

LOCATIONS

The Children's Collective, Inc. has 15 locations in the following communities:

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UCLA HONORS DR. KIMBROUGH WITH TOM BRADLEY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD



Upper Left: Picture of the award during Dr. Kimbrough's remarks.

Bottom Left: Robert Grace with Jermaine Kyle (TCCI Child Development Manager) presenting flowers to Dr. Kimbrough.

Right: Robert Grace, President of the UCLA Black Alumni Association Board of Directors presenting Tom Bradley Award to Dr. Kimbrough.



On Saturday, March 17, Dr. Jackie Kimbrough received the UCLA Black Alumni Association Tom Bradley Alumnus of the Year Award during its 50th Anniversary Celebration. Before an audience of 600+, Dr. Kimbrough was recognized for creating an organization that continues to positively impact the lives of children and families.

The Tom Bradley Alumnus of the Year Award is given to a graduate who has greatly distinguished him/herself in a chosen profession or service and brought honor and attention to UCLA. The award is named for UCLA Alum Tom Bradley, the first African American Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. Bradley is considered the father of modern downtown LA and the creator of a political coalition that dominated Southern California politics for two decades.

Dr. Kimbrough spoke about how she built The Children's Collective, Inc. As a UCLA graduate student, her interest in improving life outcomes for children led her to found The Children's Collective, Inc. Annually, The Children's

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Collective, Inc. serves more than 12,000 children, youth and adults in Child Development, Youth Development, Family Support and Health at 15 Los Angeles locations. Through a staff of 140, TCCI enhances early learning and development for 900 infants, toddlers and preschoolers; provides more than 250,000 nutritious meals each year to children; distributes food to poor families; improves academic outcomes for middle and high school students; increases family income; promotes healthy eating and physical exercise to reduce health risks; provides for youth/adult active sports; promotes healthy births and parenting for at-risk African American women; and provides immigration services for citizenship.

As a research psychologist at Rand Corporation in Santa Monica for eleven years, Dr. Kimbrough's work on disparities between federal policy and local implementation changed guidelines to increase resources for minority children. An advocate for children in underserved communities, Dr. Kimbrough identified flaws in a State formula for allocating childcare funds. Working with a state legislator, she challenged the formula, resulting in additional funds to low income communities.

In higher education, Dr. Kimbrough taught courses in Evaluation Research and Personality Theory at UCLA, CSU Dominguez Hills, California School of Professional Psychology (Alliant University) and The Wright Institute.

In her civic life, she served as Commissioner on the Los Angeles City Commission for Children Youth and Their Families and chaired the Child Care Task Force. As Far West Coordinator of Delta Sigma Theta's Habitat for Humanity program, Dr. Kimbrough led the effort to construct a home for a homeless African-American woman and her children. As a member of The Links, Incorporated she provided humanitarian assistance to women and children in refugee camps in Sudan and Chad and organized groups to advocate an end to the genocide. Through the Western Area of The Links, Incorporated, she implemented *59 for the Future*, preparing high achieving African American girls to become Global Thought Leaders, knowledgeable and confident as advocates of policy in the public interest.

Dr. Kimbrough's most significant contribution is that she helped reduce the risk of rape, violence and genocide for 15,000 girls in refugee camps in Sudan and Chad. She is also proud that The Children's Collective Inc., created when she was a young woman, remains in business 45 years later and has invested more the \$140,000,000 to improve the lives of children, youth and families in our community.



About thirty staff Board members and friends attended the event to support Dr. Kimbrough. They presented her with bouquets of beautiful flowers on this milestone achievement.



OUTSTANDING PARENTS OF THE MONTH



Terrell Taylor was selected as the parent of the month for The Children's Collective, Inc. Casa Dominguez Child Development site. Terrell and his wife Katrina Taylor are dedicated to being engaged in their children's learning environment through volunteering.

The Taylors were very involved when their daughter attended Casa Dominguez as an infant. They are continuing their parent involvement with their son Mekhi, who attends the toddler class.

Mrs. Stallworth, the site supervisor of Casa Dominguez says that "Without parents like Mr. Taylor, our site would not be as successful as it is." Mr. Taylor enjoys his job as a Tow Truck driver, but he stated that his most enjoyable title is that of "Dad."

