



**CARPINTERIA
CHILDREN'S PROJECT**
**PROYECTO DE NIÑOS
DE CARPINTERIA**



January 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! The start of 2025 has been a poignant reminder of how communities come together to support resilience in the face of adversity—something we here in Carpinteria understand deeply. The way people have stepped up near and far to help those in need in the wake of the recent LA wildfires has been nothing short of inspiring.

As a reminder, our services are open and available to anyone in need. From our food pantry, clothing closet, or resource navigation, we are here to offer a helping hand through our Family Resource Center. Make sure to stop by Girls Inc. of Carpinteria's Community Resilience Fair tomorrow, January 16th from 5:30 -7:00 pm! Our Family Resource team will be giving a presentation on resilience and mental health, including ways to support mental well-being during natural disasters.

As we finish out the last two weeks of January, we look forward to the year ahead of us. To celebrate the incredible strides we've made together, we're sharing a short thank you video that puts faces to the ways you help kids and families in Carpinteria. Together, we ensure that no matter the challenges, we can all come out stronger on the other side.

Warmly,
Teresa Alvarez
Executive Director



Posada-tively Magical



Our Posada de Esperanza was more than just a holiday celebration—it was a meaningful opportunity to bring families together, honor cultural traditions, and strengthen community bonds. On December 14th, over 180 community members joined

us for an evening filled with folklorico dancers, ornament crafts, festive face painting, three piñatas, and delicious tamales and champurrado.

For many families, especially those navigating challenging times, this event offered joy, connection, and a reminder of the strength in our community. We're incredibly proud to have hosted an event that enriched the holiday season with warmth, tradition, and togetherness.

A heartfelt thank you to the Carpinteria Lions Club for their support, which made this celebration possible. And big thanks to Maria's Face Painting, Sagun Dance, DJ Fleetline, El Poblano, and Red Barn Market for adding their magic to the night.



Celebrating Dedicated Dads

We're proud to share that the first group of dads graduated from our Dedicated Dads program, in partnership with Family Service Agency! This is our first program offered just for fathers and father figures, helping them become more involved and confident parents.

For 12 weeks, dads learned how to strengthen relationships with their kids and improve co-parenting in a supportive space where they could connect with others. One participant said, "I've learned a lot from the material and from hearing other dads' experiences. It's helped me grow as a parent and a person."



Spreading Holiday Cheer

Our ECE families wrapped up the year in style by joining the Carpinteria Holiday Parade! Thanks to our incredible parents for creating the snowflake costumes and showing up for the fun.

But the holiday cheer didn't stop there—thanks to generous community members, we delivered over 100 presents to brighten the season for local kids. Shoutout to all of our amazing volunteers who wrapped presents with care!

Our little ones also got the chance to meet Santa and snap some magical photos. A huge thank you to Hal Price for making holiday dreams come true!





Save the Date: All In for Carp Kids



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SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 13TH, 2025

7:30AM - 9:00AM | 5201 8TH ST. CARPINTERIA, CA 93013



Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 13th! Join us for our annual *All in for Carp Kids* breakfast, where we'll share exciting updates about our programs, celebrate the impact of our work, and hear from keynote speaker Dr. Sonia Aguila on the power of dual-language learning.

This inspiring event is also an opportunity to raise critical funds for our programs. Registration details coming soon!

Want to play an even bigger role?

Become a sponsor of our breakfast event! All proceeds go directly toward sustaining programs that help kids and families thrive.

Interested in volunteering? We're looking for extra hands to help set up and clean up, greet guests, and ensure the event runs smoothly. Sign up to make an impact behind the scenes!

For more information, contact Ari Rodriguez, Director of Development, at arodriguez@carpchildren.org.

Upcoming Programs

Latino Literacy Program

Our next session of the Latino Literacy Program is starting next month! Designed for families with preschoolers ages 3-5, this program fosters a love of reading, strengthens literacy skills, and builds connections between parents and kids. This will be our 4th cohort—keep your eyes on our social media for dates and registration details.

Pelvic Floor Therapy Workshop

Next month, we're partnering with Earth Milk Moon to host a Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy Workshop, the third in a series of events addressing pre- and postnatal wellness. This empowering workshop will provide practical tools and guidance for supporting mothers and parents through the physical demands of parenting.

Don't miss this chance to learn and connect!

Celebrating YOU!

Thanks to our generous supporters, we ended 2024 on a high note—raising \$45,000 during our year-end appeal! These funds are already making a difference, powering programs like Dedicated Dads and Latino Literacy, welcoming new faces into our Caterpillar classroom, and our Family Resource Center.

With your help, more parents are growing into confident, connected caregivers and families are finding support in times of need. This is the impact your giving makes possible—it's real, tangible, and transformative.

From all of us at Carpinteria Children's Project, thank you for believing in the power of a strong foundation for kids and families.

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