



Young Horizons

Child Development Centers

“Success Starts Here”

Winter 2017

Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

Participating in the holiday fun



Young Horizons was pleased to take part in the 34th Annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade. Thanks to a sponsorship from Shoreline Village our enrolled families were able to participate and share this very important time of the year with the community.

Our parents expressed what a wonderful time they had with their children by participating in their first parade and learning about the various organizations, council members and city agencies that make up our community.

A special thank you to Debra Fixen and Shoreline Village for sponsoring two surreys from *Wheel Fun Rentals* for our children to ride in. They also provided delightful reindeer antlers for the children and parents to wear. We also express our thanks to board members Roger Scott and Katie Larson, with husband Cameron, for volunteering their time and joining in the fun.

Giving our families and children this opportunity was a real treat we hope to repeat in the years to come.

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell Visits Young Horizons

A legislator who cares



We were honored to have our 70th Assembly District Assemblymember, Patrick O'Donnell, visit our Kohn Center and learn about our programs.

As an educator, Mr. O'Donnell understands the importance of providing early care and education in a high quality setting. Children made and personally delivered beautiful thank you cards that brought smiles to our assemblymember's face.

We had the opportunity to share with Mr. O'Donnell some of the critical legislative needs that affect low-income families. For example, for families to qualify for our services, their entry wage level is based on the 2005 state median income levels. With three minimum wage increases since then, and more to

come, fewer and fewer families are qualifying for subsidized care. We know and understand that in order for parents to work or go to school, they must have a high-quality, safe, learning environment for their children to receive the early education critically needed to succeed in school. Our programs provide this two-fold benefit. Mr. O'Donnell was receptive and expressed gratitude for the information to help him as he makes decisions at the Capitol.

Thank you Assemblymember O'Donnell.



Executive Director Message



"Oh, the places we'll go!"
Dr. Seuss

Quoting the words of Dr. Seuss, we have many exciting plans for Young Horizons as we move into our new year. In this time of great change and a difficult political climate, we can rest assured on one fact, with the help of our supporters, we will continue to provide the high-quality early care and education to the children in our centers in a caring, loving and learning environment. Although we do not know what changes lie ahead, we will continue to advocate and educate policymakers on the issues that affect families.

And, in honor of Dr. Seuss day on March 2, I invite you to come to any of our five centers and read one of his books (or your favorite) to the children. This is always a fun day children enjoy greatly.

We are continuously looking at ways to improve and make positive changes to enhance our programs. We are excited to add two new board members to Young Horizons' board, Steven Gratch and Misi Tagaloa— both community advocates. Our board will hold a retreat in early spring to provide training and direction for the future. We are grateful for their commitment to making Young Horizons the best it can be to better serve our community.

That is our commitment to the children and families who need our services: provide the best program we can offer.


Sarah M. Soriano
Executive Director

Leadership Long Beach Donations

Young Horizons receives generous gifts

Leadership Long Beach (LLB) has been inspiring, creating and cultivating community leaders for more than 25 years. The organization seeks to connect community leaders through various projects that highlight the needs and resources of the Long Beach community.

Through our Executive Director's participation in LLB's Leadership Institute, Young Horizons had the opportunity to create meaningful and resourceful connections with other local organizations.

In December, Young Horizons was honored to have been selected to receive an exciting donation from LLB members as part of their holiday celebration. The donation included materials such as pencils, crayons, stuffed



animals, paper, glue, bike helmets and even a beautiful tricycle. These materials are greatly needed throughout our centers to provide the high quality environment children deserve.

Thank you to the Leadership Long Beach board and Jeff Williams, Executive Director, and all who gave generously from the heart.

LA Clippers Acknowledge Our Volunteers

Parent volunteers receive honor



We were delighted when the LA Clippers selected two of our Young Horizons parents to be acknowledged at one of their games at Staples Center. The LA Clippers acknowledges and promotes community participation throughout the County of Los Angeles.

Andrea Carrasco and Crystal Perez have been an important part of our Organization of Parents and Teachers (OPT) serving parents and encouraging participation in their child's early education. These are outstanding parents that have dedicated much of their time to field trip planning, fundraising and extracurricular activities with Young Horizons.

We appreciate their commitment to Young Horizons thus demonstrating what parents can do to enhance their child's experience at our centers.



Young Horizons Celebrates 50 Years in 2018

Help us continue our legacy of service

**Event
Calendar**
Join us

As we begin the new year, many of us look to set personal resolutions and identify areas in our lives in which to invest. All of us who decide to invest in something—a stock, a relationship, a cause—will evaluate the success of that investment based upon what it returns.

Young Horizons will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2018 and we want you to know that the return on your investment in us has helped thousands of children and their families since its founding in 1969.

Some of the returns on your investments in Young Horizons include:

- Your investment provides the solid foundation for developing the whole child: socially, emotionally, intellectually, creatively, and physically.
- Your investment builds the lasting learning structure a child needs to succeed academically.
- Your investment supports early childhood education which is paramount to success in school and in life.
- Your investment enables parents to gain and retain employment or complete a higher education or vocational training program.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help continue our legacy of providing vital services to the underserved children and their families in our community.

Please return the enclosed envelope or visit our website at www.YHCC-LB.com to make a donation today. Your investment today will yield many returns tomorrow.

We thank you in advance for your willingness to invest in the children and families of our community.

February 7- Parent Workshop

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services will provide an important workshop for families on Lice and Prevention.

Self Evaluation Process

Each year, Young Horizons invites community members to take part in our Environment Rating Scale evaluations throughout the month of January and February. If you are interested in participating, please contact Danielle Triplett at 562 437-8991 ext. 18

We will be closed:

February 17, Staff Training Day

February 20, Presidents' Day

February 25th

Second to last community Kindergarten Festival at Roosevelt Elementary

March 2nd

Dr. Seuss Day—Read Across America. Come and read to the children at any of our 5 centers.

March 11th

Last Kindergarten Festival at Burcham Elementary

April 24-28

The Week of the Young Child. We will be having special activities each day of the week for children and families to enjoy. Stop by and join the fun.

April 26

Administrative Professionals Day. Take the time to thank an administrative professional in your life.

Dollar for Dollar Matching Fund

Your donation doubles in value

We are grateful to an anonymous donor who has pledged to match, dollar for dollar, up to \$2,000 for all donations received through February 28, 2017. Please consider making a donation today.



While Young Horizons is funded by the state of California, it *is not* sufficient to provide the high-quality early childhood education required by State standards. Your donation helps to supplement these vital costs to ensure the programs our children need.



to benefit Young Horizons programs

Please join us on April 27 from 5:30—8:00 p.m. at Shoreline Village for wine tasting, hord'oeuvres, fun and entertainment.

NOW ENROLLING!

We have openings at several of our centers. Call for information (562) 437-8991 or visit our website: www.yhcc-lb.com



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To our friend (s):

SAVE THE DATE

April 27, 2017

5:30 –8:00pm

Wine and Cheese Fest Fundraiser

@Shoreline Village

Details inside

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

Please email us at INFO@YHCC-LB.COM if you prefer to receive our news electronically.

Our mission is to provide quality childcare and preschool programs in a caring, loving and learning environment.

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.

Board of Directors

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Serving 416 children in five Long Beach locations

Kohn Center/Main Office

501 Atlantic Ave.

North Pacific Center

2418 Pacific Ave.

Grisham Center

11 A W. 49th St.

Central Pacific Center

1840 Pacific Ave.

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