



# Long Beach Day Nursery

## 2004-05 Annual Report

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

Once again, we find that we have much to be proud of and grateful for as another fiscal year draws to a close. Although this has been a year of difficult decisions as we faced downsizing and closed our center at Memorial Hospital, it has also been a time of renewal and growth, and recommitment to our nearly century-long mission to **provide quality early care and education for young children of working families.**

Here are some highlights that we'd like to share with you:

#### **Commitment to Innovation:**

Exciting enhancements were made to our "Ready to Read" Early Literacy Program this year. A partnership with the Long Beach Public Library brought the nationally recognized "Raising a Reader" program to both our West and East Branch, introducing close to 100 children and their families to the public library. Working with Long Beach City College, we are piloting the use of "teaching stories" from Central Asia and the Middle East. We have introduced the use of American Sign Language in our infant and toddler programs to enable pre-verbal children to com-

municate with their parents and caregivers. Using signs gives these children a way to "talk" with their parents, before they can talk. See page 2 for more details!

#### **Maintaining Program Quality and Integrity:**

Earlier this year, our East Branch received its re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This important milestone culminated months of hard work and self-evaluation. Accreditation is a national, voluntary system to set professional standards for early childhood education programs, and to help families identify high-quality programs. Our West Branch was the first center in Long Beach to be accredited in 1989 and has maintained its accreditation ever since. Both our East and West Branches remain among only a handful of local centers in the area that have achieved and maintained NAEYC accreditation.

**Professional Development:** This year, over 40 percent of our teaching staff participated in our Professional Development Program, up from 33 percent last year. This program provides a stipend for those completing a minimum of 30 hours of approved workshops in child

development and early education and utilizing their new knowledge in their classrooms. Additionally, 75 percent of our teaching staff were credentialed by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, up from 62 percent the previous year. Our senior staff is also committed to continuing education, with both Amy Bigelow, LBDN Program Director, and Enrique Hernandez, LBDN Human Resources Director, currently completing their master's degrees, and Patrice Wong, LBDN Executive Director, recently completing the year-long Wells Fargo Executive Directors Institute.

**Stepping Stones to Success:** The Stepping Stones to Success scholarship program was designed in 1992 to serve working families who do not qualify for public assistance, but who otherwise cannot afford LBDN's weekly fees. Thanks to the support of generous individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations, 40 or more children receive scholarships each year. In 2005, our Stepping Stones to Success fundraising campaign was led by the Honorable George and Gloria Deukmejian, raising a record \$200,000 in scholarship funds. The Deukmejians were recognized for their leadership at a special

reception this past October, along with all of our scholarship donors.

We are very proud of our long history in the Greater Long Beach community, and often find ourselves reflecting on those visionary women who in 1912 founded Long Beach Day Nursery, a revolutionary concept for its time. The vision and hard work of the founders as well as the generous support of the community has enabled LBDN not only to grow and expand, but also to maintain its dedication to quality child care – then and now. Thank you all for your support. It is only through friends like you who share the vision of our founders and our vision today that we are able to continue to thrive.



Sincerely,

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



Patrice Wong  
Executive Director

# LBDN Programs Maintain High Quality Standards, Continue to Innovate

Long Beach Day Nursery is dedicated to being a partner with working parents for the personal growth and development of each child. Our programs provide a balance of physical nurturance and exercise; emotional support and encouragement; and intellectual stimulation and growth.

LBDN's board members are actively involved in the oversight of our programs. "Our committee meets quarterly to review LBDN's program plan and timetable to make sure it's online," says Program Committee Chair Linda Silver. "We also want our message to be taken back to our board members so that we can make them more aware of what the children and teachers are doing, and to keep them involved."

Our experienced, professional staff provides individualized programs that nurture the whole child and is a true testament to our dedication to the belief that a good start in the formative years of childhood provides children with a lasting foundation for success throughout their lives. LBDN currently offers many value-added programs for families that serve to ensure a solid foundation of quality care and education for their children.

## "Ready to Read" Early Literacy Program:

Recognizing the critical need for facilitating early literacy skills and promoting family involvement in language development, LBDN created the Early Literacy Program in 1999. This program focuses on classroom literacy and language development activities ensuring at least two hours of these activities each day in each classroom. "Literacy Kits" that incorporate weekly activities are made available to all families to promote intergenerational reading activities at home. These kits supplement our take-home libraries which include materials that parents may check out for use at home. This past year, we enhanced our core 'Ready to Read' program with the following:

- **Raising a Reader:** In partnership with the Long Beach Public Library, our 'Raising a Reader' program is a well-regarded, national literacy program that features a 12-week rotation of take-home award-winning children's books. The program also aims to build relationships between the public library and families of young children. Since its inception, close to 100 LBDN children have been introduced to the library.

- **Teaching-Stories:** This curriculum for early literacy is based upon the tradition of teaching-stories found in many non-western cultures, particularly in Central Asia and the Middle East. These stories are designed to develop thinking abilities as well as encourage an early love for books and reading. LBDN is partnering with Long Beach City College to train our teachers and pilot the program.

- **ABC Me Sign:** This program teaches pre-verbal children to use American Sign Language for communicating with their parents and caregivers. Using signs gives these children a way to "talk" with their parents, before they can talk. Children can communicate about the world around them, long before they have mastered their verbal speaking skills.

