



SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER
CELEBRATING LE JARDIN'S

10th Annual

ART & JAZZ

Under the Stars Fundraiser

10TH ANNUAL ART & JAZZ UNDER THE STARS FUNDRAISER



Le Jardin Community Center would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend our 10th Annual Art and Jazz Fundraiser. We hope you were wowed and inspired by the creations of our little ones, their families, and our amazing teachers.



To those who purchased a piece of artwork and took a little piece of Le Jardin home, thank you! Your support helps our program continue providing quality services and make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Our deepest gratitude to all of our incredible sponsors who believe in our mission and share our deep-rooted values. Thank you for trusting and believing in Le Jardin's vision!



The Art and Jazz fundraiser event is Le Jardin’s annual fundraiser, where the members of the Board of Directors work alongside Le Jardin’s key staff to plan and execute a unique experience.

The rendition of artwork is a cultural enhancement activity and a collaboration between our educators, children, and their parents. This activity is designed to extend learning beyond the classroom and encourage exploration of the arts.

The process begins at least 3 months prior to the event, with students and parents learning about famous artists as they participate in instructional activities and hands-on learning using their fine motor skills, self-repressions, and visual processing.



THANK YOU!



Le Jardin would like to thank all of the families, elected officials, and sponsors who joined us in support of our 10th Annual Art and Jazz Fundraiser!

Special thank you to Councilwoman Jenifer Bailey, Councilman Clemente Canabal, Tom Jones from Brown and Brown, Tony Chaidez from Lakeshore Learning, Acting Consul General Eliel Campuzano Mendiola, and Consul Hebert Mejía joining us from the Mexican Consulate General in Miami.

Olga Eby from Smoke and Spice for her support year after year and Yamilet from Kaplan.

Thank you Brandy Ramirez, Marinelly Ortiz and Patty, Access Coordinators for the City of Florida City , Rachel Salinas from MDCPS Title I Migrant Education Program, and Flor Arzuaga from the City of Homestead.

Thank you to our Sponsors Events Banquet Hall Homestead , Lakeshore Learning , Probinsky, Cole & Usquelis, and Commissioner Kionne McGhee, District 9.

Thank you to former Le Jardin Policy Chair and alumni Carmelo Erazo brought his family to the Art and Jazz Night event showing their support by purchasing several art pieces

Cristina Pesina and Carmelo have continued to support Le Jardin over the years. Some of their sons were former artists in Le Jardin’s first art events.

PROUD HEAD START PARENTS



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The wonderful members of Kiwanis Kendall- South Dade Violet White, Diana Morell, Heather Melbourne, Sandra Evans, and Mr. Kenneth Anderson. Special shoutout to Violet and Kenneth who take the time to drop off recycled materials for our little ones to turn into works of art.

FEATURED RENDITIONS AND TECHNIQUES

Botero
 Britto
 Georgia O'Keeffe
 Ted Harrison
 Sonia
 Delaunay
 Henri Matisse
 Pablo Picasso
 Sally Trace
 Yayoi Kusama
 Finger Paint and Q-tip Technique
 Megan Duncanson
 Jackson Pollock
 Frank Stella
 Piet Mondrian

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ABOUT THE ARTWORK
 AND SCULPTURES

Teachers, parents, and students came together to recreate famous renditions. Some classes chose to use recycled materials to create sculptures and other works of art on display.

Shout out to Ms. Maria Echevarria and the Center 9 families for all of the effort they put into the sculptures!



ART AND JAZZ 2024

Acting Consul General Eliel Campuzano Mendiola and Consul Hebert Mejía joined us from the Mexican Consulate General in Miami.

Some of the sculptures were created using mixed mediums such as polystyrene foam, cardboard, and papier-mâché.

In prior editions of the Art and Jazz, renditions of Britto's paintings were the most popular. This year, the renditions of some of Botero's most famous work were the favorite.



In the Classroom

The team at Le Jardin Center 5B would like to recognize the unconditional participation of some of our parents for their support, participation, creativity, talent, and contribution during the activities carried out throughout the school year.

We want to thank them for everything they do based on the emotional development and well-being of their children in our Center. We appreciate and thank you for being involved in your child's education and taking the initiative to participate when we put together something unique and fun to enhance their learning experience!