Congratulations to the Taylor family, which was awarded a certificate of appreciation, balloons, card and a gift. Parents like Terrell are the heartbeat of our programs.

Mekhi and Terrell Taylor receiving a certificate from Mrs. Stallworth celebrating his achievement as the Parent of the Month.



Yuzemy Machuca is the parent of Nathalie Machuca who currently attends The Children's Collective, Inc. Florence-Firestone Child Development site.

Mrs. Machuca was chosen as the parent of the month because she has volunteered countless hours to her child's classroom during this current school year. Anytime she is needed, she will do her best to help out the school in any way possible. Mrs. Machuca says, "I work very hard at my job in a local factory. I get my greatest joy from spending time with all of my family at home and at my child's school."

Mrs. Machuca also she feels good knowing that "Nathalie is well taken care of during the day by the great staff at the Florence-Firestone school."

Congratulations to Mrs. Machuca and the outstanding staff at Florence-Firestone Child Development Center.



Yuzemy Machuca with her daughters and niece accepting the Parent of the Month Award from the Staff at Florence-



BLACK DIAMONDS COMPETE IN LAS VEGAS AND PERFORM IN GARDENA PARADE

California Cheer Intenzity at the JAMZ cheer & dance national championships, held January 19-21 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Cheer team placed 3rd in the Pee Wee division in the dance & cheer category.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATED AT CASA DOMINGUEZ



The children at Casa Dominguez put on a production for their parents and friends in honor of Black History Month. They created beautiful art-work for the bulletin boards and selected a historical figure and dramatized his/her outstanding contributions to society.

The children received a standing ovation from the parents and staff.



EMPLOYEE MILESTONES



Congratulations to Staff Members who were acknowledged during an All-Staff Training for achieving significant tenure milestones.

Seated (L-R): Rosa Sosa (15 years), Barbara Owens (10 Years), Jackie Kimbrough (45 years), Sabrina Hawkins (5 years) and Anel Anguiano (10 years).

Standing (L-R): Tracy Weatherspoon (15 years), Deysi Baraias (15years) Allison McCants (10 years), David Beavers (10 years), Rocio Bach (10 years), Dilcia Coto (5 years), Cleshonda Gates (10 years) and Tenisha Mosley (5 years).

Wishing them many more!!

VERMONT CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS GROW CROPS

At the Vermont Site, children are learning about planting and growing. They are taking pride in watering their plants, growing vegetables and experiencing the downfalls of over watering.

They love every minute of this experience. And we love to see their little faces light up every time we go outside to their garden.



EARTH DAY ART AT MAPLE CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The children at the Maple site are gearing up for Earth Day. They used several different mediums to create the earth and the clouds.



CONFERENCE ON INVESTMENT, COMMITMENT, AND PASSION TO IMPROVE BLACK MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH

The purpose of this conference was to celebrate the 29 years of legacy for the Black Infant Health Program while recognizing its challenges and triumphs. This two-day Sacramento conference provided opportunities to cultivate or reaffirm best practices as well as evidence informed strategies aimed at improving infant and maternal well-being. Staff learned how to:

- *Identify methods to address the negative impact of racism on health and birth outcomes*
- *Acquire reaffirm methods for improving infant and maternal health*
- *Identify best practices for addressing the Black/White infant health disparity*
- *Explore new strategies for responding to inequities in maternal mortality*
- *Examine best practices for improving maternal mental health*
- *Identify the effects of Cannabis and smoking during and after pregnancy*
- *Re-examine the contribution of fathers to support positive pregnancy outcomes*

Workshops addressed a vast array of topics from reduction of preterm births, relationship of tobacco and cannabis exposure, the impact of racism on birth outcomes and supporting fathers and mothers.

The conference was a unique learning experience and inspired BIH program staff to continue doing great work.

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM BENEFITS Y.O.U STUDENTS



The Los Angeles College Promise will increase the number of community college graduates, university transfer and workforce-ready students throughout the Southern California region. It is a partnership between Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), City of Los Angeles, LA Chamber of Commerce, UNITE LA and private philanthropy.

The Promise serves LAUSD and charter school graduating seniors through a comprehensive strategy designed to support students to complete a higher education degree and/or a workforce certificate. Important aspects of the Promise are waived tuition for the first year of college, priority enrollment and a dedicated support team providing a wide array of academic and student support services. The goal is to help students "start right" on their way to "ending right" with a degree, university transfer or workforce certificate in a timely and efficient manner.