## Early Intervention Program:

When developmental or behavioral issues are identified, LBDN's groundbreaking Early Intervention Program facilitates communication between our teachers and our staff child psychologist, Dr. Jana Martin, who in turn consults with the affected family and develops appropriate intervention strategies for use by teachers and parents. Parents also are referred to other community services if the need is warranted. Each year, between 50 and 70 children are assessed for early intervention services. *(cont on pg. 3)*



*LBDN installed its 2004-2005 officers of the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting. Left to Right: Melva Miller, Honorary Board Member and Installing Officer; Carolyn Bixby, Treasurer; Elaine Thompson, Secretary; Donita Van Horik, Vice Chair, Board Development; Barbara Blackwell, Chair-Elect; Georgia Jones, Chair. Not pictured: Daphne Ching-Jackson, Vice Chair, Personnel; and Greg Haeseler, Vice Chair, Resource Development.*

## **LBDN Programs** *(cont from pg. 2)*

### **Parent Education Program:**

LBDN also has an ongoing parent education program designed to teach parents about child development, provide them with appropriate parenting techniques to educate them about the importance of their involvement with their child's education, and to provide them with opportunities to give input to the Center Directors. Parent education is delivered via at least three to four workshops a year per site led by early childhood experts from throughout the community, as well as the LBDN staff.

### **Healthy Connections:**

LBDN provides dental and hearing screenings for toddlers and preschool children, staff in-service training on health related issues, and classroom presentations for children on various health topics. Originally a community-wide collaborative project led by The Children's Clinic, LBDN was able to secure resources to continue providing these important health screening and information services to our families when the original collaborative was disbanded.

### **Universal Preschool:**

Universal Preschool began at the East Branch in June 2005 with 16 pre-Kindergarten children and began its second session in September 2005 with 20 pre-Kindergartners. While the curriculum LBDN uses with its Universal Preschool classroom is no different from our nationally accredited preschool curriculum, the opportunity to spend focused time with children their same age allows these four-year-olds a chance to enhance their skills and development necessary for kindergarten readiness. Universal Preschool sites were initially selected by a lottery process, followed by an extensive review period, including onsite evaluations by a team of early childhood experts specially trained by UCLA. Our East Branch is a 5-star site, the highest quality rating in the Universal Preschool system.

## **Board of Directors 2004-05:**

### **Chair**

Georgia Jones, Ed.D.

### **Chair-Elect**

Barbara Bixby Blackwell

### **1st Vice Chair**

Daphne Ching-Jackson

### **2nd Vice Chair**

Donita Van Horik

### **3rd Vice Chair**

Gregory Haeseler

### **Recording Secretary**

Elaine Thompson

### **Treasurer**

Carolyn Bixby

### **Board Members**

Barbara Bixby Blackwell

Gregory Burnight

Minnie Douglas, Ed.D.

Jan Faris

Judy Gumbiner

Brian Russell

Pat Sandt

Linda Silver

Julie Taboada

Elaine Thompson

Melanie Werts

Meg Westlund, Ph.D.

### **Executive Director**

Patrice Wong

### **Directors Emeritus**

Nelle Richards

Mary Soth

# LBDN Nutrition Program Helps Build Healthy Bodies



*West Branch toddlers enjoy their lunch.*

**R**ecent media reports have detailed studies showing the alarming rise in childhood obesity.

Obesity in childhood can lead to the development of a host of medical problems, including hypertension, respiratory infections, sleep apnea, atherosclerosis, and most significantly, type 2 diabetes, once thought of as an “adults only”

disease. Today’s more sedentary

life styles, along with a diet high in fat and sugar content, are largely responsible.

At Long Beach Day Nursery, our Nutrition Program minimizes the use of processed foods that are high in fat and sugar, and our cooks prepare most meals from scratch. All of our meals are prepared on our premises, using criteria from the California Adult and Child Care Food Program guidelines and procedures. These guidelines ensure that the planning, purchasing, preparing and serving of nourishing meals meet all of the requirements set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Child Nutrition Programs.

It takes a team effort to administrate the Nutrition Program at LBDN. The true heroes responsible for the planning and preparation of the meals we serve each and every day are, from West Branch - Alicia Guevara and Maria Elena Hurtado, and from East Branch - Maria Arias and Alicia Barragan.

“I started at the West Branch eight years ago and really love the kids and love to cook for them,” says Alicia Guevara. “Both Alicia and Elena have a very important and big job,” says West Branch Associate Center Director Kitty Letourneau. “Both ladies handle the challenges with ease, a smile and never a complaint.”

“I am responsible for making sure that the food is fresh, made correctly and that the temperatures in the freezers and refrigerators are accurate,” says Maria Arias, East Branch cook. “I have enjoyed working at LBDN since 1989,” says Alicia Barragan. “I have worked at all of the branches and really enjoy cooking for the kids.” An astonishing number of meals are prepared each year. The number of meals served annually at LBDN is:

**Breakfast: .....41,987**  
**Lunch: .....54,580**  
**Snacks: .....50,098**



*Above, L to R: West Branch Assistant Cook Maria Elena Hurtado, Associate Center Director Kitty Letourneau and Cook Alicia Guevara.*



*L to R: East Branch Cook Maria Arias, Associate Center Director Martha Garcia-Houghton and Cook Alicia Barragan.*

*LBDN’s Nutrition Program is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Child Care Food Program, administered by the Nutrition Services Division of the California Department of Education/Adult and Child Care Food Program. The program provides breakfast, lunch and a snack each day to each child enrolled at the Nursery at no additional charge. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, LBDN does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.*



# Financial Statements

## Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2005

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 173,118
Accounts receivable	99,346
Prepaid expenses	35,298
Total Current Assets	<u>307,762</u>

Investments	2,638,374
Property and equipment, net	<u>3,194,952</u>

Total Assets \$6,141,088

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 18,738
Accrued payroll expense	157,646
Loan payable, City of Long Beach	2,497
Total Liabilities	<u>178,881</u>

#### Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets:	
Board designated	1,193,839
Fixed assets	<u>3,192,455</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	4,386,294

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	263,408
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>1,312,505</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>5,962,207</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$6,141,088

## Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

### UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

#### Support:

Contributions	\$ 326,545
United Way	100,908
Debt forgiveness	9,995
Fees from governmental agencies	1,083,437
Fees from program services	1,028,889
Fees from alternative payment programs	363,088

Special events	66,083
Interest and dividend income	75,938
Miscellaneous	3,559
Realized gain on sale of investments	129,439

Net unrealized loss on investments (86,592)  
Total Support 3,101,289

Net assets released from restrictions 81,729

Total operating and support revenue 3,183,018

#### Expenses:

Program services	
East branch program	1,611,332
Memorial Hospital child care	969,572
West branch program	<u>710,459</u>

Total Program Services 3,291,363

Supporting services	
General and administrative	354,793
Development	<u>125,101</u>

Total Expenses 3,771,257

Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets (588,239)

### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	\$ 232,295
Interest Income	<u>\$ 93</u>
Net assets released from donor restrictions	(81,729)

Increase in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 150,659

### PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	<u>523,080</u>
Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>523,080</u>

Total Increase in Net Assets 85,500

Net Assets, beginning of year 5,876,707

Net Assets, end of year \$5,962,207

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 Goodrich, Goodyear & Hinds. Copies of audited statements are available on request.

# Building Blocks for the Future: Your Legacy to LBDN

LBDN has received bequests from faithful supporters throughout its long illustrious history. Whether small or large, each gift has contributed to the ongoing viability of LBDN, generating critical financial support from the interest and earnings of LBDN's Endowment Fund.

During the 1960s, the LBDN Endowment Fund was set up by George Marx, who served as an investment advisor to LBDN from the 1960s to the 1990s. "He was a bondsman with a local firm and was instrumental in maintaining records of investments, dividends, etc.," says LBDN Director Emeritus Mary Soth. "When the Nursery had collected \$2,000 in donations, George would invest the money for the Endowment Fund which he helped to set up." Mr. Marx would buy stocks/bonds and manage the investments, posting dividends, etc. in a small black account book. Stock certificates were kept in the Nursery safe, Ms. Soth remembers, adding, "George was also very helpful in attracting other donors." After George's retirement, he continued to stop by the Nursery. "He was a remarkable person and was an avid gardener—often brought lemons for our program. I recall that he would walk sprightly up and down the front steps without using handrails," Ms. Soth fondly remembers. Upon his death at the age of 99, his wife, Della, continued to make memorial gifts in his memory.



*Longtime Friend and Advisor to LBDN— George Marx.*

LBDN was the recipient of a generous bequest from Mr. Marx, and has set up a special Endowment

Fund in his memory and

honor, The George Marx Memorial Fund. Earnings from this fund, along with those from our general Endowment Fund, ensure an ongoing source of operating revenue for LBDN.

## The ABCs of Building Blocks:

- A:** Determine if you would like to leave a lasting gift by making a donation to the Long Beach Day Nursery Endowment Fund via a planned gift;
- B:** Select one of the following suggested ways to make such a gift—
- Naming LBDN as a beneficiary in your Will or Living Trust
  - Naming LBDN as a primary or contingent beneficiary to a life insurance policy
  - Naming LBDN as a primary or contingent beneficiary to a retirement account, e.g. IRA, 401K, SEP IRA, 403B etc.
  - Naming LBDN as a recipient in a Charitable Remainder or Lead Trust
  - Naming LBDN as a beneficiary to an annuity;

**C:** Join the following who either have or will make such a planned gift to the endowment fund by notifying Patrice Wong, Executive Director of LBDN.

Hap Appleton	Wesley L. Harrison
Betty Bixby	Eleanor N. Hatch
Barbara Blackwell	Ronella Marshall Jones
Opal Boone	Evelyn Keeley
Frank G. Butler	Ag Kuffel
Martin A. & Clarisse Clancy	Hazel Liff
Homer & Leamel Comparette	Mary Ruth Long
James G. Craig, Sr.	George & Della Marx
The Doolittle Estate	Esther McCaughan
Mildred Draper	Edna D. Sellers
Ruth Fairfield	Jean Bixby Smith
Alta M. Fry	Morse Sorowitz
Judy Gumbiner	Randy & Barbara Stricklen
Gregory Haeseler	Juanita B. Wissler
	Daris Zinsmeyer

Bequests allow you to determine your legacy and impact on the future. Your gift will live on, providing quality education and improving children's lives for years to come. If you have named LBDN to receive a planned gift, we do not need to know how much, only that you did. For any questions regarding making a planned gift, please contact LBDN Executive Director Patrice Wong at (562) 591.0509.

*We apologize for any omissions to our 'Building Blocks' list. Every attempt has been made to ensure accuracy and completeness. If your name has been left out, please contact us at (562) 591.0509.*

# Long Beach Day Nursery - Gallery of Donors

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. Thank You to All of Our Wonderful Supporters!

