

HOPE STREET

MARGOLIS FAMILY CENTER

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It's a Zoo Out There!

Two busloads of Hope Street students and staff embarked on an adventurous VIP day at the LA Zoo accompanied by volunteers from Verifi, Inc., the Los Angeles based online payment protection and management solutions firm. Food was the first order of the day with a healthy buffet lunch, during which zoo keepers brought animals around for the children to see. Games and a carousel ride were followed by a day of exploring and discovering the wildlife including a baby giraffe and exotic reptiles and amphibians. The August sun was no deterrent for this hardy group of explorers who encountered elephants, lions, and even a flock of flamingos! Students went home with their favorite animal ears or mask and lots of first-hand knowledge about protecting the global environment and natural habitats. A big shout out to Matthew Katz, Verifi's CEO, for hosting this exciting, fun, and educational day for students in our Summer of Science Program!



Brenda Bonilla came to Hope Street as a baby and now is on staff

Hope Street Hires Our First Baby

The first time Brenda Bonilla came through the doors of Hope Street was in her mother's arms when her family enrolled in the Early Head Start program nearly 25 years ago. This summer, Brenda joined Hope Street as a full- time staff member with our Wraparound Program which provides mental health and other support services to at-risk families. Brenda and her mother gained their confidence through Hope Street's Family Literacy program and Brenda was able to expand her knowledge by attending Hope Street Summer Camp. Even though the Bonilla family moved out of downtown Los Angeles when Brenda was in elementary school, they've stayed in touch over the years. Brenda joined us upon receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from Whittier College. Her first-hand knowledge of our mission, as well as the fact she is a testament to Hope Street's impact, makes her a welcome addition to our team.

HOPE STREET HAPPENINGS



Hope Street Margolis Family Center donors and friends enjoyed an Art and Wine evening at the Jonathan Club



Hope Street Committee Member Sharon Shelton (R) with husband, John Mazziotto M.D., Ph.D., Vice Chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences joined by (R to L) Desert Horse-Grant, Sr. Director, Research & Innovation UCLA Health, and Johnese Spisso, MPA, President, UCLA Health & CEO, UCLA Hospitals

CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE:
February 1, 2018

Circle of Hope: Champions for Children Luncheon
Hope Street Margolis Family Center's Annual Fundraiser

LOCATION:
The Jonathan Club, Downtown Los Angeles



For more information including sponsorship opportunities, contact

BUDDING PLAYWRIGHTS



Hope Street students learn the art of drama from professional actors including Joyce Lee (top row far right) who has appeared on Grey's Anatomy and Law & Order

In partnership with Angelica Arts, an L.A.-based program that provides underserved youth with an opportunity to develop skills and an appreciation for a wide variety of the arts, Hope Street students each wrote their own script and had professional actors play the parts of their characters. Students' stories were personal and

The Jonathan Club invited a group of Hope Street Margolis Family Center donors and friends to an evening of art and wine appreciation on August 16th. The relaxed setting presented the opportunity to thank donors for their support and to introduce new friends to the programs Hope Street provides to thousands of low-income families living in Downtown Los Angeles

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expressed feelings about friends, family, and their view of the world. By watching professional actors interpret their words, students were given new perspectives on both their shared and unique life experiences.

Donor Profile: Baby2Baby

Kelly Sawyer Patricof and Norah Weinstein, co-presidents of Baby2Baby, have nurtured and grown their nonprofit organization that provides low-income children 0-12 with diapers, clothing, and basic necessities that every child deserves. Baby2Baby’s partnership with Hope Street began over five years ago when Hope Street was invited to “shop” at Baby2Baby’s first collection and distribution facility for gently used and new baby items located in an 800 sq. ft. space on Pico Blvd. near Fairfax Ave.

Today, Baby2Baby is headquartered in a bustling Mid-Wilshire location that serves as an office, collection and sorting facility, volunteer center, and event space. Having also expanded into a 10,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Culver City, Baby2Baby can now serve over 125,000 low-income Los Angeles families a year, providing them with clothes, shoes, books, strollers, cribs, beds, and blankets as well as hygiene products.



Jorie Aldrich, Baby2Baby Program Director, recently talked with us about the shared holistic, compassionate approach that inspired Baby2Baby’s beginnings and solidified their partnership with Hope Street. “We value how Hope Street advances its mission by providing direct services to families, advocating for system change, and collaborating with others--much the way Baby2Baby does.”

Jorie added, “Our accomplishments would not be possible without the teamwork and unwavering commitment, expertise, and guidance of Hope Street staff and the bold leadership of Sherrie Segovia, Hope Street’s Clinical Manager/ Mental Health Coordinator.

“What’s your idea of a perfect day?” we asked Jorie “That’s easy,” she replied. “We LOVE to see our partners really utilizing our shopping model, and leaving with their hands and cars full of donations to bring to the families they serve!”

PHOTO CAPTION: At a July 13 Playdate at The Grove, Hope Street families joined the Baby2Baby team for a stimulating Luna Petunia themed event designed to foster parent-child relationships.

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