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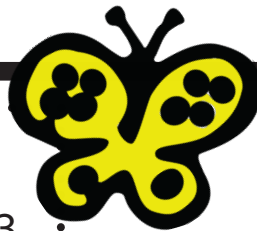
TCCI is dedicated to alleviating poverty and transforming lives in South Los Angeles by empowering children, youth, and their families to overcome systemic challenges and build pathways to sustainable success through high-quality, comprehensive, educational and family support services.



WHAT WE'RE DOING

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WHERE WE ARE



Locations

The Children's Collective, Inc. has 10 locations in the South Los Angeles area, offering various programs and services. To learn more, check out our website:

CHILDRENSCOLLECTIVE.ORG

TCCI continuously enrolls for infant, toddler, and preschool programs. Call 424-286-4409.



The Children's Collective, Inc. was founded in 1972 by Dr. Jackie Kimbrough, who served as the Executive Director for 52 years.



CEO CORNER



Family and
Friends of TCCI,

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, my heart is full. I'm grateful for the sacred privilege of serving as CEO of The Children's Collective, Inc.—and even more grateful for the people who make TCCI what it is: a mission-driven family that shows up, loves well, and serves with excellence.

On October 16, I celebrated one year in this role. Over these twelve months, I've watched our team embody the very best of TCCI: steady hands, open hearts, and a tireless focus on children and families. Thank you to:

Early Child Care Center educators and staff—who turn classrooms into launchpads for curiosity, safety, and growth.



Black Infant Health champions—who walk alongside mothers and families with culturally responsive care, advocacy, and hope.

CalFresh team members—who help neighbors put nutritious food on the table with dignity and respect.


FamilySource Center staff—who guide families through complex systems toward stability, opportunity, and thriving.

CACFP partners—who ensure kids receive healthy meals and that providers have the support they need to serve well.

Accounting Team—faithful stewards who keep us compliant, audit-ready, and mission-focused with every invoice, report, and close.

Administrative Team—the operational backbone that keeps our sites humming, our calendars aligned, and our families welcomed with excellence.

Senior Leaders—directors and managers whose wisdom, courage,



and
care set
the tone for our
culture and the quality of
our services.



Every day, you choose compassion over convenience and impact over comfort. You carry our mission into homes, clinics, classrooms, and community spaces. You are the reason TCCI's name is trusted and our work is transformational.

I'm also thankful for our board of directors, community partners, and the many donors and volunteers who believe in this work. Your prayers, presence, and partnership fuel our momentum.

A year in, I can say with confidence: the best is ahead. We will continue strengthening what works, innovating where families need more, and building partnerships that expand our reach. We'll keep centering dignity, equity, and accountability—because every child deserves a pathway to possibility, and every parent deserves a community that stands with them.

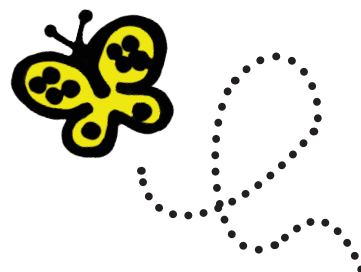
This Thanksgiving, I invite you to reflect on the difference your service makes. If you ever wonder whether your efforts matter, the answer is simple: yes. A child is learning. A parent is supported. A family is nourished. A future is being shaped.

From my family to yours—thank you for the honor of leading this incredible team. May your November be filled with rest, joy, and reminders of how deeply you are appreciated.

With gratitude and hope,

Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson

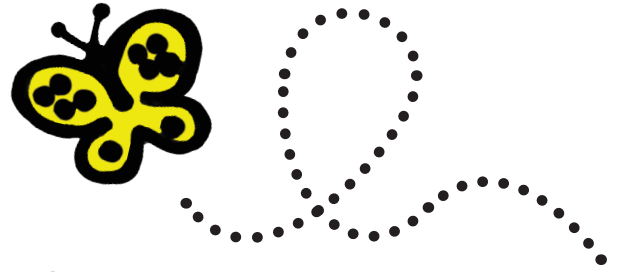
Chief Executive Officer
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CLIENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: PATRICIA WILLIAMS

