



**March-April Newsletter
Art & Jazz Fundraiser Special Edition**

**7TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL
ART & JAZZ
UNDER THE STARS**

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7TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL ART & JAZZ UNDER THE STARS

Le Jardin would like to express its gratitude to all parents, teachers, staff, artists, and members of the community who joined us virtually on Friday, April 16th to celebrate the 7th Annual Virtual Art and Jazz Under the Stars fundraiser. Your support is what allows Le Jardin to drive change and meet our communities ever-changing needs!

All of the proceeds from the sponsors who made the event possible and from those who purchased artwork will benefit the Early Head Start/Head Start programs.

The Art and Jazz fundraiser event is Le Jardin's premier annual fundraiser where the members of the Board of Directors work collaboratively with 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, and community artists. 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 motor skill development, self-repressions, and visual processing.

This fundraiser was made possible by the generous donations of contributors such as Brown & Brown, Amerant Bank, the Law Offices of Salomon, Kanner, Damian, Rodriguez, P.A., Laurie Lane, Lakeshore, Rick Sanchez from Edward Jones, Simply Healthcare Plans, and Ron Dorris Architecture.



7TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL ART & JAZZ UNDER THE STARS

Over 100 parents, teachers, and sponsors joined us virtually on Friday, April 16 to celebrate the 7th Annual Virtual Art and Jazz Under the Stars.

The Art and Jazz Under the Stars is not only a fundraiser but a culturally enriching experience for our parents to learn and get involved. As well as an opportunity to connect with the community. For Le Jardin, it is an honor to spotlight the talent of our parents and children!



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7TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL ART & JAZZ UNDER THE STARS



Thank you to the night's Special Guest and Master of Ceremonies ABC News Correspondent, Victor Oquendo!



This Britto rendition by Le Jardin's own Lisbeth S. (2 years old) was one the night's favorite, selling for \$125!



Renditions of Romero Britto and Frida Kahlo were the night's most sought-after pieces. All of the artworks available were purchased!



"Frida in White Coral", an original piece donated by local artist Noelia Montaner, was the night's highest purchase, selling for \$180!



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SLEEVE UP FOR HEAD START AND LE JARDIN!

Le Jardin's teachers and staff did not hesitate and took advantage of the opportunity to roll their sleeve up for Head Start. Over 50 teachers and staff from Early Head Start/Head Start received the COVID-19 vaccine through CHI!

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"This is a great moment, not because the vaccine is finally available, but because we are helping to protect the children and families we proudly serve. We will continue our efforts to make opportunities like this available to all staff and parents in the near future when our Mobile Health Bus is operational."

Early Head Start/Head Start Program
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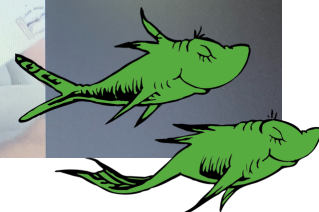


Dr. Seuss

Le Jardin celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America with Dr. Seuss Spirit week! Students dressed up with wacky socks, crazy hats, colorful outfits and read famous books such as The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, as well as The Lorax!



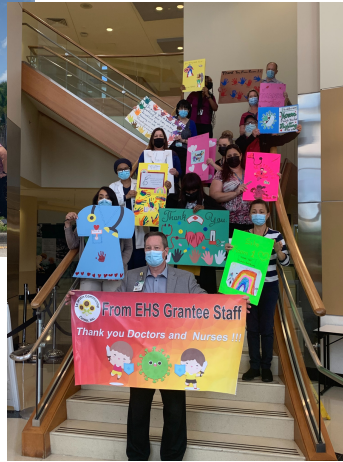
EHS Grantee classrooms also celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a Spirit Week. To encourage Father/Male Figure participation and promote literacy in a fun and engaging way, fathers were asked to dress up and read to the classrooms virtually through Zoom. Thank you Teachers for joining in on the school spirit and encouraging your Fathers to engage in classroom activities and a special shout-out to all the fathers that participated in reading Across America Day and for being a part of their children's learning.





Oral Health

Thanks to our amazing community partners Nicholas Children's Hospital for driving to our centers to being brighter smiles! Their mobile dental bus was used to provide Le Jardin's students with Flouride shots, Dental Exams, and goodie bags with essentials!



Thank you, Health Care Heroes!



The Head Start and the Early Head Start grantee Staff and students made beautiful "Thank You" cards and posters for the Health Care Heroes at Homestead Hospital!

The Cortney Vega Sports Athletic Foundation

The Cortney Vega Sports Athletic Foundation (CVSAF) visited our site and delivered stuffed animals for the children. Thank you for all you do and for spreading awareness about sickle-cell disease!





Earth Day 2021

It's never too early to teach children what we can do to take care of our planet and reduce plastic waste and pollution! In celebration of Earth Day 2021, teachers and students worked with recyclable materials and turned them into beautiful plant holders and art! Le Jardin understands that change starts within and we've taken steps to better our carbon footprint by digitizing more files and using less paper!



Thank you, Family Services!

We celebrated Social Work Month in March! We recognize the great profession of social work and commend our family workers who work as a team and create strong connections with our families and pour their heart and soul into their jobs!





Gardening and Nutrition

The teachers and students in Center 1 take turns caring for the garden! Through garden activities, children learn to be responsible and care for plants and the environment. They also work on their confidence skills and teamwork while learning about nutrition and healthy foods!

Thank you, Sophia and Victoria



Victoria Maza and Sophia Kiortsis held a "Baby Shower Drive" to benefit Le Jardin's Prenatal Academy!

Over 100 baby items were collected and donated for our moms-to-be.

"Both of us really wanted to get more involved in our communities after COVID hit. We had both been a part of several different projects and regularly participated in drives, but I think we realized that while helping other people's efforts is important, it's equally important to get involved ourselves in things we care about. COVID really shone a spotlight on a lot of issues and has been hard for so many people, and both of us think it's our responsibility as people and human beings to reach a handout and make sure people know they are being heard and listened to."



Victoria Maza and Sophia Kiortsis
Palmer Trinity School