

Long Beach Day Nursery

2005-06 Annual Report



Our Mission: To provide quality early care and education for young children of working parents.

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Dear Friends,

Long Beach Day Nursery has had an outstanding year, and we are pleased and honored to share the highlights with you in this annual report. Throughout, you will find stories that illustrate what makes Long Beach Day Nursery such a special and wonderful place.

Nationally accredited and locally recognized, our programs are unsurpassed. Our "Ready to Read" Early Literacy Program continues to grow and evolve with new partners and resources collaborating with us. An early math curriculum is integrated into the daily activities of children of all age groups. It is designed to introduce basic math concepts and prepare them to learn math once they enter school. These two programs help to ensure school readiness for our children.

But our programs are not all about academics – far from it. "Healthy Connections" recognizes the important role that good health habits, sound nutrition, physical fitness and early health screenings can play in a child's life. Ground-breaking programs like our Early Intervention Program continue to innovate and lead the industry. LBDN also recognizes the critical importance of social and emotional development, which is facilitated primarily through play, both structured and unstructured. As a result, you will always find children at play at both of our sites.

As a matter of fact, play is so important to optimal child development that it has been recognized by the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights as a fundamental right of every child. For a complete description of our current programs, please see page 4.

Everyone loves the Long Beach Day Nursery logo! It was designed in 1968 by then six-year-old Alison Gill (now Alison Gill-King), daughter of honorary board member Sandy Gill. Although the design has been modified somewhat over the years, it is still much as it was when Alison first drew it, still communicating the joy and happiness of children at play. For more about this story, and an interview with Sandy and her husband Don, please turn to page 6. Sandy and Don share the story of their long-time relationship with LBDN, along with details about a very special gift they have made to us. Find out, too, how you can leave a legacy that will impact the lives of children for years to come.

In closing, we'd like to thank all of our long-time friends and supporters. It is only through people like you who share the vision of our founders that we are able to grow, thrive, and remain true to our nearly century-long mission *to provide quality early care and education for young children of working families.*

Sincerely,



Barbara Bixby Blackwell

Barbara Bixby Blackwell
Chair, Board of Directors



Patrice Wong

Patrice Wong
Executive Director

Sunshine Day Encourages Parent Involvement

Sunshine Day open houses have been a staple at Long Beach Day Nursery for more than 19 years. Designed to be interactive between the children and guests, and to illustrate the LBDN curriculum, a cooking activity, for example, helps the children learn how to measure, and provides sensory stimulation and motor skill development through stirring and shaking ingredients.

Sunshine Day is traditionally scheduled in the fall. At the West Branch this year, some of the activities offered included making sun visors that encourage creative expression, planting flowers to emphasize science and discovery activities, participation in an obstacle course to utilize large muscles, balance and coordination, and face painting for language and dramatic play.

“The parents enjoy the opportunity to spend time with their children and to get to know more about LBDN,” said West Branch Center Director Linda Blackshire. “We have activities going on in

all of the classrooms and outside. The children really enjoy this event and the parents get to see firsthand the skills that their children are learning, as well as the playtime activities.”

Similar activities are scheduled at the East Branch. “It is wonderful to see the families engaging in the activities that their children typically participate in while at Long Beach Day Nursery,” said Amy Bigelow, program director. “I believe through their participation, the families are better able to understand how their children are learning while they are interacting with their peers, teachers and the learning environment.”

Sunshine Day encourages all guests to participate in all of the activities, not just those in their children’s classroom. And, they are given the opportunity to tour the entire facility and to meet the teachers.



*Megan Schwartz
with mom Renee.*



Jasper Loverude with dad Michael.



*Left: LBDN graduate Sara
Wong signs guest register.
Below: Janessa Gary.*



“Parent participation is a critical part of our programs and therefore we offer many ways for parents to be involved,” said Amy Bigelow, program director. “Some parents participate by attending our Parent Advisory Committee meetings, parent education meetings or one of several special events during the year.”

