

A Non-Profit Corporation

### **Winter 2017**

Caring for Kids Since '72

### **LOCATIONS SERVED**

The Children's Collective, Inc. has 12 locations in the following communities:

- Greater Crenshaw
- Exposition/Los Angeles
- Manchester/Figueroa

We serve approximately 10,000 children, youth and families each year and have served the community since 1972.

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## CASA DOMINGUEZ CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The children at Casa Dominguez celebrated Black History Month in grand style. The children wore different costumes to depict historical Black American legends from the civil rights movement to professional sports. The classroom was beautifully decorated with historical pictures about the achievements and contributions of many prominent African Americans. There was standing room only for this event.



Staff, families and friends cheer for their children.



Children present the story of Rosa Parks and her refusal to give up her seat on the bus after working all day.



Student presenting as basketball great Michael Jordan.



Staff and students looking very regal for their annual Black History Month Celebration.

The Children's Collective Inc. continuously enrolls for Infant, Toddler, Full Day and Part Day Preschool Programs. Call 213-747-4046.



Mission Statement: To improve life outcomes for children, youth and their families in South Los Angeles by providing high quality, comprehensive, educational and support services.

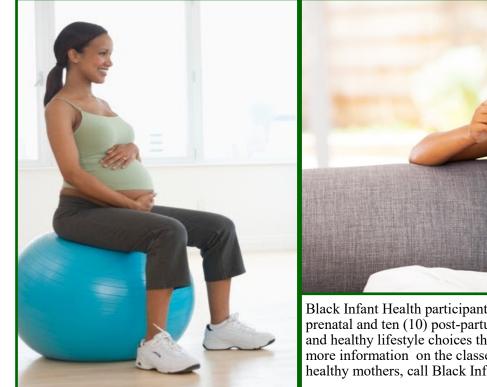
# CALIFORNIA INTENZITY CHEER WINS JAMZ NATIONALS!

The Children's Collective, Inc. is so proud to provide a home for the California Intenzity Cheer. These young ladies recently won 1st place in the Dance Category at the JAMZ National Championship in January.

The champions are featured in the center of the picture.



# **BLACK INFANT HEALTH 2.0**





Black Infant Health participants are responsible for attending ten (10) prenatal and ten (10) post-partum groups that encourage empowerment and healthy lifestyle choices that lead to positive birth outcomes. For more information on the classes which promote healthy babies and healthy mothers, call Black Infant Health at (323) 238-3206.

## **2017: INVEST IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD OR YOUTH IN NEED**

The Children's Collective, Inc. is very fortunate to have wonderful friends and supporters. During the course of almost 45 years, TCCI has grown from one program site to 15 programs in South Central Los Angeles providing child development services and impactful, life changing programs for youth, young adults and English language learners who are seeking citizenship.

With the various resources becoming scarce, TCCI counts on the generosity of supporters and collaborators to make a difference in the lives of the people they served in South Central Los Angeles. At this point, you are probably wondering, "How can I help be a blessing to a child, young adult or family in need?" Well, there are many ways you can be involved year-round:

- **Butterfly donor** Make a monetary contribution that will go towards sustainable life skill training workshops for young adults preparing to go out into the workplace and get their first job.
- *Wagon donor* Donate new or slightly used business and business casual clothes for youth going to interviews.
- *Holiday donor Provide new toys (unwrapped) for children, 11 and under; gift cards for youth 12 and older.*

By partnering with The Children's Collective, Inc., you are making a transformational and impactful difference in the lives of those who struggle every day to feed, educate and clothe their families. We see the faces of those benefiting from the services offered by The Children's Collective, Inc. Please keep them in your hearts with your unwavering support.





## **CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE – HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**



The Children's Collective, Inc. received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Public Health to implement the new *Champions for Change –Healthy Communities Initiative*. The program will address the prevalence of childhood and adult obesity in South LA, associated with Stroke, Heart Disease and Diabetes.

**for CHANGE**<sup>TM</sup> The new *Champions for Change* program will focus its efforts on The Children Collective Inc.'s eight Child Development sites (*Casa Dominguez, Concord, Florence*/

*Firestone, Hope, King/San Pedro, Maple, Rita Walters and Willowbrook)* where expansion of the current organizational policies to increase nutrition education and physical activity opportunities for children, families and staff. Also provided will be training opportunities for teachers to learn new ways of implementing nutrition and physical activity lessons in their classrooms.

The Champions for Change program will also conduct organizational and policy change activities with the *Rita Walters Learning Complex, Youth Opportunities Unlimited Alternative High School (YOUAHS)* and the *Willowbrook Senior Center.* The goal is to educate community residents of all ages about the importance of healthy living through fun and engaging activities, and help increase healthy food access and physical activity opportunities for the communities that we serve.

#### Effective March 2017

<u>SITE SUPERVISOR</u> <u>Must</u>have Site Supervisor Permit & 3 yrs. Exp. BA Degree preferred

<u>SUBSTITUTE Site Supervisor</u> <u>Must</u>have Site Supervisor Permit & 3 yrs. experience; BA Degree preferred

TEACHER Must have Teacher Permit & 3 yrs. experience; BA Degree preferred

<u>SUBSTITUTE Teachers</u> <u>Must</u> have Teacher Permit & 3 yrs. experience; BA Degree preferred

<u>SUBSTITUTE Assoc. Teachers</u> <u>Must</u> have Permit & 3 yrs. exp; AA or BA Degree preferred

SUBSTITUTE Teacher Asst. Must have 6 ECE units & 1 yr. experience



Staff members Yolanda Walters (l) and Breana Mosley participated in the Southwest College Career Fair.

Please contact Human Resources for Job Requirements for the following positions <u>PROGRAM ASSISTANT</u> ◆ <u>COOK</u> ◆ <u>SUB/ON CALL COOK</u> ◆ <u>PROJECT COORDINATOR</u>

#### **TO APPLY:**

Fax cover letter and resume to (310) 733-5124 Attn: Human Resources <u>or</u> Email cover letter and resume to ywalters@childrenscollective.org

Thank you for your employment interest with The Children's Collective, Inc.

## HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY GIVEAWAY AT RITA WALTERS LEARNING CENTER



After picking up their food, families with children were escorted to another room where their children could pick out a toy. The children and their parents were excited and very thankful for the generosity of The Children's Collective, Inc. and Hurting and Hungry.

The Children's Collective, Inc. in conjunction with Hurting and Hungry will continue to provide food resources to families in need.



## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW**



Over 300 preschoolers attended the annual "Marionette Puppet Show." Before the dancing puppets appeared, the children, their teachers and puppeteer started off with singing "The Wheels on Bus Go Round and Round." The preschoolers sang out and followed along with all of the hand gestures and music verses.

Immediately following the song, the music came on and the children had their eyes focused on the stage. The puppeteer explained what the season was about and spoke about the most important thing that everyone should share during the holiday season: "Love." He told them that everyone has love to share. He also told the children when Freda (the good puppet) comes out, please share their love by putting it in her magic hat. Freda danced around the children allowing them to share love so they could bring Frosty the Snowman to life.

The puppeteer also warned them about Freda's mean sister Smerna. She was truly the bad sister. She enjoyed melting all of the snow and scaring the animals. Before she appeared, Patty came out to talk to everyone because Smerna had taken her two front teeth. All Patty wanted for Christmas was her "two front teeth." Even though she knew how mean Smerna was, Patty brought her present and helped Smerna become good and kind and give Frosty back his hat.

Everyone had a great time. As the children departed for lunch at their Child Care Centers, they all received a holiday picture to color at their school.

