

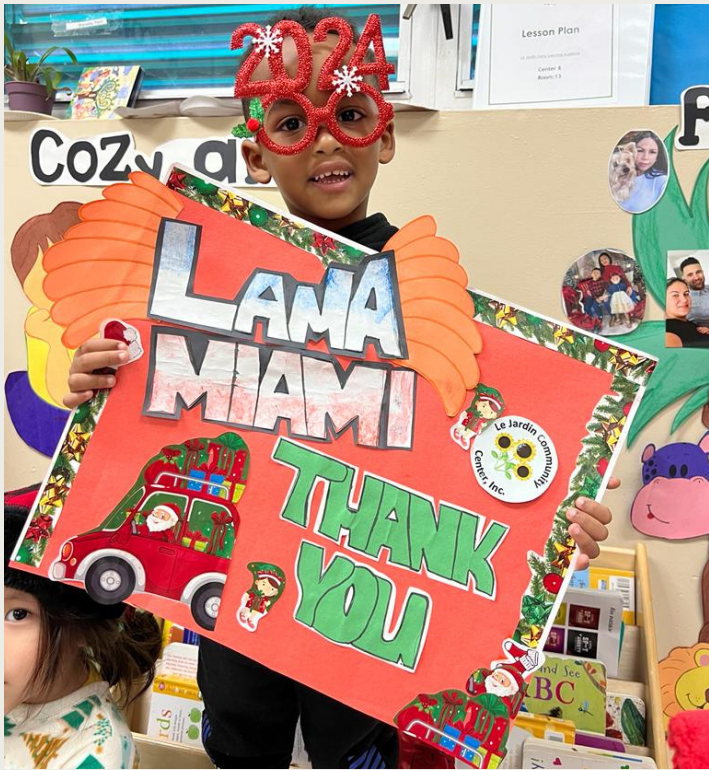


NEWSLETTER

Holiday Edition



Happy Holidays
And Happy new year



Le Jardin Community Center would like to thank every individual and organization that helped make the holidays unforgettable and exciting for our children and families!

An extra special thank you to those individuals and organizations who reach out to us year after year to make sure all of our children have a gift to take home.

St. Philips

Avila Health Group

Lions Club

Llamas 305 Chapter

Christ Fellowship CF Miami

Telemundo 51

Sunshine Gasoline

Ajay's Toy Drive

Rita Rosa Ruesga- Pikitin Learning Projects

Leisure City Moose Lodge

Vivian Rodriguez, Naihomily Rivera, and

Paola Rizzo from Le Jardin Center 6

Attorney Sean O'Connor

Attorney Morgan Cronin

All Green Nursery

Chrissie Alveari - Juice Cafe

Kristi House and Toshiba Mitchell

Natalia Madrigal and her elves Sherry

Falcon, Kelley Seaman, Kristen Spivey,

and more volunteers.

Thank You







BOOKS COME TO LIFE

Our annual Books Come to Life literacy parade took place on November 18 with the participation of over 400 children and families!

Our Early Head Start and Head Start students, parents, and teachers dressed up as their favorite characters from books they love to impress the judges!

First, second, and third-place winners were chosen based on their costumes, props, and parent involvement.

We would like to express our gratitude to our wonderful Judges, Josefina Green-Program Manager Children's Trust Parenting Program, City of Homestead Councilwoman Jennifer Bailey, Barbara Otero- Florida Center For Allergy & Asthma Care, Yanet Avila- Avila Health Group, and Brandy Ramirez.



BOOKS COME TO LIFE



Parent and Family Engagement Conference- New Orleans, LA



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

NHSA's annual Parent and Family Engagement Conference focuses on how Head Start parents, families, and staff can best partner to promote both family engagement and children's development.

Team Le Jardin and our Policy Council's Treasurer were in attendance.

"CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Congratulations to our Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer, Audelia Martinez, for receiving the "Citizen of the Year" award at the Community Champion Awards ceremony.

Mrs. Martinez is elated, humbled, and honored to have received the "Citizen of the Year" award at the Community Champion Awards ceremony. This beautiful award is dedicated to her mother Ermelinda. Not only was she a role model but also led by example.

This prestigious award was awarded by the honorable Commissioner Kionne McGhee during the Artz305 event.



GIVE MAMI DAY 2023

For the second year in a row, Le Jardin participated in Give Miami Day, one of the nation's biggest 24-hour giving events. This year, thanks to the support of Amerant Bank and members of the community we were able to raise over \$10,000!

WHAT IS GIVE MIAMI DAY?

One of the nation's biggest 24-hour giving events, Give Miami Day, is an online campaign where all locals are philanthropists. Give Miami Day helps raise awareness about the critical role Miami's nonprofits play in our community and inspires all of us to give to causes we care about.




Thank You!

Amerant Bank
Diane Wells
Saria Salgado

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HEALTH ON WHEELS: LE JARDIN'S DRIVE FOR COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Go Latinos features Le Jardin and the Health and Mental Health Mobile bus initiative!

For 37 years, Le Jardin has provided important services to the community through various initiatives including their Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and now they've introduced Mobile Health buses, a practical solution to bring healthcare directly to underserved communities.

Read the full article [here!](#)

IN THE CLASSROOM

TURKEY CONTEST

Parents and children worked together to create beautiful turkeys out of recycled materials and showcase their Thanksgiving Spirit! Participants made turkeys with all sorts of ingenious materials such as yarn, feathers, cardboard, water bottles, forks, shoe boxes, and even acorns.



DECORATING PUMPKINS

To celebrate fall, our little ones got creative and decorated their own pumpkins! This is a fun activity to do with children of all ages. It helps with critical thinking skills and sensory learning.



IN THE CLASSROOM

CONGRATS, FAMILY SERVICES/ERSEA!

Congratulations are in order for our Family Services/ERSEA team for their efforts and contributions to meet full enrollment!

Thank you ladies for your hard work and your dedication to the children and families in our program. 🌻❤️



LE JARDIN STRATEGIC RETREAT

In November, key Le Jardin staff and Members of the Board of Directors came together for the Annual Retreat and Strategic Planning.

A strategic planning process identifies strategies that will best enable a nonprofit to advance its mission. Led by Dr. Carlos Viera, the Board and staff reviewed the goals and objectives to ensure our commitment to measurable goals and approved priorities for implementation. As part of this process, we revisit our strategy on an ongoing basis as the internal and external environments change.