LBDN Programs Encourage Personal Development and Growth

Long Beach Day Nursery is dedicated to being a partner with working parents to encourage, foster and promote the personal development and growth of each child. Our programs provide a balance of physical nurturing and exercise, emotional support and encouragement, and intellectual stimulation and growth. “Every time I visit one of the branches for an event like Sunshine Days, Picture Days or Fall Feasts, I am impressed again by the warmth and attention shown to each child by our wonderful staff and their commitment to providing a program of the highest quality,” said Melanie Werts, program committee chair. “I am very proud to be a member of the board of directors and a part of the LBDN team.”

Our experienced, professional staff provides individualized programs that nurture the whole child and is a 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 early education for their children.

“Ready to Read” Early Literacy Program

This program focuses on classroom literacy and language development activities including at least two hours of these activities each day in each classroom. Libraries are also available at each site that include not only books, but CDs, cassette tapes, games and other activities that parents may check out to support and encourage intergenerational reading activities at home. The ‘Ready to Read’ program is also enhanced with the following programs:

- **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 along with library visits. The program also aims to build relationships between the public library and families of young children. Each year, we introduce at least 100 families to the library. More than three-fourths of these families obtain preschool library cards for their children.
- **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.

Early Intervention Program

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 are also referred to other community resources if the need is warranted. Each year, between 50 and 70 children are assessed for early intervention services.

“Parents as Partners”

This parent education program is designed to teach parents about child development, provide them with appropriate parenting techniques, educate them about the importance of their involvement with their children’s education and to provide them with opportunities to give input to the center directors. A minimum of three to four workshops a year per site are made available to parents and are led by early childhood experts from throughout the community, as well as LBDN staff. Other events throughout the year that include the parents in their children’s daily curriculum include Sunshine Days, Fall Feasts and Picture Days, to name a few.
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LBDN Programs *(cont. from pg. 4)*

Universal Preschool

Universal Preschool began at the East Branch in June 2005 with 16 pre-kindergarten children and continues today with 20 children. The West Branch was awarded a provisional contract in April to implement Universal Preschool, and began with 15 children in July. The West Branch program now has 20 children enrolled.

While the curriculum LBDN uses with its Universal Preschool classrooms 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.

“Healthy Connections”

Recognizing the important role that good health habits, sound nutrition, and early health screenings can play in a child’s life, LBDN offers a range of health services and education. The cornerstone of good health is good nutrition, and every child is provided two meals and at least one snack every day, prepared on-site according to USDA guidelines. Rice cereal and formula are available for our very youngest children, too. In addition to our food program, LBDN provides dental screenings each year to every child, as well as a parent workshop on pediatric dental health, and classroom instruction for preschoolers on proper dental habits. Staff in-service training and parent workshops on a variety of health topics are provided throughout the year. Finally, we strongly believe in physical exercise. Our playgrounds are designed to not only meet current health and safety guidelines, but are also inviting, attractive, and encourage a balance of active learning activities, opportunities for rest and reflection, and play with peers. Each day, children play, socialize and develop both large and small motor skills while exploring our playgrounds and gardens.

Math

Math is integrated throughout the day as children are doing activities, such as cooking and sand and water play, as well as during more routine times such as lining up to go outside or serving themselves lunch. Teachers create opportunities to use math concepts such as measurement and quantity, before and after, bigger and smaller to convey these concepts to children. In the new fiscal year, we will be completing a preschool mathematics teacher training program to introduce teachers to the five standards of early mathematics and how to include these standards in a manner that is developmentally appropriate at the preschool level.

“Each of our program components is developmentally appropriate, and all are designed with a balance of activities that facilitate social, emotional, physical and creative development as well as academic readiness. We nurture the whole child.”

– Amy Bigelow, Program Director

“Liam first began using sign language in his Infant 2 classroom,” said Dr. Christie Bixby, Liam’s mom. “This program really made a big difference for all of us. We were better able to communicate with him at home, he was able to express his own desires and we were able to understand what he was trying to communicate. Now at age two-and-a-half, Liam is transitioning from non-verbal to verbal communications and continues to use some of the signs he has learned.”



