



October & November 2024 Newsletter

Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Friend,

As we enter this season of gratitude, I am continually inspired by how our community comes together in support of every child and family. At Carpinteria Children's Project, we believe every family should have access to resources and opportunities for their children to thrive. It's amazing to see what we can achieve together!



The story I'd like to share with you is a testament to the power of community and the difference we can make when we take the time to listen to and support one another. This is the kind of transformation your support makes possible—helping families feel seen, supported, and empowered to move forward with confidence.

The rest of this newsletter is filled with stories of connection, and community spirit. I'm thrilled to share these moments of joy, resilience, and growth with you.

With gratitude,
Teresa Alvarez



HEALING HEARTS: A MOTHER'S PATH TO RESILIENCE AND JOY

We recently received a referral from Carpinteria Medical Clinic through our Pediatric Resiliency Collaborative (PeRC) for a new mother who needed translation services and assistance in securing Medi-Cal for her infant. During our first meeting, we discovered that she was struggling with a profound loss—her first child had passed away at just six months old. While she was grateful for her new baby, the grief from her loss weighed heavily on her, making it difficult to fully experience joy and connection with her infant.

With little family support nearby, she had been carrying this pain alone. We connected her to therapeutic support and offered case management, as well as access to our parenting classes and workshops. In time, she felt safe to share her story, express her feelings, and begin her healing journey. With her smile returning, she told us that she no longer feels guilty for finding happiness with her infant. Although she is still processing her loss, she now has the support system she needs to grieve and heal in a healthy way.

A Health Fair to Remember!

We had an amazing turnout at our recent Health Fair! With 26 local agencies present and over 200 attendees, families received free vision screenings, flu vaccines, and valuable information about resources available right here in Carpinteria. The event was also filled with fun activities like a mini pumpkin patch, a play area, raffle prizes, and a food truck, making it a memorable event for all ages.



A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for supporting both this event and our Family Resource Center programs!



**Parent Advisory Council & Promotoras
at Avocado Festival**



This year's Avocado Festival was packed with CCP activities! Our Parent Advisory Council shared information on resources for families, while our Promotoras led a parking fundraiser to raise funds for community health and wellness. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community and raise awareness for a healthier Carpinteria.

Fun Fall Festivities in ECE

Our classrooms have been buzzing with fall fun! The kids have loved exploring our pumpkin patch, choosing their own pumpkins to decorate, and getting hands-on with pumpkin-themed crafts and sensory activities. The excitement didn't stop there—our costume parade brought out lots of little superheroes, animals, and princesses, with smiles all around! Watching the children engage, explore, and celebrate together reminds us how magical this season can be in their early years.



Donor Spotlight: Jeanie Cornet



When Jeanie Cornet first visited Carpinteria Children's Project, she was newly retired and looking to give back. A friend's introduction to CCP led her to volunteer, organizing supplies and helping with the Food Bank. Over time, Jeanie and her husband, Danny, became more involved with CCP, realizing how important the organization is to their community.

When her grandson Adrian attended CCP's preschool, they noticed a transformation. Initially, he struggled with goodbyes, but he soon began looking forward to his time at school, playing with new friends and gaining confidence. "The growth we saw in him was so significant," she shares, "and we are certain it was because of the nurturing attitudes of his teachers." Adrian still fondly remembers the friends he made, the fun moments he experienced, and the artwork he created, which Jeanie treasures to this day.

These experiences left a lasting impression on Jeanie, who now attends CCP events and feels proud of the work CCP does for the community. "allow CCP to continue to serve all of the children and families of Carpinteria who count on the services that you provide on a daily basis," Jeanie says. She believes that supporting organizations like CCP ensures that Carpinteria remains a great place to live and raise a family. "CCP is a place where children learn and thrive. They learn to be responsible, to be good humans, and to take care of each other. In my mind, that will lead them to be good stewards of Carpinteria."

[READ THE FULL SPOTLIGHT HERE!](#)

Events Spotlight: Raising Funds for Early Education Scholarships

Our First "Nourish Our Dreams" Dinner

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our first Nourish Our Dreams Dinner! Together, we celebrated the importance of early education and raised funds for scholarships to open our doors to more kids in need. A special thank you to BrewLAB for their beer donation, Carp Moon Cafe for their signature *cafe de olla* party favors, and to all attendees for making it such a wonderful evening.



Happy Hour Fundraiser: Raise a Glass with us on November 22nd!

Join us for "Raise a Glass, Raise a Future"—a lively happy hour hosted by Lynda Fairly to support scholarships for families to access quality child care. Enjoy drinks, connect with neighbors, and make a difference!

Reserve your spot below—we'd love to see you there!

RSVP HERE

All In for Carp Kids Breakfast 2025

Our All In for Carp Kids breakfast event is just around the corner! Keep an eye out for your official invitation. In the meantime, if you or your organization would like to become a sponsor, please reach out to Ari Rodriguez, Director of Development, at arodriguez@carpchildren.org.

Thank you for supporting our work!



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