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Child Development Center Renovation 1991

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L.A. County Fair 1950s

The Evolution of Education: The Learning Centers at Fairplex

In 1936, Manchester Boddy, editor and publisher of the *Los Angeles Illustrated Daily News*, wrote in a column that while one should purge their system of all things bad, they should take in as much as possible of that which is wholesome, constructive and inspirational. He then invited his readers to do this by spending a day at the L.A. County Fair. “You and every other citizen need what the Fair can give you,” Boddy wrote. Among the list of five exhibits that “tapped a vast reserve of enthusiasm” in him was the schools’ exhibit, where he saw youngsters being taught the chemistry of cosmetics, the significance of aviation, how to design and use furniture, and the application of arithmetic through the medium of an actual marketplace.

Seventy-five years ago, the foundation of the educational programming at Fairplex had already been set. The Fair’s mission was not just to entertain, but to educate.

Education is part of our DNA. Like the world around us, the Fair, Fairplex and the Los Angeles County Fair Association are constantly changing and growing. Our mission, too, changes with our physical and experiential growth. That is why you now see the evolution of the Foundations at Fairplex to The Learning Centers at Fairplex (TLC). TLC remains the 501(c)3 non-profit component of the Association; the new name and structure more clearly identifies the mission of the non-profit arm of the Association.

“We have two primary areas of focus: education and giving back to the community,” said Sue Hyland, chairwoman of TLC’s board of directors. “With this new title, it sends a strong clear message of what we are all about to the community we serve and the community who supports us.”

Under the direction of the Association and governed by the volunteer board of directors, TLC encompass the Education Foundation, The Child Development Center and The Millard Sheets Center for the Arts and provide oversight for fundraising and delivery of the inspirational and highly relevant educational programs held at Fairplex that serve the greater Southern California community.



CDC circa 1970s

With its unique brand of educational programs that take place on the 543-acre Fairplex campus, the goal of TLC is to meet educational and community needs and provide opportunities for students of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds. The foundation of TLC remains consistent with the lifelong educational mission of the Association; only the name has changed!

Our mission could not flourish and grow without the generous support of our donors on an annual basis. We could not do all that we do without you! Thank you for your trust and loyalty, and congratulations to you for helping to improve your community!

Open and see what we’ve become!

Child Development Center The ABCs of Emotional Composure

Teaching children how to manage their emotions is the key to the positive behavior program embraced by the Child Development Center. Conscious Discipline looks at discipline challenges as an opportunity to teach children how to use skills and strategies to control their feelings. CDC director Holly Reynolds,



a certified Conscious Discipline trainer, has had such success with the program at the CDC, she now offers training to faculty and staff of the Pomona Unified School District and other childcare centers in the community. *"It is very powerful for children to walk away from a situation and use the knowledge we've taught them through Conscious Discipline,"* Reynolds said.

The program teaches children to calm themselves and remember, "I am safe, keep breathing, I can handle this." Visual icons are used to help children, and parents, with easy recall; a star symbolizes Smile, Take a deep

breath And Relax. The program also teaches children empathy, which does not come naturally to humans. Studies show that the inability to deal with conflict combined with a lack of social skills leads to the creation of, and involvement with, gangs and other violent behavior. Dealing with discipline and emotional issues in the classroom can consume a large amount of teachers' time, leaving less for educating. Reynolds said programs like Conscious Discipline thwart the negative and accentuate a the positive.

Junior Fair Board (JFB) Growing Leaders

Encouraging the young leaders of tomorrow continues to be the goal of the Junior Fair Board program. The scope of the program has grown to incorporate designated community service projects to go with the hands-on leadership experiences high school students receive. With the incoming group, the JFB program will increase to a two-year effort for each student. With your generous donations, students earn a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.



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Career & Technical Education Offering Pathways to Success

Two years into its implementation, the Career & Technical Education program provide a much-needed learning experience for new skills. The number of students who have enrolled has swelled to more than 700. With the country-wide trend to public school levels, students have fewer opportunities to take basic general education courses. With your help, we offer specialized classes like water technology, fleet management, and graphic design—hands-on vocational education no longer reserved for those whom are not college-bound, then take these classes at school. A recent fashion show featuring the work of our students drew more than 1,000 guests – quite a testament to the success of CTEC.

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Fairtime Education

Opening Classroom Doors to a
World of Possibilities

Thanks to you, each year more than 100,000 school-aged children from throughout Southern California visit the L.A. County Fair, free of charge, to discover that the food they eat is grown from the ground up and that some dinosaur fossils are 65 million years old. Can you imagine the looks on their faces when they learn for the first time that milk really does come from cows? The Fair offers a unique “classroom.” With your continued support, we can bring more children to the Fair to learn the physics involved in being the man on the flying trapeze or the history behind the construction of medieval castles. Pure.Fun. Pure.Imagination.



Millard Sheets Center for the Arts (MSCA)

A Canvas for Public Enjoyment

Artist and exhibit curator Tony Sheets is preparing the Millard Sheets Center for the Arts’s Fairtime exhibit, *The Industrial Age to the Computer Age, Three Centuries of Artistic Innovation*. For many community members, this is their only opportunity to visit an art gallery up close. To enhance guests’ experience, artists will provide live demonstrations of their craft. Storyteller Jim Cogan weaves tales from the artists’ perspective and several workshops allow visitors to truly experience art.



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Need a little TLC?
Look inside!



"The Learning Centers at Fairplex provide our communities with a lifetime of learning cleverly disguised as fun."



L.A. County Fair Premiere Party

Friday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m.

Celebrate the 88th anniversary of the L.A. County Fair amid the beauty of Mexico in the Flower & Garden Pavilion. Proceeds benefit the FairKids Discovery Club Field Trips. Tickets are \$125.



CDC Auction & Dinner

Thursday, Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Support the Child Development Center by attending the auction and dinner – the center's biggest fundraiser of the year. Always a fantastic evening. Tickets are \$75.

Hosting packages are also available. Contact Wendy Wright at (909) 865-4207. You can also purchase event tickets or host packages online by visiting TLCfairplex.org.