



# Long Beach Day Nursery

## 2002-03 Annual Report

### **D**ear Friends of Long Beach Day Nursery:

As we reflect on this past year, we find we have much to celebrate. We'd like to share some of the highlights with you:

**Facilities Improvements:** We dedicated our beautiful, newly renovated playground and children's garden at our West Branch after over two years of planning and hard work. Described on more than one occasion as an "oasis" for the children in our neighborhood, the new playground not only meets current health and safety guidelines recently implemented by the State, but is also inviting and attractive. It facilitates play, active learning, and rest and relaxation, and is a safe and nurturing environment. We encourage you to drop by and visit us!

**Professional Development:** Over 30 of our teachers completed our Professional Development Incentive Program to enhance their skills and knowledge in the early childhood education field. Participants were required to not only complete 30 hours of

approved training, but also to provide written reports regarding their plans to integrate what they learned into their classrooms. In addition to the Professional Development Incentive Program, we are pleased to report that close to 25 employees celebrated five or more years of service to LBDN, with two marking over 25 years. Ongoing training and development, along with stability in our workforce, helps to ensure the very best educational opportunities for the children at LBDN.

**Advocacy:** We are proud that Amy Bigelow, LBDN's Program Director, was appointed to the Professional Development Committee of Los Angeles County's First 5 Commission on Universal Preschool. Patrice Wong, LBDN's Executive Director, was appointed to the Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee. Several of our teachers serve or have served on the board of our local chapter of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Together, we are working with advocates throughout our region

and the State to ensure that quality care and education for young children is not compromised. It is critical that we ensure that our voice, and the voices of our children, are heard.

**New Technology:** LBDN is embracing new technology, and has implemented new management information systems in its Finance, Human Resources, and Program Departments. Improved efficiency and productivity as a result of these new systems will help to keep our operations running as smoothly and cost-effectively as possible, while providing better information for decision making. In addition, we launched our new website this year. Please visit us at [www.lbdn.org](http://www.lbdn.org) and let us know what you think!

I'm sure you will agree with us that we have much to be proud of this year. Moreover, in 2003, we celebrated our 91st Anniversary. That's right – 91 years! In a day and age when organizations come and go in a blink of an eye, that in itself is a noteworthy accomplishment. But our pride goes beyond

our longevity. While we are extremely proud of our long history of providing quality child care and early education to the Greater Long Beach community, we remain true to the vision of a group of extraordinary women, among them Mrs. Florence Bixby, who recognized the need for quality, reliable, and affordable childcare in 1912. Today – nearly a century later – our mission remains virtually unchanged – to provide quality early care and education for children of working families.

Thank you for your support of Long Beach Day Nursery. It is through friends like you that we are able to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,



Donita Van Horik  
President, Board  
of Directors



Patrice Wong  
Executive Director

# LBDN Programs

*Our mission “to provide quality early care and education for young children of working parents” has remained unchanged for nearly a century. We are committed to the vision that a balance of physical, social, emotional and intellectual stimulation is necessary for young children, to ensure proper development and provide a lasting foundation for success. To accomplish our vision of quality care and education for our children, LBDN currently offers many value-added programs, including:*

## Early Intervention Program

Dr. Jana Martin has played an active role with LBDN’s Early Intervention Program (EIP) for over 15 years. EIP is a team effort involving teachers, LBDN staff, an Intervention Specialist (usually the Associate Center Directors at each Branch), families, the children and community resources.

The main focus of the EIP is to meet each identified child’s needs by tailoring a program that builds on the child’s strengths, and facilitates that child’s healthy development.

There are three basic components to the EIP:

- Being a resource to parents
- Being a resource for the teachers
- Being a resource to the children

*One of the strongest supporters of the EIP is the Atlas Family Foundation of Southern California. This private, family-run trust provides financial support and other resources that are critical to the existence of the program.*

## Nutrition Program

At LBDN, our food program minimizes the use of processed foods – most meals are prepared from scratch – and adhere to USDA guidelines to ensure proper nutritional balance. We believe that nutritional counseling and information, along with education regarding the benefits of physical exercise, are important for not only our students, but also the communities we serve.

