Celebrations & Successes

DISCOVERING A NEW WAY TO NAVIGATE SCHOOL & LIFE

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Learners began the project with a visit to the local Museum of Art and History to journal about unique and interesting art pieces. They diligently worked on increasing their writing stamina through a variety of creative journal prompts. In addition, learners explored artistic techniques and styles to express themselves through an acrylic paint medium. The outside of the canvas represented how people see them, and the inside of the canvas represented the qualities they see in themselves.
We know finding child care isn’t easy, so we offer a safe and fun place for our Empowered Babies to play while their parents receive academic support in their workshops and online classes and social-emotional support through our Advisory program. We believe the highest form of learning comes from play. We encourage our Empowered Babies to explore using their five senses in order to learn about the world around them. We believe in fostering autonomy and independence, even at the youngest age, with opportunities to make simple decisions, problem-solve, collaborate, and express themselves creatively.

We work alongside our teen families to support them through their parenting journeys while they earn their high school diplomas. We know this isn’t easy! We offer child development classes, partner with local communities to coordinate a variety of off-site resources, meet with learners individually to provide support, and more.
What’s Wrong With Kareem?

Learners conducted research about one system of the body, which included a virtual conference call with a doctor and a nurse. Learners were able to ask relevant questions in order to diagnose the fictional Kareem, who suffered from multiple symptoms. To represent their diagnosis, learners created both 3D and 2D models.

Foodie Friday

Every Friday our learners have the opportunity to explore a variety of culinary experiences. Some of their ideas are unique, and some require only basic cooking skills. Some dishes include pancakes, chicken, fresh fruit smoothies, Canadian crepes, fruit spring rolls, and many more! We hope to expand our resources and upgrade our servery next year. We are also working on including culinary opportunities for our Empowered Babies where they can explore food sensory activities and practice food autonomy, and our parenting teens can make homemade baby food.
Sports and Clubs

Go Green Recycling Club
We worked with our property management company to develop a landscape plan for our outdoor space. We also raised money by recycling cans and bottles on our site.

Cheer
Our cheer squad has been practicing cheers all year. They performed in the Lancaster Holiday Parade and are hoping to be participants in local cheer competitions.

Basketball Team
This is the first year we’ve had a sports team. We are working on being part of CIF next year, and in the meantime, our learners practice twice a week and put their skills to the test in local scrimmages against other high school teams.

Volleyball Team
Our volleyball team has been practicing a few times a week. We are looking forward to participating in some volleyball matches this year!

Leadership Council
Our Leadership Council collaborates with staff to make on-site improvements, start new learner-led clubs, run events, represent Empower Generations during VIP tours, and more!
Mindfulness

We begin each day with 15 minutes of mindfulness. We offer quiet spaces, yoga, doodling, music, and more. We also set daily intentions, knowing that when a plan is set in motion, learners are more apt to be successful throughout the day.

Econ/Deez-Tees

Some of our seniors started their own T-shirt company, DEEZ Shirts, for their Economics class. The project included learning how to use new equipment, designing a logo, creating a website, developing a marketing plan, managing their startup costs and finances, and then creating their first T-shirts. You can email deezshirtz661@gmail.com to order your own custom-made T-shirts.

Giving Celebration

Our site partnered with the local El Nido and Toys for Tots to celebrate our young families. There were toys for parents to choose from, a gift-wrapping station, a hot cocoa station, and Santa himself showed up to take photos with all the families!