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Nonprofit Daycare Gets a New Entryway

Long Beach Community Foundation Embarks on National Philanthropy Day Project

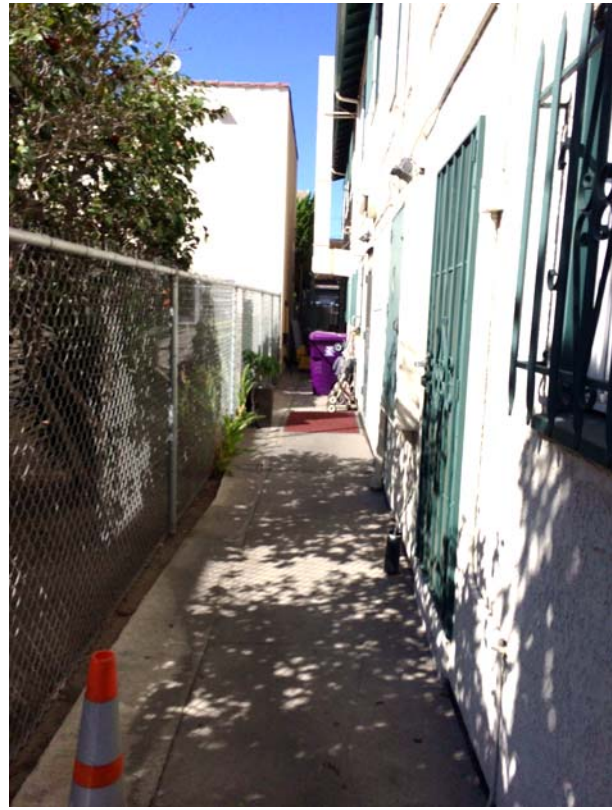
Long Beach, CA – Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) led a team of 15 volunteers to make a difference in the lives of Long Beach youth as part of National Philanthropy Day in November. Volunteers from the community transformed the entryway of a local daycare by constructing a 50 foot mural where a chain link fence once stood.

“We wanted to make a big impact for a local nonprofit. Downtown’s Young Horizons Child Development Center was a perfect site for our project. It’s amazing what a splash of color and a lot of love can do,” said Long Beach Community Foundation President & CEO, Marcelle Epley. Epley led a team of volunteers from the Long Beach Community Foundation, Arts Council of Long Beach, Unearth and Empower Communities, Young Horizons, and Holthouse Carlin & Van Trigt LLP to create a 50 foot mural at the site’s entryway and make other needed repairs. Corporate partners who contributed to the day’s event were Windes, Inc, Keesal, Young & Logan, Holthouse Carlin & Van Trigt LLP, Berlin Bistro, and TGIS catering.

“We are so pleased to make a difference in the lives of these kids, that’s what a community foundation is all about,” said Jane Netherton, Chair, LBCF Board of Directors. National Philanthropy Day is a celebration of philanthropy—giving, volunteering and charitable engagement—that highlights the accomplishments, large and small, that philanthropy, and all those involved in the philanthropic process, makes to our society and our world.

“We feel so blessed that the volunteers came and made our school beautiful. We hear so many comments from the parents and children every day. It brings them so much joy,” said Sarah Soriano, Young Horizons’ Executive Director. Young Horizons has been providing care to over 600 Long Beach children of economically disadvantaged parents every day for 45 years.

BEFORE



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Pictured: Long Beach Community Foundation Vice Chair, Blake Christian.



About Long Beach Community Foundation:

The Long Beach Community Foundation is a nonprofit, public organization whose mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship, and strategic grantmaking with a vision of being the preeminent steward of endowments serving the needs of Long Beach in perpetuity.

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