Liam Bixby uses sign language to tell his parents he is “all done.”

Leaving Your Legacy to LBDN

Each and every gift, no matter the size, helps to sustain the ongoing viability of LBDN. Recently, Sandy and Don Gill designated a portion of their charitable trust to LBDN. A planned gift is a simple way to give to an organization or charity of your choice now, resulting in a gift that keeps on giving after you have gone.

"I love LBDN," said Sandy Gill. "It will always be dear to my heart." Sandy is an honorary board member of LBDN and was active in the 1970s and 1980s. "I think this group is the hardest working board in town and the most rewarding to be a part of."

We acknowledge and honor those who have made planned gifts - past, present and future - by including their names in **LBDN Building Blocks for the Future...**

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If you have already 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 Executive Director Patrice Wong at 562.591.0509. Please consider being one of our Building Blocks for the Future!

How does one make a planned gift? Here are some ideas...

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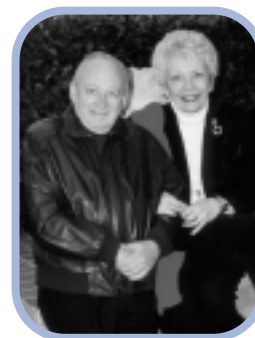


Alison Leigh Gill-King, daughter of Sandy and Don Gill, was six years old when she designed the 'stick figure' logo that LBDN currently uses. When the Day Nursery was planning their first monthly newsletter in 1969, they met with Ray Gillingham of Memorial Hospital. Mr. Gillingham thought it would be nice to use a drawing from a young child to use as a 'temporary logo' for the newsletter.

Sandy had a copy of Alison's drawing for their annual family Christmas card, used it, and the rest is history.

"I'm very proud of the logo's longevity," said Alison. "It is an honor to be connected with this fine organization."

Alison is mom to two girls, Maggie, 13 and Kiley, 12.



Upper left: The Gills at Christmastime. Alison is seated on her mother's lap. Center: Alison Gill-King. Bottom right: Don and Sandy Gill.

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Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones to Success scholarships help to remove the financial barriers that families experience in obtaining quality early care and education for their children. Of the children enrolled in LBDN, more than 60 percent are in need of some kind of subsidy to pay for tuition. For those families on our waiting list for state funds and/or low income families who are unable to enroll their child due to financial constraints but who do not qualify for state assistance, *Stepping Stones* makes all the difference in accessing LBDN's high-quality programs. If this program did not exist, these families and their children would have to sacrifice quality care and education and settle for care that they can find and afford. Thank you to the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation, the Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation and the John Apostle/Helen Apostle Foundation for their leadership and generous support of *Stepping Stones*, as well as the following individuals.

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Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2006

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 350,117
Accounts receivable	85,249
Prepaid expenses	26,767
Total Current Assets	462,133
Investments	2,464,656
Property and equipment, net	3,054,022
Total Assets	<u>\$5,980,811</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 6,950
Accrued payroll expense	136,721
Total Liabilities	<u>143,671</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets:	
Board designated	1,321,701
Fixed assets	3,054,022
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	4,375,723
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	131,848
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	1,329,569
Total Net Assets	<u>5,837,140</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$5,980,811</u>

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Support:	
Contributions	\$ 382,819
United Way	101,945
Debt forgiveness	2,497
Fees from governmental agencies	1,139,886
Fees from program services	1,047,645
Fees from alternative payment programs	62,318
Special events	67,904
Interest and dividend income	55,178
Miscellaneous	5,851
Gain (Loss) on disposition of assets	(20,950)
Realized gain on sale of investments	226,826
Net realized loss on investments	(100,606)
Total Support	2,971,313
Net assets released from restrictions	232,294
Total operating and support revenue	<u>3,203,607</u>
Expenses:	
Program services	
East branch program	1,757,740
Memorial Hospital child care	80,777
West branch program	894,624
Total Program Services	2,733,141
Supporting services	
General and administrative	356,433
Development	124,604
Total Expenses	3,214,178
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	(10,571)