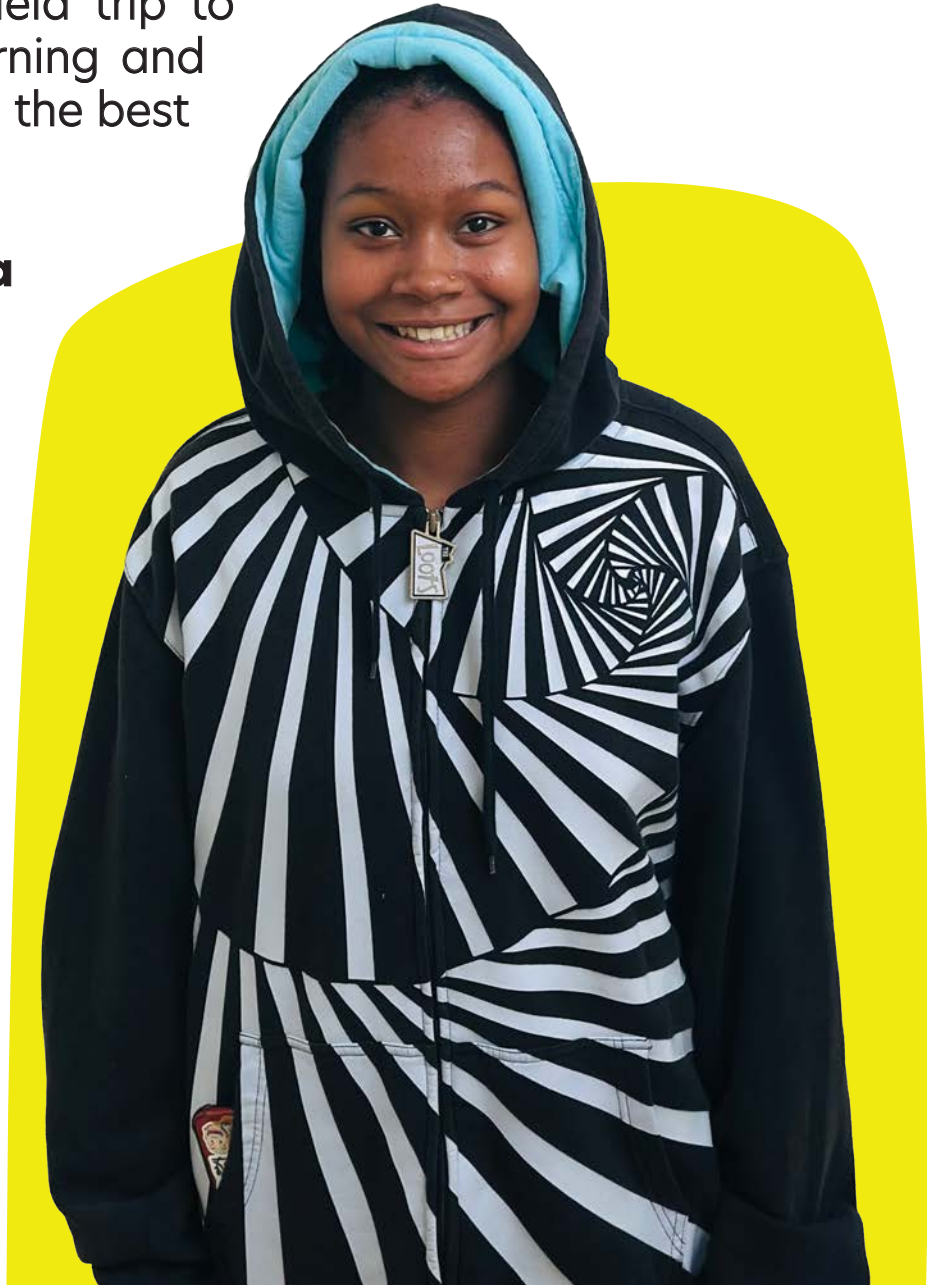
How are you involved with TCCI?

Patricia's journey with us has been nothing short of inspiring! Over the past months, she's been taking full advantage of our youth services—receiving food, school supplies, and the support she needs to thrive. This summer, she dove right into our Summer Program, showing up to every lesson with energy, curiosity, and a big smile. Her enthusiasm didn't stop in the classroom—Patricia was also one of the lucky students who joined us for our unforgettable field trip to Catalina Island, where learning and adventure came together in the best way possible!



How long have you been a TCCI client?

