

# Long Beach Day Nursery

## 2003-04 Annual Report

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

As we write this, the weather is crisp and cool, the night air is filled with the scent of toasty fireplaces, and holiday preparations are in full swing. It's hard to believe that another year has gone by. Once again, we have much to celebrate and we'd like to share the highlights with you – our generous and supportive friends and family.

**Curriculum Enhancements:** We are pleased to report that we have increased the sizes of both our classroom and take-home libraries at all of our sites, ensuring a broad assortment of age-appropriate books and instructional materials to support *Ready to Read*, our early literacy program. Our kindergarten readiness workshops for parents continue to be extremely popular, and we are looking forward to offering these workshops again with the most up-to-date information available to ensure successful kindergarten transitions for all our preschoolers. Exciting new partnerships with brain research institutions, national literacy initiatives, local health providers, local school districts, and the Long Beach Public Library system are in the

works – look for news soon about these exciting new developments to our curriculum!

**Reducing Barriers:** Our *Stepping Stones to Success* Scholarship Program awarded over 40 scholarships to low-income working families this year, enabling parents to enroll their children at LBDN without bearing an undue financial burden. The families who benefit from *Stepping Stones* are those most in need of the stability, quality of care, and educational opportunities offered by LBDN. A recent landmark longitudinal study of the effects of high-quality early care and education on low-income three- and four-year-olds shows that adults at age 40 who participated in a preschool program in their early years have higher earnings, are more likely to hold a job, have committed fewer crimes, and are more likely to have graduated from high school. We are proud of the additional investment that our donors have made into our scholarship program to ensure that all children are given a fair chance at early education.

**Facilities Improvements:** We completed a long-awaited renovation of our toddler and preschool play-

grounds at our Memorial Branch, thanks to a terrific public-private collaboration that included foundations, corporations, and non-profit organizations. AARP, a well-known national non-profit membership organization, in partnership with KaBOOM!, a national non-profit that specializes in facilitating the creation of safe playgrounds, awarded funds to our Memorial Branch to renovate its playgrounds during AARP's annual "Day of Service." For more information and photos of this project, please refer to the story on page 6.

**Professional Development:** Once again, over one third of our teachers completed our Professional Development Incentive Program to enhance their skills and knowledge in the early childhood education field. Teachers were required to complete 30 hours of approved training, and to develop and implement plans to integrate what they learned into their classrooms. In addition to this program, other professional development opportunities were offered to teachers through funds provided by the Mary Soth Endowment Fund.

We are extremely proud of our long history of providing quality

child care and early education to the Greater Long Beach community, and 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 and education in 1912. Today, our mission remains virtually unchanged from those early visionary years – *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,

*Georgia B. Jones*

Georgia B. Jones, Ed.D.  
President, Board  
of Directors



*Patrice Wong*

Patrice Wong  
Executive Director

P.S. We welcome you to visit us at [www.lbdn.org](http://www.lbdn.org)!

# Long Beach Day Nursery 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:*

## “Ready to Read” Early Literacy Program

LBDN’s “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.

Thanks to our generous donors, we have been able to purchase new and additional books and materials for our classrooms and lending libraries at each of the branches. The new materials have increased the interest of our kids and families. More and more families are checking out books and materials to read with their children at home. A special thank you to The Boeing Company, The Rotary Club of Long Beach and WalMart for their generous support of the “Ready to Read” program.

## Early Intervention Program

This year, the Early Intervention Program (EIP) screened and interviewed 76 children who were having difficulty in their classrooms. A team consisting of our child psychologist, intervention specialist, teachers, families, child and community resources (as needed) are assembled to discuss and explore a unified plan. The team then develops and implements a program tailored to the child's strength and facilitates continued healthy development and learning of the child. Additional follow-up, observations and resources are provided to aid families in need.

We are grateful to The Atlas Family Foundation for their continued support of this vital program.

## Nutrition Program

The nutrition program adheres to USDA guidelines to ensure proper nutritional balance. At LBDN, 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.

The approximate number of meals served annually at all three LBDN branches were:

Breakfast: Over 45,000 • Lunch: 57,000 • Snacks: Over 53,000

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 institute is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age of disability.