## FRIENDS OF LBDN

### 100,000+

California Community Foundation/Nurturing Neighborhoods  
Governor's Residence Foundation  
United Way of Greater Los Angeles

### \$40,000+

The Atlas Family Foundation  
The Earl B. & Loraine H. Miller Foundation

### \$25,000+

Dwight Stuart Youth Foundation

### \$10,000+

John Fielder & Donita Van Horik  
Alta M. Fry Foundation/  
California Community Foundation  
Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation  
Elizabeth Bixby Janeway Foundation  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital-South Bay  
The Rudolph J. & Daphne A. Munzer Foundation  
J.B. & Emily Van Nuys Charities  
Victor & Georganna Willits  
**\$5,000+**  
Evalyn M. Bauer Foundation  
The Boeing Company  
Edison International  
Employees Community Fund of Boeing California  
Bess J. Hodges Foundation

Will J. Reid Foundation  
Rotary Club of Long Beach  
Toyota Motor Sales USA  
Peter & Chris Valli  
**\$2,500+**  
Bixby Land Company  
Dameron Family Foundation  
Farmers & Merchants Bank  
Wal-Mart/Long Beach  
Washington Mutual

### \$1,000+

Barbara Bixby Blackwell  
Bob & Mary Alice Braly  
Bruce & Carrie Brookshire  
Scott & Rebecca Choppin  
Equinix  
Rob & Marta Griffin  
Judy Gumbiner  
Gregory & Martha Haeseler  
Bernie & Georgia Jones  
Supervisor Don Knabe/  
Fourth District  
Museum of Latin American Art  
Michael & Barbara Newton  
Nelle Richards  
Jean Bixby Smith  
Union Bank of California  
**\$500+**  
Carl Allen  
Helen Apostle  
Carolyn Bixby  
Gregory & Shannon Burnight  
Darell & Sue Cannon  
Joan Deragon  
Minnie Douglas  
El Dorado Woman's Club  
George Jackson & Daphne Ching-Jackson

Mike Garner/Vestar Development Co.  
Ann W. Morales  
Al & Judi Mellow  
Frank & Margie Newell  
David & Linda Silver  
Preston & Nancy Smith  
Robert & Mary Soth  
Elaine Thompson  
Elizabeth 'Bobsy' Thompson  
Hildreth von Kleinsmid

### \$100+

Ability Tri-Modal  
Tamara Achauer  
Roy & Ann Andriesse  
Bonnie Asher  
Don & Joyce Bailey  
Anita Bates  
Shirley Black  
Don & Lauri Brannon  
Penny Brocksen  
Grace Cameron  
Willa C. Case  
John & Patricia Cockriel  
Community Hospital of Long Beach  
Steve & Fran Conley  
Kathleen Costello-Pitts  
Marjorie D. Countryman  
Richard Craig  
Beverly Culbertson  
Don & Kathy De Silva  
Paul Deats  
John & Elissa Di Carlo  
Gretchen Dixon  
Brian & Carol Donaldson  
Robert & Janet Downer  
Carol Driscoll  
Michael & Lynne Driscoll  
William Duckett, Sr.

Charles & Margaret Durnin  
Jan Faris  
Francis & Renee Fillipow  
Lawrence & Marcia Foley  
Patrick Formby  
Robert & Nancy Foster  
Russ & Merle Foster  
Jim & Judie Fouquette  
Barbara Freeman  
Jack & Eline Fudge  
Monte Frost & Scott Holman  
Gerald & Bonnie Ganz  
Sheldon & Barbara Gebb  
Frank & Lorraine Gibson  
Margaret Gould  
Taylor & Martha Greer  
Beatrice Hart  
Felix Heflin  
Madeline Heimark  
Agnes Herbst  
Tom & Lynn Hermstad  
Maycie Herrington  
Stanley & June Hill  
Bob & Gayl Hoffmaster  
Sue E. Holleman  
Joan M. Hotchkis  
Cordelia Howard  
A.J. & Patty Hurt  
Lorraine Hutton  
Carlene Jaques  
Bob & Anne Johnson  
Charlotte Joseph  
Nell Kariger  
Dennis & Martha Keizer  
Betty Keller  
Laura Killingsworth  
William & Mary Klingensmith  
Duane & Lucy Kuster  
Rae La Force  
Richard & Linda Landes

Harold & Sally Lane  
William & Marianthi Lansdale  
Robert & Nancy Ann Latimer  
Janet Lichtenhan  
Anne Little  
Sam Lira & Wendy Yan  
Long Beach Emblem Club #106  
Barbara Lopp  
Edward & Betty Lou Lovell  
Ida Frances Lowry  
Nancy Manriquez-Dowell  
Jana Martin  
Michael & Vivien McGuire  
Paul & Lorie Merrill  
Charles & Nancy Merrill  
Frances Middlebrooks  
Betty Mitchell  
Ray & Nancy Mullio  
Daphne Munzer  
James E. Nagle  
Sara Nichol  
Hon. Beverly O'Neill  
William O'Neill  
David Pagnotta & Virginia Baxter  
Parkview Village, LLC  
Curtis & Rossi Pedersen  
George Penrose  
Suzanne Poulsen  
J. Anthony Precourt  
Mary Prosser  
John & Joann Rich  
Ernie & Judy Maltese Ross  
Patricia Sandt  
Dave & Olive Saunders  
Philip Sblendorio  
Warren Schulten  
Gail Schwandner  
Harry & Nancy Senger  
Robert & Carol Senske

