



Students from the Pomona Unified School District head into the LA County Fair, part of the FairKids Field Trip program which brings students to the Fair for free.

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

Ending the Year By Looking Ahead

By Miguel A. Santana President & CEO, Fairplex



Before I began my tenure here, I researched Fairplex and was made aware of one of the assets of the campus – the Child Development Center. I was quite impressed with the accolades given to the CDC – a state-of-the-art center, one of the best in California that uses innovative teaching, like the revolutionary emotional intelligence program Conscious Discipline and is an integrated program with children from families across the socio economic spectrum.

Once I arrived and met then-CDC director Dr. Holly Reynolds, it was clear why the CDC was (and is) held in such high regard. Holly is a visionary, a nurturer and a positive force in education.

It was at this time that The Learning Centers at Fairplex, which the CDC is a part of, had found itself in need of a new executive director. I asked Holly to serve as the interim executive director, which she accepted. During the following five months, I saw Holly's leadership qualities and her dedication to all the programs of TLC. She steered the Career and Technical Education Center into summer and fall courses and oversaw Fairtime education, which brought more than 156,000 students and teachers to the LA County Fair through the FairKids Field Trips free program.

I am pleased to announce that interim is no longer part of Holly's title. Last month, she accepted the position of Executive Director. Holly has more than 30 years in the area of early childhood education and recently earned a doctorate in education and organizational management from the University of La Verne. Under her direction, TLC has regained its stability and strengthened its commitment to education.

With TLC's leadership now in place, we can continue to provide needed opportunities to students like Keianna Barnitt. Keianna has loved cars since she was a young girl. Her father taught the Charter Oak High School graduate as much as he knew about cars. Then, Keianna enrolled in CTEC's auto classes, the only girl in the class. In high school, she said, she felt out of place because of her love of cars and auto technology. At CTEC, no one cared about her gender – the only important thing was that they all loved cars. She

graduated from the Alex Xydias & Pete Chapouris Center for Automotive Arts this summer and plans to continue in the automotive field. Keianna even modeled for the Fair as part of our Dare to Give campaign.



That's what The Learning Centers can do.

Thanks for the Support



45,206 transported to the LA County Fair for free through Big Yellow Bus donations



Premiere Party, the annual “sneak peek” of the Fair raised \$125,041 for TLC



\$313,142 was raised at the CDC Auction for the Child Development Center at Fairplex

Real-world skills. Literacy. Early Childhood Education. Leadership. Vocational Training. Career Counseling.

These are just a handful of the tools The Learning Centers at Fairplex employs to assist children from ages 12 weeks to 18 years in our neighboring communities to reach their goal of living a productive, well-rounded life. Every contribution you make to TLC goes into its programs – Career & Technical Education Center,

the Child Development Center, the Millard Sheets Art Center, Junior Fair Board leadership program and FairKids Field Trips. **These are your donations at work:**



\$10,000

FairKids Field Trips

A contribution of \$10,000 helps supplement educational field trips to the more than 150,000 students who annually visit the Fair, also known as the World’s Largest Classroom!



Child Development Center

\$5,000 helps supplement the cost of early education for children in low-income families through tuition scholarships.



Fashion

\$500 provides 100 yards of fabric, providing enough material to supply fashion projects for 50 students preparing for a career in designing or merchandising.



Alex Xydias & Pete Chapouris Center for Automotive Arts

\$1,000 is the amount it takes to put one student through the AXC program for one year, where they will learn the latest in automotive care and eventually have the opportunity to obtain Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification.



Culinary

\$100 can help purchase the supplies necessary for the CTEC hospitality program. From cutlery to pots & pans to measuring spoons, each chef needs the tools of their trade to be successful.



Water Technology

\$50 can help purchase beakers, test tubes and software to test and study water systems, resources and treatment.



Future Events

The Learning Centers at Fairplex has a host of fund-and friend-raising events coming up in the next few months. We encourage you to come out and support our programs.

- **Souper Bowl** – Join us Nov. 16 on the patio in front of the Child Development Center for homemade soup made by TLC’s hospitality students and served in beautifully made bowls by our ceramics students. \$20 includes the bowl and all-you-can-eat soup.
- **Engine Start** – Experience the joy and excitement of seeing a newly built engine rev up with students in the Alex Xydias & Pete Chapouris Center for Automotive Arts. Dec. 7 at the AXC Garage.
- **Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA – One Path: Two Journeys**, the exhibition in the Millard Sheets Art Center is part of the Getty Center’s PST: LA/LA art collective which continues through January. The art center is open weekends from noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment during the week. The exhibition features Chicana artists Judithe Hernández and Patssi Valdez.
- **Giving Tuesday** – Don’t forget TLC on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28. #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, we look forward to your support!



#GIVING TUESDAY



Educational experiences are one of the signature aspects of our great campus here at Fairplex. We are delighted you have partnered with us to create unique educational opportunities for the students in our communities. We are extremely proud of the high-quality education programs we make available for the children and youth on our unique campus. As you read in our various stories, we provide early education, high school career technology,

hands-on agricultural and cultural field trip experiences as well as youth leadership programs. With our knowledgeable and passionate teachers, our students are inspired to grow, learn, and excel in many pathways, interests and pursuits.

Fairplex has been committed to supporting educational programs on our campus for over 37 years, expanded in 2007 to include our high school-level career technology programs. Fairplex is committed to continue the financial and in-kind support for our programs; however, **we cannot do this great work without your support.** I am asking you to **join me** in the final days of 2017 to enrich our students today with a contribution, for a brighter future. Help us change the world, one student at a time.

Sincerely,
Dr. Holly Reynolds
Executive Director of The Learning Centers



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