## Professional Development Incentive Program

This year over 35 of our teachers completed the Professional Development Incentive Program, a marked increase from last year. This program provides incentives to motivate staff to keep informed of the latest developments in the early childhood education field.

According to LBDN Program Director Amy Bigelow, “Our professional development program sets us apart, because there are no other schools in the area offering such an extensive program.”

Some of the program topics covered include:

- Environments for Infants and Toddlers’
- Simple Lesson Planning Tips
- Discipline
- Math: It’s Not Just Numbers
- Music & Movement
- Cultural Diversity
- Pre-Kindergarten Learning & Development Guidelines

This program is funded in part by The Mary Soth Endowment Fund.

## Stepping Stones to Success

Our *Stepping Stones to Success* scholarship program awarded over 40 scholarships to low income working families this year, which enabled parents to enroll their children at LBDN.

Yolanda Chavez is a working mother of three children who has received assistance from the *Stepping Stones* scholarship program. "My two-year-old son Andrew just started this year at Memorial Branch. Already I have seen a lot of developmental improvement in him. He is more outgoing and the impact the school has had on him shows in his self-esteem." According to Yolanda, "I couldn't afford to send Andrew to LBDN without the help of the *Stepping Stones* program."

*Stepping Stones* was established in 1992 in response to the Los Angeles-Long Beach Civil Unrest and kicks-off its campaign each spring. On behalf of all our families, a heartfelt thank you to all our *Stepping Stones* donors (see pages 9-10.)



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## Field Trips and Outings



Above: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



Above and right: Centennial Farm entrance fee raised by LBDN families collecting aluminum cans.



Left and below: Atlantis Park.



Above: LBDN Annual Family Picnic.

# Our Teachers Make All the Difference!



## **Kitty Letoureau**

Kitty's relationship with LBDN goes way back. Her father and uncle – Richard and Robert Hays

were identical

twins - attended LBDN in the 1920s. Kitty received her Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education and taught at West Branch in the late 1960s. She returned just a few years ago to continue her love for teaching. "I'm like a grandma to the kids," Kitty says "I believe that children need to play to learn, and the developmental approach to learning is important to me."



*LBDN's first Director, Florence Fisher, with Kitty's father Richard (holding ball) and uncle, Robert.*

## **Penni-Jo Laking**

Penni-Jo celebrates over 25 years of teaching and proudly states she has taught at all of the LBDN branches. Her dedication to the children and genuine love for nature complement her style of teaching. "The staff really makes LBDN a special place," says Penni-Jo.



## **Annaquite Featherstone**

One of the newest additions to LBDN is Annaquite Featherstone. She teaches the infants at East Branch. As a child in the mid-1980s, Annaquite attended the former North Branch. "LBDN is a friendly place to work," says Annaquite. "We are a big family and help each other out."

## **Deborah Holifield**

Deborah has over 19 years experience with LBDN and is the lead teacher for the toddler-age group at East Branch. When Annaquite joined the teaching staff a few months ago, she recognized her, but couldn't place her. "Once Annaquite and I spoke for a moment, I remembered her from when I taught at North Branch," says Deborah. "She was one of my students and I remember her staying very close to me, like Velcro."

## **Marylin Nakamura**

Marylin works at East Branch as a substitute teacher, but has served as an assistant

director at all of the LBDN branches during her 11 years of teaching. Marylin feels that LBDN is a special place because of the high quality of care LBDN staff provides to working families. Marylin also was a former teacher of Annaquite's at North Branch. "It is always gratifying to me to see how a former student grows up. And for the student to return and teach here is especially rewarding to me," Marylin says.



## **Louise Spurling**

Louise says she gets along with everyone, and that is probably true since she is celebrating 30 years teaching with LBDN. Louise says she has always enjoyed children and is thrilled when her former students come back to

LBDN with their own

children. "It's amazing to have a former student come up and tell me what I did for them," says Louise. "They will remember a favorite book that I read them or a special song, and that means a lot."



