight of the evening was a fantastic performance by Alex M. Firing, a talented 11th grade student who captivated attendees with a lively, fiesta-inspired piano rendition.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, volunteers and businesses who contributed their time and resources. Your generosity made this event possible.

Thanks to your contributions, we raised over \$56,000 to further our mission. We are excited to use these funds toward ensuring a brighter future for our young scholars. Mark your calendars for next year's Summer Fiesta, 9/19/2025.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Embracing Fall: A Season of Growth and Community

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, we find ourselves entering a season of reflection and gratitude. Fall is not just a time for harvest; it's an opportunity for growth, both for our children and our organization.

This past season has been filled with milestones. We've seen our children flourish in their learning and social skills, thanks to your unwavering support and dedication. Our educators have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing environment that encourages exploration and creativity. Together, we are making a profound impact on the lives of our families.

As we embrace the spirit of giving during this season, I invite you to consider how you can continue to support our mission. Whether through volunteering your time, sharing our message with friends and family, or donating, every contribution helps us provide the quality care and education that our children deserve.

Two special events that take place each November are our Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunches. At the harvest festival we celebrate together with fun activities for the whole family. The Harvest Lunches include turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy and even a slice of pumpkin pie. These events offer the opportunity to connect and celebrate together.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of our journey. Your passion inspires us every day, and together, we can create a brighter future for children.



Wishing you a warm and wonderful fall season,



Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY FUN DAY AT YOUNG HORIZONS CENTERS

Our recent Family Fun Day was a resounding success at each of our centers. Thank you to all the families who joined us for a day filled with laughter, connection, and memorable moments.

From face painting to relay races, our little ones had a blast exploring a variety of fun activities. It was wonderful to see the creativity and teamwork on display as families participated together. Families enjoyed a delightful selection of snacks and refreshments, creating a festive atmosphere. One of the best parts of the day was seeing families come together, sharing stories and building friendships. The strong sense of community at Young Horizons was truly evident. Congratulations to our 7 Starbucks \$5 Gift Cards raffle winners!

A huge thank you to our staff and volunteers for their hard work organizing this wonderful event. Your dedication made Family Fun Day a memorable experience for everyone involved.

We look forward to many more opportunities to gather as a community.



CHILDREN'S BURN CENTER VISITS YOUNG HORIZONS

This month, we had the incredible opportunity to host a presentation from the Children's Burn Center, focused on fire prevention and safety. Our preschoolers engaged in an interactive session that not only educated them about the dangers of fire but also empowered them to take safety seriously.

We are grateful to Debbie Karaman from the Children's Burn Center, for her time and expertise in educating our children about fire safety. It is important to have these discussions at home, ensuring that your loved ones feel confident and prepared.

Thank you, Debbie and the Children's Burn Center, for your ongoing support in keeping our children safe.

THE IMPORTANCE OF OPEN HOUSES AT OUR CHILD CARE CENTERS

This fall, we held Open Houses at each of our centers. Open houses play a vital role in building a strong foundation for our childcare community. They provide a unique opportunity for families to connect with our staff as well as other parents. These personal interactions foster a sense of belonging and help create a supportive community, where families feel comfortable and valued. During open houses, parents explored their children's classroom where they learned about our curriculum and philosophy. This allows families to gain a deeper understanding of how we nurture each child's development, ensuring they feel confident in their choice of care and education. Children were encouraged to participate in hands-on activities with their parents, allowing them to experience the learning environment in a fun and relaxed setting.

Open houses are more than just events—they are essential for fostering relationships, building community, and ensuring that families feel informed and engaged. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with our families.



DENTAL AND VISION SCREENINGS

Vision and dental health are critical components of overall childhood development. Early identification of vision problems can lead to timely interventions, ensuring that children can see clearly and perform well in school. Similarly, dental presentations help educate about oral health issues that, if left untreated, can lead to more serious problems later in life.

Recently, volunteers from the Long Beach Lions Club visited Young Horizons to conduct vision screenings for all our children. This service was offered free of charge through the Lions KidSight USA vision screening program. These trained volunteers used the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener to screen 245 of our children. The screening devices detect risk factors for strabismus (eyes that cross or wander out), refractive errors and unequal vision between the two eyes, and potentially even more serious issues such as cataracts and eye cancer.

The Lollipop Dental team visited all our centers and presented a comprehensive dental hygiene program. They taught the children proper brushing techniques, discussed which foods are good or bad for their teeth, and shared a story about teeth and dental care. The program also included a quick category game for the children and an opportunity to practice toothbrushing. Each child received a goodie bag containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, a sticker, and an oral hygiene brochure for parents.

These screenings not only serve individual children but also raise awareness within the community about the importance of regular health check-ups. By partnering with local health organizations, we can provide resources and support for families, encouraging them to prioritize their children's health as well as their own.



EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 28-29:
Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 23-25:
Christmas Holiday

Dec 31 - Jan 1:
New Year's Holiday

January 20:
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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