

Special Edition Newsletter

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Le Jardin Community Center would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend our 9th 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!

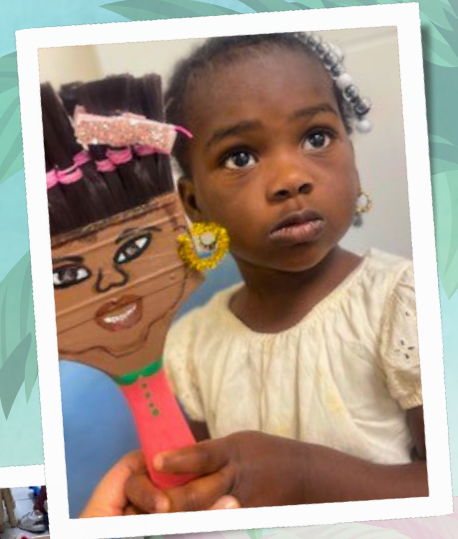
Thank you,

Eduardo Berrones
Executive Director



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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.



The pieces exhibited this year were renditions of artists such as Frank Stella, Golden 305, Calzadilla Brush Art, Cathy Woo, and Joan Miro.



MEET THE ARTIST

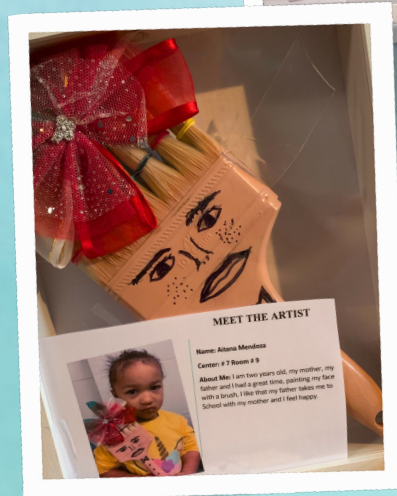
Name: Everleigh Hernandez

Center: 7

About Me: I have fun creating with the help of my grandmother, going to the park, playing with my class friends.



A group of parents at Center 9 created two abstract sculptures using recycled PVC, metals, wood, old toys, and a variety of stamps to create different patterns and textures.

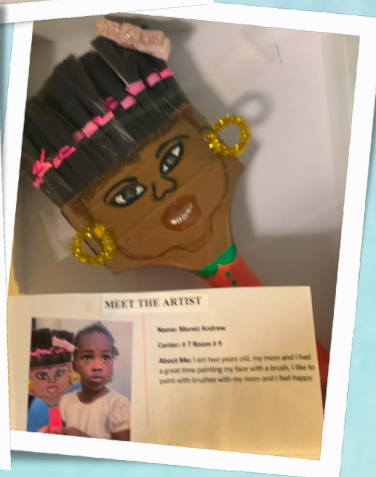


MEET THE ARTIST

Name: Ariana Mendonca

Center: 7 Room: 8 B

About Me: I am two years old, my mother, my father and I had a great time, painting my face with a brush, I like that my father takes me to school with my mother and I feel happy.



MEET THE ARTIST

Name: Marcus Andrew

Center: 8 7 Room: 8 B

About Me: I am two years old, my mom and I had a great time painting my face with a brush, I like to paint with brushes with my mom and I feel happy.



Paint brushes were used to represent a child's self-image. Their individuality shined through with distinct accessories and hairstyles using the brush's bristles. These were inspired by local Miami artist Calzadilla (@artcalzadilla71), who uses brushes to carve the faces of famous figures.



Different mediums, including recycled materials, yarn, fabric, metals, and brushes were used to create some of the pieces. During the learning process, the children and their families also explore sustainable art and its importance.



Brandi Ramirez, Rachel Salinas Bueno, Barbara Gallo, and Le Jardin's CFO/COO Audelia Martinez showcased the pieces they purchased.



Le Jardin's CFO/COO Audelia Martinez, Councilwoman Jenifer Bailey, Councilwoman Patricia Fairclough-Staggers, and Jasmine Day.



Monica Bolivar, Adriel Alsina, Danelis Mollinedo, Rose Villa, Cathleen Armstead, and Le Jardin's Executive Director Eduardo Berrones along with Le Jardin's Board of Director's Chairwoman Christine Moore.



Heather Duenas and Cynthia Mittank along with Le Jardin's CFO/COO Audelia Martinez and Board Member, Karin Gerardin.

All roads lead to Le Jardin!!



Simply Health's Missia Escobar posing for a picture.



Adri Alfaro posing with her favorite Artwork.



