

## **Pathways LA Hosts Annual Holiday Events for Families**

LOS ANGELES, Calif., December 22, 2023 – Twinkling lights, pine, and gingerbread were a few of the aromas at two holiday events Pathways LA hosted for the families it serves. A childcare resource and referral agency, Pathways LA provided holiday fun for more than 550 children and 350 families combined at its annual Famsgiving Harvest Festival and Winter Wonderland in Metro Los Angeles.

“These events are part of Pathways LA Family Engagement program that provides families with food items, gifts, books and resources in the community,” said Tamika Farr, Pathways LA CEO. “We offer opportunities for positive adult/child interactions through creative and developmentally age-appropriate activities. Children get quality time with their parents, creating memories, and experience a brighter holiday season filled with hope.”

Children and families enjoyed the food distributions, books, gifts, holiday crafts, gingerbread and ornament activities, face painting, and entertainment. Smiling for the cameras, they also took a keepsake photo with Santa Claus.

Community organizations that joined the holiday festivities to provide information were CalWORKS, Innovate Public Schools, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund, Saban Community Clinic, and Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center.

Events like these are made possible to the generous sponsors that included Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan, Walmart, Baby2Baby, the Jayamaha/Gordon Family, Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, St. Anne’s Family Services, Cathedral Bimbo Bakeries USA, St. Anne’s Family Services, Para Los Niños, and Printers Row Publishing Group.

Since its founding 45 years ago, Pathways LA continues to strengthen low-income, vulnerable working families, promote high-quality early care and education services for children of all abilities, develop knowledgeable early care providers and promote economically resilient communities. They serve more than 6,400 children and their families with support from 1,000 childcare providers in Metro Los Angeles.



Individuals or corporations wishing to make a year-end, tax-deductible holiday gift to continue supporting Family Engagement programming and training to support childcare providers can visit [pathwaysla.org](https://pathwaysla.org).

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#### About Pathways LA

Pathways LA is committed to the healthy development and school readiness of young children from disadvantaged communities. Driven by data and innovation, our experts support the continuum of care that includes parents, childcare providers, community partners, and policymakers. Learn more at: <https://pathwaysla.org/>.

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