Imogene Shelton	Bill & Mary Beth Barry	David & Doris Fargo	Ralph & Patricia Larison	Wesley & Betty Rollo
Gene & Winona Sherer	Suzanne Beach	Shirley Felcman	Margaret Leake	Marie Roser
Ethelea K. Siemons	Sandra E. Beebe	Bob Fielding	Herbert Levi	Alan & Patricia Ross
Martin & Gloria Simon	Mia Beglinger	Tina Fitzer	Dorothy Lineberger	Curt & Diana Rummel
Edward & Pam Spoo	Richard & Susan Bell	Barbara Freeman	Addie Little	Bob & Julieta I. Rumsey
Alfred & Sylvia Strum	Clinton Bigelow	Charles & Jean Fullerton	Wilbur & Joyce Lorbeer	Lois Sarver
Gloria Surlow	Anne Blayden	John & Patricia Funke	Dorothy Macrate	Tom & Eunice Sato
Julie Taboada	Stephen Boyd	Genero & Karlyn Garcia	Richard Maier	William & Victoria Sawtelle
Wilda Taucher	Larry & Chrysteen Braun	Lynn & Nancy Gee	James & Dorthine Maloney	Richard & Jean Schall
Edward & Mary Terry	James & Elizabeth Breslauer	Don & Sandra Gill	William & Claire Marmion	Patti Schmucker
Foundation	Blanche Brewster	Bertha Sebastian Gomez	Bert & Norma Marter	Michael & Marcia Schoettle
Janet Terry	Diane 'Sam' Breyer	Robert & Mary Griley	Robert Maxwell	Richard & Iris Schutz
Diane Trunek	Kaye Briegel	Joan Gustafson	Norma Mayfield	Anita Schwertley
Pete & Grace Utecht	Carol Brooks	Donna Hancock	Sandy & Deloris Mayuga	Betty Houston Seal
Leo & Judy Vander Lans	Betty Brown	Elizabeth Hancock	Karen McBride	Natalie Sellers
Roberta Wakefield	Lynne Burleson	Mary Lee Hand	Patricia McCarty	Sally Sherlock-Bach
Patricia Walker	Larry & Carol Burnight	Jeff & Cami Hanson	Mary McConnell	Dave & Jenny Shlemmer
Patricia Weber	John Buterbaugh	Julia Harmon-Chavez	Joan A. McCormack	Thomas & Diane Shilton
Betty Webster	Calligari and Associates	Robin Hargrove	Barbara McDonald	Marilyn Shirley
Sandy Wells	Ellen Calomiris	Sandra Harris	Kevin & Dee McKinney	Anna Sines
Bob & Sue Wenke	James & Katie Campion	Mary Lu Hauser	Meredith Meals	Robert & Patti Skidmore
Sara J. Wenkle	Louis & Cecilia Canut	Silvana Hausmann	Sylvia Meyer	Frank & Donna Skinner
David & Melanie Werts	Frieda Caplan	Barbara Hawkins	Richard & Melva Miller	Harley & Marion Smith
Charles & Meg Westlund	Joseph & Barbara Case	Chuck & Nancy Hegelheimer	Robert & Tally Mintie	Warren & Phyllis Spielmann
Marion Wilson	Seandra Case	Clark & June Heggeness	Caroline Morrow	Jerome D. Stein
Scott Wilson	Arlene Clark	John & Nancy Higginson	Bryan & Mary Nevill	Tom & Jean Stewart
Hon. William & Elaine	Donna Colazas	Judith Hirsch	Jeanne Nelson	Kendall Storm
Winston	Odette Coleman	Lun W. Hom	Mary Lou Nicolai	Linda Wood Strong
Fred & Dorothy Wise	Kay Collins	Pat Horton	Joseph & Barbara Noble	Betty Sunofsky
Patrice Wong	Michelle Colonna	Alice Hoss	Virginia Oleen	Jeanne Suttie
<b>Up to \$99</b>	Dorothy Combs	Lorrie Hutton	Becky Omel	Dona Syes-Ponepinto
Samir & Norma Abu-Dayyeh	Chris & Jane Conway	Ann Jenkin	Patti Omel	Jacqueline Taratino
Barbara Allen	Anne M. Cook	Jacquelyn Jones	Wendy Parden	Sabira Tejani
Elizabeth Allen	Eileen C. Cooper	Marilee Jones-Cofield	Kenneth & Alice Patterson	Esther Thompson
Arnold & Alice Anderson	Santos Cortez	Virginia Joseph	Stephen & Carrie Paul	Nadine Vander Lans
Marilyn Anderson	Charlene Cottrell	Tommye Jurak	Judy Pearson	Patricia Vander Lans
Michele Anderson	Shirley Cousins	Dan & Christine Jurenka	Carmen Perez	Kathy Van Wey
Richard Anderson	Lavonne Crippen	Sara Wenkle Kaplan	Suzanne Poulsen	Elaine A. Vindedahl
Natasha Antonovich	Betty Burns Dahlenburg	Hideo & Jeanne Karatsu	Carolyn Powers	Cheri Violette Makino
Rich & Pat Archbold	Porter & Coralee De Dubovay	Bud & Mary Ellen Kilsby	Frances Sue Proctor	William & Kathy Wade
Wendall & Carleen Armstrong	Martha Delre	Richard & Elizabeth King	Maria Quintanilla	Michael & Sheila Watson
Cynthia M. Arrona	Dolores Duckett	Richard & Janis Kleinerg	Samuel & Diana Ramos	Linda L. Wheeler-Day
Donald & Rosemary Ashley	Joanne Duncan	Roxanne Korzeniowski	Cathie Randall	Katherine White
Melissa Baker	Janice Dunn (Kohn)	Hisaye 'Joann' Kuroda	Margaret Reep	Merideth M. Wiberg
Ray & Betty Barnecut	Jack & Barbara Enlow	Marie Lafortune	Joan Rehnborg	Loyd & Virginia Wilcox
	Jan Fairbanks	Audrey A. Langslet	James & Mildred Reynolds	William & Shirley Wild



**Up to \$99 (cont.)**

Barbara Wilde  
Mary Wilkinson  
Michele Wilkosz  
John & Linda Wilson  
Lori Woodruff  
Vivian Yunker

