

## LOCATIONS

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

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

*We serve approximately 12,000 children, youth and families each year and have served the community since 1972.*

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## FREE TAX PREP AT RWLC



Mayor Eric Garcetti launched a campaign to provide low to moderate income households with free tax preparation services, and help taxpayers claim State and Federal tax credits.

The Children's Collective, Inc. FamilySource Center at the Rita Walter's Learning Complex is part of the Free Tax Prep Los Angeles (FTPLA) campaign through which you can obtain **free tax preparation** and other financial empowerment services. We offer free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals, completed by IRS-certified volunteers. Persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns are encouraged to participate. To find more information on free tax preparation assistance and other financial empowerment services, please contact the FSC Office at (323) 789-4717.



## LEMON T. WALKER RETIRES



The staff bid Lemon Tea Walker a fond farewell and happy retirement after 15 years with The Children's Collective, Inc.

Lemon and her team collectively prepared a quarter million meals annually for the children at TCCI. She prepared meals that met the Department of Agriculture Nutrition standards and the children enjoyed her cooking. According to Lemon, "I was truly blessed to be part of a team feeding the children in our community."

Lemon Walker will surely be missed by the children and staff.



Upper left: Coral Forbes, Supervisor, presenting a plaque to Lemon.

Lower left: A cake commemorating the occasion

Bottom right: Executive Director presenting flowers to Lemon Walker



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.*



# CHEER INTENZITY WINS



JAMZ Regional was held at Magic Mountain. The Juniors and Pee-Wees both won first place in their divisions: The Pee-Wees won first place in the NA POM division -11 and the Juniors won first place in the NA POM division -17.



The Juniors of Cheer Intenzity pose after competing in the SHARP competition. SHARP offers Cheerleading, Hip Hop, Dance and Drill Team Camp which teaches various routines, moves and acrobatics.

## PARENTS SPOTLIGHT



Hope Memorial Child Care Development Center selected the parents of Eduardo Osoy, Lydia De Paz and Edwin Osoy. The Osoys volunteer regularly to assist the teachers with the pre-schoolers.

Eduardo's parents donated three children's couches to the site. The Osoys have a family business that has been in existence for more than 20 years. Their business is dedicated to remodeling and restoring old furniture. They love working together as a family in their furniture shop.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are hiring for the following positions: an Executive Assistant, Program Coordinator at Black Infant Health, Human Resources Coordinator, College Advisor Part Time at FSC, Teachers and Teacher Assistants. For more information, call Human Resources at (310) 733-4388, Ext.106, during the hours of 9:00am - 5:00pm.

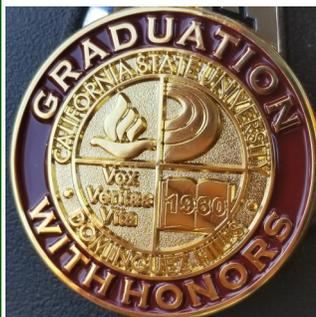
## CONGRATULATIONS BREANA MOSLEY



The Children's Collective, Inc. congratulates Breana Mosley, who works in the Human Resources department and in the College Advisement office at the FamilySource Center at the Rita Walters Learning Complex, on graduating this May with honors from California State University Dominguez Hills.

Breana is graduating with a degree in Sociology and has an overall 3.58 grade point average.

Ms. Mosley worked very hard as both a fulltime student and employee. The staff is so very happy for her on this achievement.



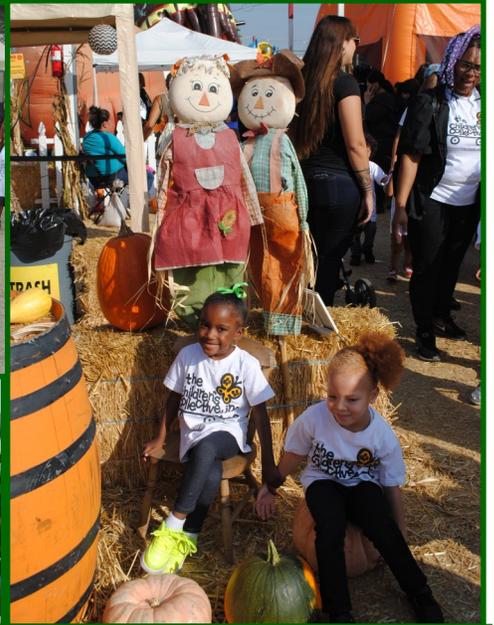
# UNITY AWARDS



The 8th Annual Multi-Ethnic Unity Awards was held at the Rita Walker Learning Complex this past fall. Hundreds of people came out to support this intercultural event which highlighted Wheelchair Basketball Players, Korean Dance Troupe, the Audubon Drill Team & Drummers and the Martial Arts demonstrations.