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The Y.O.U. (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) High School College Advisors prepared two high school seniors, Cierra Eggleston and Angelica Smithingell to complete their college planning and senior portfolio. Both seniors will participate in Mayor Eric Garcetti's College Promise program for LAUSD students. The College Promise program will cover the first year tuition and fees for both Cierra and Angelica to attend any Los Angeles Community College. Cierra plans to attend Los Angeles Southwest College and Angelica plans to attend Los Angeles Trade Technical College and transfer to California State University Dominguez Hills. Both students participated in College Signing Day Los Angeles 2018, a celebration for high school students who are committed to attend college in the fall. The event was hosted by Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE BUTTERFLY SNACKS

TCCI's Champions for Change (CFC) program has teamed up with our preschools to hold TCCI's first Wellness Week in June. Various health-centered activities will be held throughout the week at all of our preschool sites.

Two days of Wellness Week will focus on nutritious snacking. Parents and staff will receive recipe booklets that highlight different fruits and veggies. We'll suggest different ways to treat kids with fresh foods (see included recipe) instead of prepackaged chips and sugary items. We'll also have a fresh snack for kids, parents, and teachers to sample at each school!

Another day of Wellness Week will demonstrate the importance of water consumption and reducing sugary beverages in the diet. Infused water samples will be available at all preschools for everyone to sample.

Wellness Week will culminate with the childcare department's annual picnic. In collaboration with TCCI community programs, the event will host various physical activity stations, face painting, and lunch for all in attendance. We'll also have a booth for the families with information on eating healthier and increasing physical activity.

The CFC team is thrilled to work alongside TCCI preschool staff to celebrate the health and accomplishments of our children and families.

We'll see you in June!



Ingredients

- Red and green seedless grapes
- Multicolored goldfish snack crackers
- Individually wrapped string cheese

Craft supplies

- Snack sized zip top bags
- Wooden clothespins
- Fuzzy pipe cleaners, cut in half
- Googly eyes
- Glue (like Elmer's)

Recommendations: glue the googly eyes onto the clothespin first, so they will have time to dry.

Preparation

1. Add 10 - 11 grapes to one side of the bag.
2. Add a small handful of goldfish to the other side of the bag.
3. Pinch the bag together in the middle to keep the contents separate with the clothespin.
4. Cut a pipe cleaner in half and fold it into antennae. Place the antennae into the "mouth" of the clip.
5. Apply glue along the rounded side of the string cheese so that it would rest on the flat side for more stability.
6. Press the butterfly firmly down onto the glue and set somewhere to dry for a while, like on a large cookie sheet.

Source: <http://menumusings.blogspot.com>



SPOTLIGHT ON ANNUAL HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW



FROM HOMELESS TO EMPLOYED WITH HOUSING

Jessica Thomas* first visited our FamilySource Center program in June of 2017. Ms. Thomas was seeking assistance with housing and employment. She had recently relocated to Los Angeles from Birmingham, Alabama. She made arrangements to live with her mother while she looked for a job and found employment. Shortly after she moved in with her mom, there were problems and the living arrangement did not work, causing her to become homeless. At the time of intake she was living in her car and had no prospects for employment or housing. She also had no income and limited savings left. To make matters worse the car she was living in was beginning to break down. At the intake, the Case Manager worked with her to create a resume, highlighting her previous work experience and her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. They also worked on identifying various job leads and completed job applications. Additionally, the Case Manager provided Jessica with various housing referrals, including the Homeless Family Solutions Center, Goodwill, and a bag of nonperishable food items. Shortly after the initial intake, she found part-time employment as a sales representative for a solar company call center. The Case Manager provided her with bus tokens to help her with transportation to and from work because her car was no longer a steady form of transportation. Although her part time job provided a source of income, she was still struggling with housing. While continuing to work with the Case Manager, she applied for and obtained employment with a local housing agency as an Assistant Property Manager which also came with live-in quarters. Jessica continues to be employed full-time by the Housing Agency and is grateful for all the help FamilySource Center provided to her.

As noted by FSC Coordinator DaVonna Foy, "Access to these services helps people living in poverty achieve better outcomes and futures for themselves and their families, ultimately benefiting our communities."

** Client's name changed to protect privacy*

