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2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



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Fall 2025

"Educate Early"

FIESTA FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS

Our Fiesta Fundraiser was an incredible success, and we could not be more grateful to everyone who made it possible. Over 100 guests came together to celebrate at The Grand Event Center to support our programs, creating an evening full of community, generosity, and fun.

Guests enjoyed a mouthwatering charcuterie spread, a flavorful fajita dinner, and live jazz music performed by the talented Jazz Angels. The night also featured an exciting silent auction and a dazzling opportunity drawing of fantastic prizes.

A heartfelt "thank-you" to our dedicated board members, hardworking staff, and all of our amazing supporters. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised more than \$63,000 to continue our important work.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Celebrating Learning This Fall

As the leaves change and we settle into the rhythm of fall, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a meaningful season this has been for our program. Autumn always feels like a time of growth, both for the children in our care and for our organization, as we continue to nurture, learn, and build our community together.

This fall, our classrooms have been filled with curiosity and creativity. From sensory nature walks to art projects inspired by the colors of the season, our children remind us daily of the joy that comes from exploring the world around us. Our educators continue to bring incredible passion and dedication to their work, ensuring that every child feels seen, supported, and inspired to learn.

I am also pleased to share a few program highlights:

- We launched the Zero to Three, Gather Round, curriculum for infant and toddler children in October. This curriculum focuses on developmental domains like language, literacy, and social-emotional skills through activities such as reading books, singing songs, and hands-on games.
- Our annual Fall Family Festival will be held this month at all five of our centers for a day of connection and fun. Teaching staff will share the different activities children engage in daily in each classroom so parent can understand what children are learning as they “play” every day.

As we look ahead to the winter months, we’re excited to continue strengthening our partnerships and finding new ways to serve our children and families. None of this would be possible without your continued trust, involvement, and support. Whether you are a parent, caregiver, volunteer, donor, or community advocate, thank you for being part of our mission and believing in the power of early childhood education.

Wishing you and your loved ones a cozy, joyful fall season.



In Service,

Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

CONNECTING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY: OPEN HOUSE & RESOURCE FAIR



Families and community partners came together this fall for our Open House and Resource Fair at our five centers. The event welcomed both current and prospective families to explore our classrooms, meet our dedicated teaching staff, and learn more about the quality programs we offer for our children.

In addition to touring the center, families had the opportunity to connect with a variety of local organizations and resources that support early childhood development, family wellness, and community engagement. Representatives from Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA) and ChildNet were present. Also, information and free materials were shared from WIC, the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, the local library, the health department, Family Resource Center, and early intervention services for parents and caregivers. Our mental health consultant also attended each Open House to provide support to families if needed.

Children enjoyed fun, hands-on activities and classroom demonstrations, while adults had the chance to speak directly with teachers about curriculum, routines, and how we nurture learning through play.

“Our Open House and Resource Fair is about more than showcasing our centers, it’s about building connections,” said Danielle Triplett, Program Director. “We’re proud to partner with local organizations to give families the tools and support they need both inside and outside the classroom.”

These events highlight the strong partnerships that make our community thrive. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day a success.

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS: SECOND STEP CURRICULUM INTRODUCED THIS FALL



This fall, we are thrilled to introduce the Second Step Early Learning Curriculum (Second Step) at our centers. This is a program designed to help young children grow not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well. We began by introducing this curriculum in two of our preschool classrooms and will expand throughout the year.

At this important stage of development, children are learning how to make friends, manage big feelings, and solve problems peacefully. Second Step gives teachers fun, hands-on tools to guide children through these everyday moments with care and understanding.

Through songs, stories, and interactive lessons, children are learning how to recognize and name their feelings, listen and focus attention, cooperate and share with others, solve problems in positive ways and show empathy and kindness.

By weaving these lessons into our daily routines, we are helping children build the skills they need to succeed in life. Families received simple, engaging activities to try at home, so the learning continues beyond the classroom. Together, we can reinforce the same messages of empathy, respect, and cooperation that children practice each day.

We are excited to see how this new curriculum will strengthen our classrooms and support every child in growing into a confident, caring learner.

SUPPORTING SAFE SLEEP: INFANT STAFF COMPLETE SIDS PREVENTION TRAINING

Ensuring the health and safety of every child is always a top priority at Young Horizons. This month, our infant room teaching staff participated in specialized training focused on the prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and safe sleep practices for infants.

The training was led by Susana Aceves, RN, BSN, PHN, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and SIDS Coordinator from the Long Beach Health Department, provided up-to-date information on SIDS risk factors, safe sleep environments, and current state licensing requirements. Staff reviewed the American Academy of Pediatrics “Back to Sleep” guidelines, safe crib standards, and the importance of consistent supervision and communication with families about safe sleep habits.

This training reinforces our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our youngest children. Our team takes pride in staying informed and following the best practices recommended by pediatric experts and state regulations.

By completing this professional development, our staff remain prepared to ensure every infant in our care sleeps safely, on their back, in their own crib, and in a comfortable, monitored space. An informational pamphlet is shared with families to ensure safe sleep practices at home as well.

At Young Horizons, continuing education and safety training are an essential part of how we support our families and community.



GRATEFUL FOR OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY PARTNERS



As we head into the season of gratitude, we want to take a moment to recognize the incredible partners who help us care for and support our families throughout the year.

A heartfelt thank you to the Lions Club for providing free vision screenings to our students. Your commitment to children's health ensures that every student has the opportunity to see clearly and learn with confidence.

We are also deeply appreciative of Lollipop Dental for visiting our site and offering fun, educational dental health lessons. Their engaging presentations and dental care kits help our students build lifelong healthy habits—with lots of smiles along the way!

And finally, a big thank you to Smart & Final for their generous \$500 donation to support ten families with \$50 food gift cards. This contribution help to provide nutritious meals and groceries for these families in need.

It's through partnerships like these that we're able to make a lasting difference. Together, we're building a healthier, happier, and stronger community.

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EVENT CALENDAR

CENTERS CLOSED
November 27 & 28: Thanksgiving

December 24-26: Christmas
December 31 - January 2, 2026: New Years

January 19: MLK Day

February 13: Professional Development Day
February 16: Presidents Day



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