Also in attendance were the Boy Scouts, LAPD and the World Special Federation. Everyone was excited to see Jack, of **Jack in the Box**, who sponsored the lunch for the attendees and program participants.

# PUMPKIN PATCH TAKEOVER



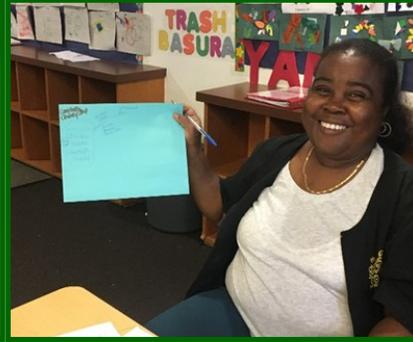
# PRE-SCHOOLER & TODDLER HALLOWEEN FANTASY



# CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY



Ms. Tenisha



Ms. Marchetta



## Champions for Change Booth at the Winter Wonderland Toy Give-A-Way & Resource Fair at Green Meadows Recreation Center

CFC hosted an informational booth at the Winter Wonderland Toy Give-A-Way & Resource Fair at Green Meadows Recreation Center in South LA. This event was sponsored by First 5 LA's Best Start program for the Broadway/Manchester Community. Hundreds of happy children and their families attended the festival to receive free toys, helpful resources, and lots of fun entertainment and food! From our booth, attendees received healthy holiday recipe cards along with handouts on drinking less sugary beverages and increasing physical activity. Families with small children received a free *Kids Get Cooking* healthy cookbook. For participants who contributed to our social media posts, we awarded them with a free *Fresh Twist* healthy cookbook!

## Champions for Change Teacher Nutrition Education Class at Casa Dominguez

During the month of October, teachers at Casa Dominguez Child Development Center participated in a month-long nutrition education class led by Champions for Change Health Educator, Tara Barnes. Class lessons were from CFC's new curriculum called *Nourish: Food + Community*, which educates teachers on food systems and how products get from farm to table.

In these photos, teachers are working on a "food mapping" project. Each person selects a packaged, processed, or fresh produce item. Using solely the item's physical packaging, participants are prompted to determine the origination of the ingredients and how the product went through various stages to get to our tables for consumption.

## Champions for Change New Parent Nutrition Education and Physical Activity Classes at Trinity Elementary School

In November 2018, Champions for Change started a wonderful partnership with a parent group at Trinity Elementary School, located just around the corner from TCCI's King/San Pedro location. CFC staff Tara Barnes and Leslie Gurrola met with parents every Friday morning to lead participants through nutrition education and physical activity classes. We are excited to announce that classes have expanded to bi-weekly Monday through Friday sessions, beginning in mid-January 2019! Working with the parent group at Trinity has been a fun, rewarding experience for our staff and program participants. We are looking forward to continued collaboration!

*These photos are from the physical activity classes with parents at Trinity Elementary. Classes have included yoga, Zumba, and indoor walking exercises.*



CFC staff enjoying the chilly day at the Winter Wonderland Toy Give-A-Way & Resource Fair.

*Left to right: Leslie Gurrola, Emily Waldie and Tara Barnes.*



# WINTER STEM CAMP AT RWLC

The Children's Collective, Inc. held a week long Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp during winter break for youth in grades 4 through 8. The students worked on various science experiments that used different theories of physics including building towers using marshmallows and spaghetti strands, testing pH levels of various substances as well as learning about gravity, force and acceleration through egg drop experiments.

The camp also offered a math review in which students worked on skills they were having trouble with as identified on their pre-test. Additionally, the students participated in a civic engagement component. The students assembled hygiene care-kits to distribute to needy individuals in the community. The kits were given to attendees at the Holiday Food Distribution at the Rita Walters Learning Complex. Care-kits included toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks and school supplies for children. Fifteen students participated in the weeklong camp.



# SANTA COMES TO THE RWLWC

Over 500 children had the time of their lives this past holiday season. To get them warmed up, the children participated in a dance workout and made holiday crafts. In addition to the other activities, there were face painters and balloon animal makers who made swords, dogs and hearts for every child. The children from every site rotated stations throughout the morning.

As the children enjoyed the activities at the various stations, who should arrive from the North Pole, but Santa Claus! Santa entered the Rita Walters Learning Complex Gymnasium and a loud roar of cheers and clapping emerged from the children and the parents. The preschoolers were able to gather around Santa Claus as he told them a very special holiday story.

At the end of the event, each child received several holiday gifts from The Children's Collective, Inc.