Vigorous physical activity also is a component in our curriculum to ensure adequate levels of active, aerobic movement and exercise. Our playgrounds are inviting and engaging, allowing children to play, explore and socialize.

*The approximate number of meals served annually at all three LBDN Branches were: • Breakfast: 44,096 • Lunch: 57,440 • Snacks: 53,452*

*LBDN participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Child Care Food Program, administered by the Nutrition Services Division of the California Department of Education. In accordance to federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.*

## Early Literacy - “Ready to Read” Healthy Connections

Teaching a child to read involves complex relationships between whole language, phonics, development, natural environment, direct teaching and intervention. At LBDN, the “Ready to Read” program is an integrated and balanced early literacy curriculum, which is implemented at each of our three Branches with developmentally appropriate activities for all age levels.

Beginning with the youngest infants, at least two hours of early literacy and language development activities are implemented each day.

The three main components of “Ready to Read” include:

- Reading Readiness
- Teacher Readiness
- Parent Readiness

*Thanks to The Rotary Club of Long Beach, Boeing and Mervyn’s for their generous support of the “Ready To Read” program.*

LBDN’s West and East branches are participants in Healthy Connections, a collaborative effort that includes dental, height and weight, hearing, and vision screenings.

Made possible through funds from First5 (formerly the Los Angeles County Children and Families First Proposition 10 Commission), Healthy Connections also provides classroom consultations by a child development resource specialist, monthly office hours with a registered nurse, staff in-service training on health related issues, classroom presentations for children on various health topics, and access to an on-site community resource database.

*Healthy Connections has provided for the following parent workshops at some LBDN Branches: Biting Behavior, Sibling Rivalry, Dental Health, Asthma, Toilet Training, and Positive Discipline.*



# Friends Make the World a Better Place



*"One of the best decisions that I have made for my two children was enrolling them in the LBDN program. Being a parent of twin toddler girls, I really appreciate the care they receive and the skills they develop each day. The Daily Reports that I get from my kids' caregivers really help me visualize what their day was like. The reports are a great communications tool when it seems like you are always in a rush."* – Jackie Vallejo, Parent, West Branch



LB Fire Fighters Union 372 provides hot dogs to over 400 hungry guests at our annual family picnic.



Santa arrives at the West Branch, courtesy of the LB Motor Patrol and Search & Rescue Team.

*Eagle Scout, Jason Cannan, earned his community service badge by developing a volunteer project to paint a mural, paint play structures and build planter boxes for the Memorial Branch.*



Board member Barbara Bixby Blackwell assists Maria Arias, East Branch cook, with Fall Feast preparations.



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Volunteers from Nissan North America give the West Branch a new coat of paint as part of United Way's "Commitment to Caring" campaign.

## Stepping Stones to Success



The Stepping Stones to Success scholarship program was established in 1992 in response to the Los Angeles-Long Beach Civil Unrest. The families that benefit from these scholarships are those most in need of the stability, quality of care, and educational opportunities offered by LBDN. These families earn less than \$1,500 a month and they struggle to raise their children in troubled, economically distressed neighborhoods.

This past fiscal year, LBDN helped 18 children and their families with support from Stepping Stones scholarships ranging from \$50 to \$130 a week.

The Stepping Stones campaign kicks off each Spring. The honorary chairs for the 2003 campaign were Mary & Robert Soth. Special thanks to the Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation, Bess J. Hodges Foundation, Elizabeth Bixby Janeway Foundation, Earl B. & Lorraine H. Miller Foundation, Northrop Grumman (ECHO), Union Bank of California, J.B. & Emily Van Nuys Charities and our individual and corporate donors who make this program possible.