My Body/Mi Cuerpo

In this dual-language activity, our Early Head Start Cuties learned about the organs in the human body, their function, and where they are located.

Teaching body parts is a fundamental aspect of early childhood education, as it helps children develop their language and communication skills and enhances their understanding of self-awareness and body recognition.



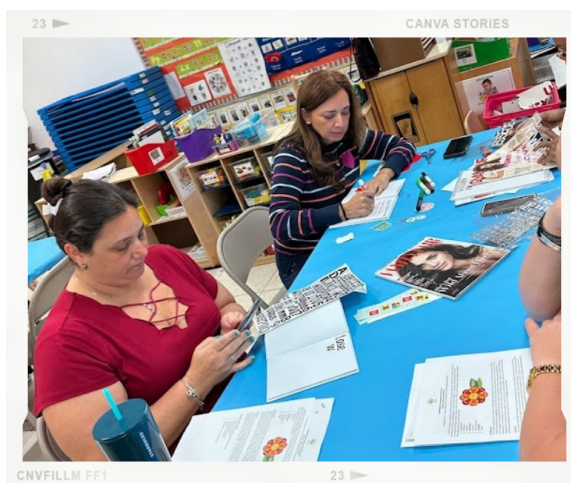
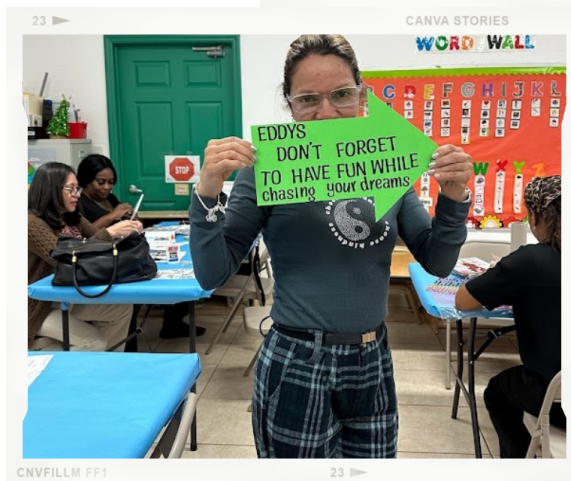
Staff Wellness Activity

EXPLORING THE INTELLECTUAL AND FINANCIAL DIMENSION OF WELLNESS!

Le Jardin staff made vision boards and journals to set in motion their goals for 2024.

The intellectual dimension of wellness includes having an active and curious mind. Head Start programs support intellectual wellness by recognizing that each staff member brings creative abilities, talents, and interests to their work. Staff have opportunities to examine their strengths and areas of growth and work together with their supervisors to develop professional development plans that expand their knowledge and improve their skills.

The financial dimension of wellness includes being financially well, understanding financial processes, and having access to resources to support financial stability. Head Start programs offer support to staff for their financial health by sharing financial resources, scheduling community members to speak with staff in a group or one-on-one for budgeting and other fiscal advice, and helping staff make the most of their benefits packages and take advantage of fiscal planning resources in the community.





N WHEELS!

This beautiful activity was done at Center 5B with parents and little ones! We are very impressed with the creativity of teachers and parents. It was great to see how much teachers and children enjoyed the activity, as well as the great parent participation and involvement.

During the process, the parents and children had the opportunity to spend time together by creating a car or bus based on the child's preference using recyclable materials. This activity gave plenty of opportunities for children to progress and gain abilities in all of the domains such as language, mathematics, science, approaches to learning, cognition, and motor and physical development.

Thank you to all the amazing staff from Center 5B and the parents who participated. Special recognition to Mrs. Laura and Mrs. Martha for taking the lead in this activity and Ms. Ivian for her leadership.



Gardens in the Centers!

Thank you to the Policy Council and Parent Committee Members who volunteered to beautify the garden at Center 7! Using recycled tires and colorful plants, they created a space where our Early Head Start Cuties can safely explore nature. Not only did these parents volunteer their time, but they also sought out resources in the community for a donation of soil and plants.

Wondering how you can get involved in your child's education and volunteer your time? Speak to your family worker for opportunities to help in the classroom and school-wide events! Parental involvement in education is the key to student success.