*L to R: Marylin Nakamura, Annaquite Featherstone and Deborah Holifield.*

# Financial Statements

## Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2004

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,558
Accounts receivable	159,185
Prepaid expenses	52,882
Total Current Assets	<u>294,625</u>

Investments	2,409,122
Property and equipment, net	<u>3,347,228</u>

Total Assets \$6,050,975

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 9,011
Accrued payroll expense	120,157
Deferred revenue	32,608
Loan payable, current	9,995
Total Current Liabilities	<u>171,771</u>

Loan payable, City of Long Beach net of current portion	<u>2,497</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>174,268</u>

#### Net Assets

##### Unrestricted Net Assets:

Operating	16,138
Board designated	1,623,658
Fixed assets	3,334,736
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>4,974,532</u>

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	112,750
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	789,425
Total Net Assets	<u>5,876,707</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$6,050,975

## Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

### UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

#### Support:

Contributions	\$ 288,408
United Way	104,447
Debt forgiveness	9,995
Fees from governmental agencies	1,039,640
Fees from program services	761,480
Fees from alternative payment programs	510,469
Special events	54,893
Interest and dividend income	67,692
Realized gain on sale of investments	44,327
Net unrealized gain on investments	<u>138,376</u>
Total Support	3,019,727
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>284,103</u>
Total operating and support revenue	<u>3,303,830</u>

#### Expenses:

Program services	
East branch program	1,408,068
Memorial Hospital child care	881,004
West branch program	<u>638,414</u>
Total Program Services	2,927,486
Supporting services	
General and administrative	435,728
Development	<u>135,397</u>
Total Expenses	<u>3,498,611</u>

Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets (194,781)

### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	\$ 79,783
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>(284,103)</u>
Decrease in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>(204,320)</u>

### PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	<u>1,925</u>
Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>1,925</u>

Total Decrease in Net Assets (397,176)

Net Assets, beginning of year 6,273,883

Net Assets, end of year \$5,876,707

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.

## AARP's 'Day of Service' Creates a New Playground

This past May, the Memorial Branch received a new playground, thanks to funds awarded by *KaBOOM!*, a national nonprofit specializing in facilitating the creation of safe playgrounds, and AARP, a nationally known nonprofit membership organization. The daylong renovation event, called *Day of Service*, brought together over 200 volunteers to renew and restore the aging playground and equipment. According to Memorial Branch Center Director Martha Garcia-Houghton, "The amount of genuine care and help from the volunteers, staff and AARP was overwhelming. They went above and beyond what anyone could have hoped for, and made us all feel that this project was the most important goal that they had to achieve all year."

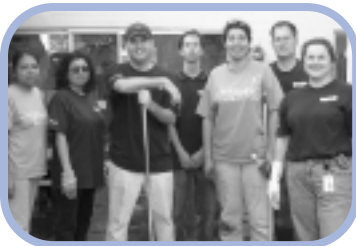
Those involved with organizing the *Day of Service* event included Melanie Barnes, Ron Calhoun, Nancy Carriello, Martha Garcia-Houghton, and Patrice Wong, and a host of volunteers from AARP,

Home Depot/Signal Hill, Women in Non Traditional Employment Roles (W.I.N.T.E.R.), Memorial parents and LBDN Board of Directors. The Weingart Foundation, The Kiwanis Club of Long Beach/Jessie Roberts Fund, Soroptimist International of Long Beach, and The Freeman E. Fairfield Foundation also helped to fund this event.



And, a heartfelt thank you to Krispy Kreme doughnuts, Starbucks Coffee, SYSCO Foods, Albertson's and Mum's Restaurant for supplying food and drinks to the volunteers throughout the day.

## Nissan Employees Give to United Way's Commitment to Caring



Nissan volunteers arrived at both the Memorial and East Branches in October to help with playground maintenance projects on the Infant, Toddler and Preschool yards. The eager volunteers helped to prepare soil for the replanting of flowers, vegetable and herbs, turning and fluffing up the wood chips, raking the sand boxes, assembling storage sheds and playground equipment, and moving large playground structures to safer areas. These volunteers also performed some much needed cleaning of our corridor and playground walls.

According to Memorial Branch Center Director, Martha Garcia-Houghton, "The best thing about the volunteers' efforts is that they helped offset the cost of our playground maintenance and made all of us at LBDN Memorial feel that we mattered to our community."

We thank the wonderful volunteers from Nissan for their efforts, and hope that they will want to come back again next year. And, thank you to United Way for its grant which enabled us to purchase supplies for this program.



*Nissan employees taking a break to play with LBDN children.*

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