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	\$ 100,616
Interest Income	\$ 118
Net assets released from donor restrictions	(232,294)
Decrease in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>(131,560)</u>

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	17,064
Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	17,064
Total Decrease in Net Assets	(125,067)
Net Assets, beginning of year	5,962,207
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$5,837,140</u>

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Spotlight on Alumni



*Mollye & Rebecca Gotz –
Then and Now*

Mollye and Rebecca Gotz, daughters of new board member Jon Gotz, attended the Long Beach Day Nursery in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

All grown up now – Mollye is a junior at Chico State University and Rebecca is a junior at Millikan High School – LBDN has been a part of their lives even before they were born.

“My father was in the insurance business - Life Underwriters - which helped each year to raise money for the Day Nursery,” said Jon Gotz. “When it was time to send my girls to child care, we researched our options and chose to send them to LBDN.”

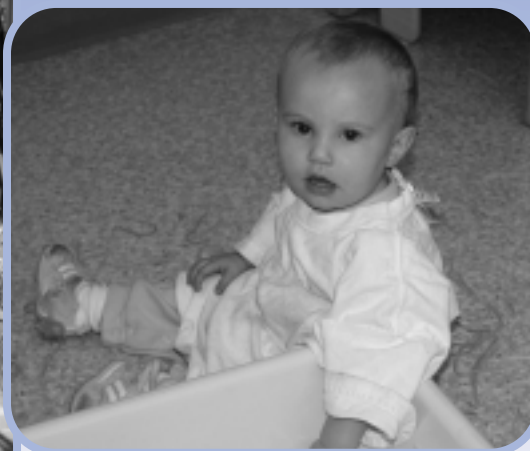


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From Our Photo Gallery



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Do we make a difference?

Earlier this year, I ran into a little girl at my daughter's after-school program who used to attend LBDN. Now eight years old, she was diagnosed with mild autism while she was at LBDN. Her teachers had noticed some developmental delays, and through our Early Intervention Program, a diagnosis was made and support resources identified for both the girl and her parents. As a result, she was able to stay enrolled at LBDN, to participate side-by-side with her friends in all activities, and to achieve the same level of school readiness as her peers by the time she was ready for kindergarten. Today, this child is enrolled in a public school, enjoying academic success, and is one of the friendliest, most charming and talkative children you will ever find. Do we make a difference? Every time I get a hug, a smile or a drawing from this child, I know the answer is a resounding "yes!"

– Patrice Wong, Executive Director



Myles Ware



L to R: Taylor Harris, Adriana Popoca and Logan Curbelo



Jalen Shores



Aaliyah Diaz

LBDN Staff Celebrate More Than 260 Years of Service

LBDN recently recognized 27 staff members – one third of its entire staff – who have achieved five or more years of service. This represents more than 260 years of service to Long Beach Day Nursery! We are very proud of this achievement. The stability and long term tenure of our staff is yet another indicator of our commitment to the highest standards of quality and integrity.

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<u>EAST BRANCH</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
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Carolyn Brooks	12
Karina Chavez	5
Carla Chua	7
Rita Feazell	13
Martha Garcia-Houghton	5
Deandra Johnson	5
Linda Marsh	10
Larae Metz	5
Deborah Napoleon-Holifield	21
Carmen Nunez	15
Dianna Pyland	13
Rita Rahman	11
Xochitl Ramirez	5
Editha Reapor	9
Rosa Taosoga	15
<u>WEST BRANCH</u>	
Linda Blackshire	16
Geneva Coleman	6
Yvette Fletcher	10
Carolina Garcia	6
Maria Alicia Guevara	9
Laquanda Hancox	6
Vickie Harris	7
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