*“Teachers and administrators at LBDN offer feedback, really listen to my opinions and concerns, and are willing to work within my family’s needs...I would never be able to do my work without the peace of mind I have knowing that no matter what, my son is in the best of hands each day.”*

– Michael Murray, Parent, East Branch



## NAEYC

The NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation administers a national, voluntary, professionally sponsored accreditation system to help raise the quality of all types of preschools, kindergartens, child care centers, and school-age childcare programs.

Last year in Long Beach, CA, there were seven nationally accredited nationally accredited child care programs out of 140 licensed child care centers. Of these seven, two were LBDN sites – Memorial and West. Due to the extensive renovations at the East Branch, the accreditation process began again as a new site, and work is currently underway to have East accredited.



# Financial Statements

## Statement of Net Assets July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 472,019
Accounts receivable	195,808
Prepaid expenses	<u>30,172</u>
Total Current Assets	697,999

Investments	2,419,568
Property and equipment, net	<u>3,362,878</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$6,480,445</u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 64,612
Accrued payroll expense	119,463
Loan payable, current	<u>9,995</u>
Total Current Liabilities	194,070

Loan payable, City of Long Beach net of current portion	<u>12,492</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>206,562</u>

#### Net Assets

##### Unrestricted Net Assets:

Operating	205,264
Board designated	1,623,658
Fixed assets	<u>3,340,391</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	5,169,313

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	317,070
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>787,500</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>6,273,883</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$6,480,445</u>
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## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

### UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

#### Support:

Contributions	\$ 249,598
United Way	105,336
Debt forgiveness	9,995
Fees from governmental agencies	979,333
Fees from program services	645,504
Fees from alternative payment programs	688,049
Special events	25,895
Interest and dividend income	73,533
Realized loss on sale of investments	(9,295)
Net unrealized gain on investments	72,429
Miscellaneous	<u>10,321</u>
Total Support	2,850,698
Net assets released from restrictions	174,544

Total operating and support revenue	<u>3,025,242</u>
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#### Expenses:

Program services	
East branch program	1,323,758
Memorial branch program	691,639
West branch program	<u>603,574</u>
Total Program Services	2,618,971

Supporting services	
General and administrative	489,651
Development	<u>55,643</u>

Total Expenses	<u>3,164,265</u>
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Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	(139,023)
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### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	\$ 135,988
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>(174,544)</u>
Decrease in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(38,556)

### PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	<u>310,000</u>
Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>310,000</u>

Total Increase in Net Assets	<u>132,421</u>
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Net Assets, beginning of year	6,116,462
Adjustment for restatement	<u>25,000</u>
Net Assets, beginning of year as restated	<u>6,141,462</u>

Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$6,273,883</u>
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The Long Beach Day Nursery is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The programs and services of the Long Beach Day Nursery are made possible by the voluntary services and financial support of its donors.

The information shown herein has been summarized from Financial Statements as audited by Vicenti, Lloyd and Stutzman, LLP. Copies of audited statements are available on request.

# West Branch Playground & Children's Garden Dedication

Guests, family and friends of LBDN gathered on a perfect fall afternoon Friday, October 31, to witness the official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly remodeled West Branch playground and children's garden.

Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna, Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach City Council, First District, Architect Patrick Callihan from di-zin', inc., LBDN parent Harley Sayres, LBDN Board President Donita Van Horik and Executive Director Patrice Wong were just a few of the special guests in attendance.

Thank you to the generous donors and volunteers who made the new playground and children's garden possible:

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- United Way "Commitment to Caring"
- Weingart Foundation

## Volunteers

- Nissan North America
- di-zin', Inc.
- Edward Blackshire
- Billy Whaples

*Below: Board President Donita Van Horik thanks Charles Ensley and Duckey Caswell of the Kiwanis Club of Long Beach.*



*Above/below: West children enjoying the new playground, tire swing and tricycle path.*



*Above: West Center Director Linda Blackshire with parent Harley Sayres.*



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