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**The Mayor's Fund for Education celebrated its 5th anniversary with over 150 guests at the MOLAA Sculpture Garden**

Long Beach, CA - During the event, local leaders including Cindy Young (Education Partner Award), Baby2Baby (Community Partner Award), and Alma Salazar (In Memoriam, Legacy Award) were honored.

The Mayor's Fund, in partnership with the City of Long Beach, and Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), announced the investment of \$600,000 towards the development of the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Infrastructure Hub (ECE Hub). The investment will support the development of a new centralized electronic enrollment system for early childhood education which will significantly aid in achieving Universal Preschool for our city.

We celebrated success within each of our 3 focus areas: early childhood education, internship opportunities, and college completion.

During the past year, we continued working on our signature program ReadyRosie, a Kindergarten readiness family learning program. Additionally, our Family Science Nights in partnership with the Aquarium of the Pacific encouraged early STEM learning. The Mayor's Fund assisted in bridging the gap between childcare providers and business firms through ECE Business Roundtables.

With the help of various partners, the impact that our COVID response efforts have had on local families city-wide since March 2020 has been life-altering.

We are enthusiastic about the future of the Mayor's Fund for Education and look forward to many more productive and effectual years serving our community's students from cradle-to-career.

For more information and the latest developments on the Mayor's Fund for Education, visit: [www.mayorsfundfored.org](http://www.mayorsfundfored.org) and follow the LB Mayor's Fund for Education on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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