**IN HONOR OF****Liam Christopher Bixby**

Carolyn Bixby

**Marilyn Brock**

Leonard & Noreen Brock

**Patrick Callihan**

Ernie & Judy Maltese Ross

**Steve Canut**

Louis & Cecilia Canut

**Luba Casiello**

Tammy Stein & Jan Tipton

**The Christmas Season**

Tom & Lynn Hermstad

**Leamel Compurette**

Francis & Lee Laufenberg

**Kathleen Costello-Pitts**

Mary Prosser

**Marjorie Davis**

Marjorie D. Countryman

**George & Gloria****Deukmejian**

Paul Deats

John & Elissa Di Carlo

Genero & Karlyn Garcia

Joann & John Rich

Eunice Sato

Patricia Weber

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dockson**

Wesley & Betty Rollo

**Our Grandchildren**

Tom & Jean Stewart

**Gregory Haeseler**

Robin Hargrove

**Bea Hart**

Ann Exley

**Elizabeth Hatch**

Ray & Betty Barnecut

**Mr. & Mrs. Jess Holton**

Wesley & Betty Rollo

**Georgia Jones**

William & Claire Marmion

Robert & Mary Soth

**Dr. Jana Martin**

Sandra Harris

**Don & Sharon Parkins**

Erich & Susan Wise

**Nelle Richards**

Preston & Nancy Smith

**Mary Soth**

Michael & Lynne Driscoll

Chuck & Nancy Hegelheimer

Imogene Shelton

Sally Sherlock-Bach

**Jean Bixby Smith**

Dave & Olive Saunders

**Donita Van Horik, Sandy****Wells & Mary Soth**

Diane Trunek

**Melanie Werts**

Suzanne Poulsen

**Glenna Wilson's 100th****Birthday**

Marilyn Shirley

**IN APPRECIATION OF****Their Days at LBDN**

Richard & Elizabeth King

**IN MEMORY OF****Jim Ackerman**

Robert & Mary Soth

**Calvin P. Andrews**

Carrie Andrews Brookshire

**John Apostle**

Helen Apostle

**Virginia Artman**

Natasha Antonovich

Sandra E. Beebe

Barbara Bixby Blackwell

Lawrence & Marcia Foley

Margaret Gould

Sue E. Holleman

Barbara Lopp

Paul & Lorie Merrill

Ann W. Morales

Julieta I. Rumsey

Linda Wood Strong

Merideth M. Wiberg

**Betty Bixby**

Barbara Bixby Blackwell

**Florence Green Bixby**

Joan M. Hotchkis

**Evelyn Bowman**

Betty A. Webster

**John Jerram**

Penny Brocksen

**Hugh David Burcham**

Jon & Sylvia Meyer

**Patrick Callihan**

Elizabeth Abbey

Calligari and Associates

Shirley Cousins

Richard Craig

Shirley Felcman

Taylor & Martha Greer

Monte Frost & Scott Holman

A.J. & Patty Hurt

Richard Maier

Harry & Nancy Senger

Robert Smith/Sage

Community Group

Kendall Storm

Donita Van Horik

Linda & John Wilson

**Joyce Christensen**

Grace Cameron

Beverly Culbertson

Don & Sandra Gill

**David Clawson**

Elizabeth Allen

**Dorothy M. Costello**

Cathie Randall

**Jack F. Crippen**

Lavonne Crippen

**Charles E. Culbertson**

Beverly Culbertson

**Fred Deragon**

Joan Deragon

**William Duckett, Jr.**

William Duckett, Sr.

**Mary Jane Durnin**

Charles & Margaret Durnin

**Ruth Fairfield**

Rae La Force

**Herbert & Helen Fielding**

Bob Fielding

**Garnette Hedley**

Bob & Barbara Ivey

**Kelly Ryan Hoss**

Alice Hoss

**Thornton Ibbetson**

George & Daphne Jackson

**Donald Keller, Sr.**

Betty Keller

**Maxine Matson**

Barbara Freeman

**Kara McCoy**

Sheldon & Barbara Gebb

**Helen Della Malva**

Penny Brocksen

**Jeanne Kerwin**

Jim & Judi Fouquette

John & Linda Wilson

**Edward Killingsworth**

Laura Killingsworth

**David & Rose Kohn**

Janice Dunn (Kohn)