Since May 2021, TCCI has had the joy of walking alongside Patricia Williams and her family, providing youth services, food, and school supplies while building a relationship rooted in trust and care. Over time, they've become a cherished part of our



community—never hesitating to reach out and let us know how we can best support them. This summer was a special highlight. Patricia joined our Summer Program, bringing boundless enthusiasm to every lesson. Her curiosity and participation stood out, and when it came time for our Catalina Island field trip, she was right there—ready for adventure. From classroom learning to exploring the beauty of the island, Patricia’s journey is a shining example of how connection, opportunity, and community support can help a young person thrive.



In what ways has TCCI changed your life?

Patricia’s time with TCCI has been full of growth, connection, and memorable experiences—but she says it best herself:

“The Children’s Collective has changed my life in some really good ways, like when I first got here they had really good food—better than what they serve at school! I have also enjoyed the people I’ve met along the way.”

Her words capture the warmth of our programs: a place where young people feel supported, valued, and connected—not just through services, but through relationships that last.

What else makes them so spectacular?

It’s always a joy to have Patricia involved in our youth services. Her upbeat personality lights up the room, and she has a natural way of connecting and communicating with her peers. Whether we’re diving into fun activities or tackling complex topics, Patricia consistently shows an impressive level of intelligence and curiosity. Beyond her academic strengths, she demonstrates strong moral values—leading by example and inspiring those around her.

HALLOWEEN FEST A SUCCESS AT FSC

It was a spooky good time at the FamilySource Center this month!

We were thrilled to bring back our annual Halloween Fest, and it was one to remember! The event welcomed dozens of families from our community for an evening filled with fun, food, and festive activities. Parents had the opportunity to connect with helpful community resources, learn about upcoming programs, and receive valuable information to support their families—all while enjoying a safe and joyful space with their children.

The little ones truly stole the show! Dressed in creative and colorful costumes, children paraded through the center to fill their bags with candy, played creepy-crawly games, and won exciting prizes. Laughter echoed through the halls as families joined in the Halloween spirit. Everyone left with smiles and a sense of community connection that makes our FamilySource Center so special.

We're already looking forward to next year's Halloween Fest and can't wait to continue celebrating our community throughout the holiday season!



CFHL WRAPS UP FIFTH TERM

CalFresh Healthy Living has completed their fifth term. Over the last weeks, the team has been compiling supply boxes for each of the child care sites. These supply boxes contain tools for the teachers and kids to utilize for physical activity and nutrition education. With the closeout of the term, we want to make sure sites have a variety to tools so that the kids can engage in different activities.



As a program we will continue to support sites with nutrition education, physical activity and produce distributions. We will continue to provide resources on healthy eating and continue to implement the Organizational Wellness Policy.

Produce Distributions:

At the end of the term, we were able to complete the following:

- 50 produce distributions.
- Compile 2,250 produce bags
- Serve 6,761 households



IN THE COMMUNITY WITH BIH

In October, Black Infant Health (BIH) continued to provide comprehensive support services to participants through weekly group sessions. Prenatal and postpartum group discussions covered topics such as "Feeding and Strengthening Our Bodies," "Reflecting on Feeding Baby," "Accessing Social and Community Support," and "Strengthening Our Postpartum Bodies." These sessions provided participants with opportunities to learn, share experiences, and engage in meaningful discussions that fostered mutual support among mothers.

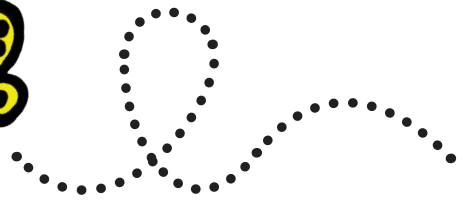
In addition, the BIH team and participants engaged in a variety of activities throughout the month. On October 16th, TCCI BIH partnered with the Department of Public Health to host a Breast Cancer Awareness Community Health Fair at the MLK Jr. Center for Public Health in South Los Angeles. During this event, BIH participants received valuable information on health and nutrition and had the opportunity to participate in a fresh produce distribution, where they received fruits and vegetables to support healthy eating habits.

On October 18th, BIH participated in the annual Taste of Soul Community Festival to connect with the community and promote both the TCCI and BIH programs. During the event, BIH staff engaged with more than 400 individuals through flyer distribution, booth outreach, and social media interactions. The festival provided an exciting opportunity for community engagement, with several current and former BIH participants and their families in attendance.



FEATURED PHOTOS: TASTE OF SOUL





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