Le Jardin's CFO/COO Audelia Martinez posing with Councilwoman Avila and Bailey.

Community Partners in Action

Rotary Club of Homestead

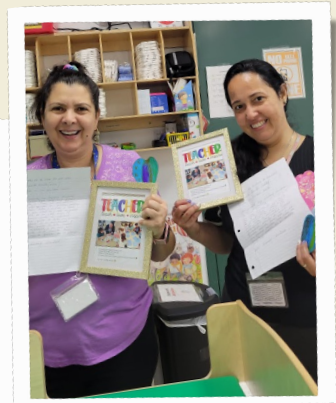
Le Jardin would like to thank the Rotary Club of Homestead and its members for inviting our Executive Director, Eduardo Berrones, to speak about Le Jardin's mission and the impact we've made in the community over the past 30 years.



Teacher Appreciation Week ♡

Our Head Start and Early Head Start teachers celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with mariachis and sweet treats!

Thanks to the team from Bee House Realty Elsie Blandon and Sugeyrie Santiago, as well as the team from Home Sweet Home Title for spoiling our teachers and donating a delicious breakfast.



In the Classroom

Parent Engagement

Family engagement during the earliest years of a child's life is one of the most powerful predictors of a child's development. Families are children's first teachers and it is the quality of parent-child relationships and interactions that create the foundational skills that children need to be successful in school and in life.

Parent involvement helps extend teaching outside the classroom, creates a more positive experience for children, and helps children perform better when they are in school.

Some of a child's most important cognitive development happens during their preschool years. By taking an active role in the early childhood education process, parents can help ensure that their child has all the support they need to develop to their full potential.

Parents who understand what their child is working on in school have a better sense of their child's competency and which areas they need to work on to improve confidence and ability.



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Repurposing Recycled Materials

Our little cuties used recycled objects to make crafts while learning about the benefits of repurposing!

Our amazing friend Violet and the Kiwanis of Kendall/South Dade donated some of the recycled material for these projects!

These craft projects are an awesome way to introduce essential concepts such as recycling, pollution, planting, and composting, to kids.



Music in the Classroom

Did you know?! Music ignites all areas of child development and skills for school readiness, including intellectual, social-emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy.

It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words.

Dancing to music helps children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression. For children and adults, music helps strengthen memory skills.



In the Classroom

FCC USA 🏆❤️

Congratulations to our FCC graduates! These young champions not only mastered the art of soccer but also nurtured vital social-emotional learning skills.

Since our partnership with FCC USA began, over 30 boys and girls have completed the program which aims to teach and apply 14 key life skills and 4 Core Values (Respect, Honesty, Tolerance, and Solidarity).



Nutrition Activity

Making fun and healthy snacks! Our nutrition activities aim to introduce our little ones to healthy and nutritious food options. Using delicious carrots, cherry tomatoes, red peppers, cream cheese, and raisins, our Early Head Start cuties created silly faces on their snacks.

Parenting Corner

The Parenting Program will be hosting two cohorts in July! Parents will learn a variety of strategies to help make parenting easier. With the guidance of our Facilitator, you will learn why your children might behave the way they do, how to help them develop through positive relationships, and how to manage their misbehaviors. We hope that you will join us this summer and begin to increase your confidence in raising children. To enroll, call **786.876.4853!**

Parent Testimonies

"Taking the parenting program has been one of the best decisions I've made as a new parent. Even though my baby is still very little, I was presented with the tools I will need to handle certain behaviors when he gets older. Guadalupe is an outstanding facilitator of the program and really made me feel comfortable throughout the course. She provided me with essential parenting tips to connect more with my child as well as gave me the support and tools to be the best parent and individual. I wholeheartedly recommend the parenting program for new parents." - **Michelle Garcia**



"I am impressed with the content of the parenting program. Including the videos, references, and all the resources provided while in the program. I felt the time dedicated to the depth of each topic presented in each session. This program helped me deal with concerns I was having as a parent. It helped me with simple and practical strategies. I was able to adapt to my own home with my 11-year-old son. I highly recommend this program to anyone who is looking for a reliable source of parenting education. Thank you for the wonderful experience." -**Angelica Vazquez**

"The Positive Parenting Program taught me how to better deal with my daughter's temper tantrums. Implementing the activities and strategies I learned in each session, has instilled and encouraged great positivity. They have made me feel more confident about how I am raising my daughters and how they are growing up with good values and respect. I am very grateful to the Facilitators Guadalupe, and Jennifer, for these tools that have helped me become a better Mom." - **Jennifer Anaya**