**Robert F. Lichtenhan**

Janet Lichtenhan

**Tasia Livingston**

Betty Mitchell

**Honorable Campbell Lucas**

Sandra Gill

Edward & Pam Spoo

**Dr. Hal Niebling**

Gerald & Bonnie Ganz

**Christopher C. Newton**

Russ & Merle Foster

Michael & Barbara Newton

**Jimmy Nutter**

Anna Sines

**Karen Proctor**

Frances Sue Proctor

**Ruth Sarson**

Frances Middlebrooks

**Eugene H. Siemons**

Ethelea K. Siemons

**June Smith**

Ernie & Judy Maltese Ross

Robert & Mary Soth

Donita Van Horik

**Kathleen Sperry**

Dorthine Maloney

**Frank Surlow**

Gloria Surlow

**Tori Owen**

Ability Tri-Modal

**John D. Walker, Jr.**

Patricia Walker

**Grace E. Wells**

Mia Beglinger

**George R. Wilkinson**

Mary F. Wilkinson

**Paula Workman**

Lorrie Hutton

**Jo Zdonzyk**

Ernie & Judy Maltese Ross

**STEPPING STONES****SCHOLARSHIPS**

Tamara Achauer

Richard Anderson

Helen Apostle

Bonnie Asher

Donald & Rosemary Ashley

Ray & Betty Barnecut

Bill & Mary Beth Barry

Bob & Mary Alice Braly

Clinton Bigelow

Stephen Boyd

Penny Brocksen

Carol Brooks

Carrie Andrews Brookshire

California Community

Foundation/Nurturing

Neighborhoods

Odette Coleman

Dorothy Combs

Steve & Fran Conley

Lavonne Crippen

Paul Deats

John & Elissa Di Carlo

Charles & Margaret Durnin

David & Doris Fargo

**STEPPING STONES  
SCHOLARSHIPS (cont.)**

Jan Fairbanks  
Francis & Renee Fillipow  
Patrick Formby  
Russ & Merle Foster  
Jim & Judie Fouquette  
Jack & Eline Fudge  
Bob & Anne Johnson  
Genero & Karlyn Garcia  
Governor's Residence  
Foundation  
Robert & Mary Griley  
Josephine S. Gumbiner  
Foundation  
Mary Lu Hauser  
Felix Heflin  
Chuck & Nancy Hegelheimer  
Stanley & June Hill  
Alice Hoss  
Nell Kariger  
Betty Keller  
Laura Killingsworth  
William & Marianthi  
Lansdale  
Janet Lichtenhan  
Barbara Lopp  
Edward & Betty Lou Lovell  
Dorthine Maloney  
The Earl B. & Loraine H.  
Miller Foundation  
Ray & Nancy Mullio  
Daphne Munzer  
Michael & Barbara Newton  
Sara Nichol  
John & Joann Rich  
Dave & Olive Saunders  
Richard & Jean Schall  
Warren Schulten  
Sally Sherlock-Bach  
Dave & Jenny Shlemmer  
Robert Shumway  
Ethelea K. Siemons  
David & Linda Silver  
Preston & Nancy Smith

Robert & Mary Soth  
Toyota Motor Sales USA  
Diane Trunek  
Pete & Grace Utecht  
Leo & Judy Vander Lans  
Patricia Vander Lans  
Hildreth von Kleinsmid  
Patricia Walker  
Patricia Weber  
Sara J. Wenkle  
David & Melanie Werts  
Victor & Georganna Willits  
Marion Wilson  
Scott Wilson  
Fred & Dorothy Wise

**UNITED WAY DONORS**

Amy Bigelow  
Linda Blackshire  
Anita Bonds  
Carolyn Brooks  
Lori Dahilig  
John Fielder  
Martha Garcia-Houghton  
Delmy Garibay  
Gregory Haeseler  
Barbara Hennessy  
Enrique Hernandez  
Wayne Itoga  
Judith Jess  
Elizabeth Jenkins  
Franchell Lawton  
Jonathan Leigh  
Kitty Letourneau  
May Ma  
Keneth Marden  
Lisa McDowell  
Helen Pendleton  
Editha Villaverde Reapor  
Leonore Rozner  
Maribel Sandoval  
N. Ventura

**IN-KIND**

AARP  
Acapulco/El Torito  
Restaurants

Albertson's on 2nd  
Street/Long Beach  
Aquarium of the Pacific  
Elizabeth Allen  
Babette's Feast  
Bella Salon  
Bent Manufacturing Co.  
BiBi Mashburn Designs  
Barbara Bixby Blackwell  
Body Beautiful of Naples  
Robert Bowden  
Larry & Chrysteen Braun  
Penny Brocksen  
Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.  
Buono's Authentic Pizza  
Gregory & Shannon Burnight  
& Neighbors  
Cacao Café & Chocolate Bar  
Carpenter Performing Arts  
Center  
Centennial Heritage Museum  
Center Theatre Group  
Yolanda Chavez  
Child's Play  
Daphne Ching-Jackson  
Luci-Ellen Chun  
Coast Car Wash  
Cecilia Coker  
Complexions Day Spa &  
Wellness Center  
Costco/Long Beach  
Carol De Boer & Ryanne  
Newbold  
Delius Restaurant  
Designing Whims  
Gloria Deukmejian  
Mark Dressner  
El Dorado Woman's Club  
The Engraving Shop  
Michelle Eschardies  
Richard Ewing  
Fern's Garden  
John Fielder & Donita Van  
Horik  
Deborah Fingerhut  
Jocelyn Francisco

The Gap #257  
Shannon Gardner  
Girl Scouts Council of  
Greater Long Beach  
Lisamarie Gonzales  
Donald Gorsch  
Edie Graber  
Rob & Marta Griffin  
Marlene Gumbs  
Julia Harmon-Chavez  
Patricia Hosler  
Mr. & Mrs. Chad Heit  
Barbara Hendrick  
Enrique Hernandez  
Elizabeth Ignacio  
Iguana Import Gallery  
J & L Jewelry  
Melanie Jackson  
Margie Jernigan  
Cynthia Jimenez  
Georgia Jones  
Danielle Jorda  
Sophia Kavoulakos-  
Miramontes  
Kelly's Restaurant  
Shirley King  
Lisa Klein  
L. Christine Langemo Trust  
Margaret Leake  
Joyce Lebitt  
City of Long Beach,  
Department of Health and  
Human Services  
Long Beach Civil Service  
Department  
LBDN West Branch Parent  
Advisory Committee  
Long Beach Emblem Club #106  
Long Beach Ice Dogs  
Long Beach Museum of Art  
Long Beach Symphony  
Orchestra  
Los Altos United Church  
Michael Loverude  
May Ma  
Paula Mark

Caroline Martin/Mary Kay  
McCarty's Jewelry  
Paul & Shaneka Miller  
Morry's of Naples  
Celerina Mosqueda  
Naples Rib Company  
Sonya Neal  
Ryenne Newbold  
Nordstroms Rack  
Kelly Orr  
Rosa Orellana  
Peet's Coffee  
Liisa Penrose  
Judy Perez  
Patricia Pettit  
Edna Poveda  
Sue Proctor  
Ralph/Food 4 Less  
Foundation  
Dr. & Mrs. William Ridgeway  
Ronna Rizk  
Martha Sarabia  
Philip Sblendorio  
Karen Schwarz  
Seaside Printing Co., Inc.  
Pat Sellers  
Daron & Mercedes Sepko  
Sharrion James Salon  
Dong-Yen Shin  
Linda Silver  
Toni Smith  
Sorooptimist International of  
Long Beach  
Spghettini Italian Grill  
Starbucks/Belmont Shore  
Elizabeth Swift  
SYSCO Food Services of LA,  
Inc.  
Tammy Stein & Jan Tipton  
Channel Suares  
Mark E. Swenson  
Julie Taboada  
Target/Long Beach  
Tantalum Culinary Paradise  
Teacher Supplies of Long  
Beach

### IN-KIND (cont.)

Elaine Thompson  
Toto's Revenge  
True Touch Nails  
April Tucker  
Martha Valencia  
Jackie Vallejo  
Jose Vallejo  
Donita Van Horik  
Melanie Werts  
Kathy Wade  
William Wade Fine  
Photography  
Ruth Waters Fine Fashion  
Daniel & Julie Willis  
Sherry Willis  
Georganna Willits  
Martha Wittenberg  
Caroline Wong  
Patrice Wong  
Richard & Hazel Wong  
Marjorie Yann  
You Dirty Dog  
Thelma Zaras  
Lois Zelsborf

*Contributions received after print deadline are gratefully acknowledged and will appear in the next issue of the Long Beach Day Nursery News. If your name has been inadvertently omitted, please contact us at (562) 591.0509. Thank you!*

**Make your donation on-line! Visit us at [www.lbdn.org](http://www.lbdn.org) and click on "Support LBDN", then on "Donate Now!"**

## LBDN Staff Celebrate 227 Years of Service

LBDN recently recognized 24 staff members—almost one third of the entire staff—who have achieved five or more years of service, representing 227 total years of service. This is a remarkable achievement, particularly in an industry typically characterized by high turnover. Our staff stability is yet another indicator of LBDN's high program quality and integrity. Congratulations are particularly in order for three of our staff who have been with LBDN for 15 years or more:



### Linda Blackshire – 15 years

Linda started her career with LBDN in March 1990 as a pre-school and toddler teacher. Since 2000, she has been the Center Director at West Branch.

"What I like best about LBDN is our program and philosophy," says Linda. "Our children learn through playing and we make a point of getting the parents involved so that they can see how their children learn."



### Amy Bigelow – 16 years

Amy has served in several positions with LBDN since joining in 1989— from Substitute Teacher to Enrichment Specialist, Preschool Teacher, Teacher, Assistant Director at East Branch,

Associate Director at Memorial Branch, then Center Director for Memorial and East Branches, and then finally as Program Director. "LBDN has provided me the opportunity to grow within the organization," says Amy. "And, there is a special relationship that we share with our staff and families. It's like a big, extended family."



### Deborah Napoleon-Holifield – 20 years

Deborah Holifield has worked with LBDN for 20 years and currently works at the East Branch with the toddler group. When asked what makes LBDN special,

Deborah replied, "Working with the kids and given the chance to see them grow and progress. I couldn't ask for a better place to work."

Thank you to all the following staff who have been with us at least five years:

#### East Branch

	<u>Years of Service</u>
Elia Alfaro-Perez	5
Alicia Barragan	9
Amy Bigelow	16
Judy Blanco	5
Carolyn Brooks	11
Carla Chua	6
Rita Feazell	12
Linda Marsh	9
Deborah Napoleon-Holifield	20
Carmen Nunez	14
Dianna Pyland	12
Rita Rahman	10
Editha Reapor	8
Rosa Taosoga	14

#### West Branch

	<u>Years of Service</u>
Linda Blackshire	15
Geneva Coleman	5
Bridget Cooper	5
Yvette Fletcher	9
Carolina Garcia	5
Maria Alicia Guevara	8
Laquanda Hancox	5
Vickie Harris	6
Sonya Neal	5
Delia Thomas	13



**Long Beach Day Nursery**  
**1548 Chestnut Avenue**  
**Long Beach, CA 90813**  
**www.lbdn.org**  
*Address Correction Requested*



Accredited by the  
 National Association  
 for the Education of  
 Young Children

Non Profit Org.  
 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 Long Beach, CA  
 Permit No.614

## Calling All LBDN Alumni!

Are you an LBDN alumni, or do you know someone who is? Join such illustrious alumna as Mayor Beverly O'Neill, community leader Kay Marie Anthony, LBDN staffers Annaquite Featherstone and Candice Holifield, and the children of community luminaries like Jonathan Gotz, Karen Wyrick, Denise Hayes and Lee Berman in sharing your memories of LBDN. We'd love to feature you in a future issue of our newsletter, Long Beach Day Nursery News.

Please contact Gretchen Dixon, Dixon PR at 562.235.0991 or Gdixonpr@aol.com.

### West Branch/Administrative Offices

1548 Chestnut Avenue  
 Long Beach, CA 90813  
 562.591.0509

### East Branch

3965 Bellflower Boulevard  
 Long Beach, CA 90808  
 562.421.1488



*Left: Slippery Fun! Each year, LBDN Pre-Kindergarteners go on three field trips. This year, visits were made to Centennial Farms, Atlantis Park (pictured), and Cabrillo Marine Museum.*



*Preschoolers Zachary Lambert and Jaylen Wilson examine their harvest.*



*Employees from Nissan Motor Company, USA, in partnership with United Way, demonstrate their "Commitment to Caring" by helping to replant at our East Branch.*