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Senator Caroline Menjivar Presents California State Senate Resolution

Honoring El Nido Family Centers' 100 Years of Service to Los Angeles Families

Los Angeles, CA – Yesterday afternoon, on December 3, California State Senator Caroline Menjivar visited El Nido Family Centers' Pacoima FamilySource Center to present an official California State Senate Resolution to El Nido CEO Liz Herrera, recognizing the organization's 100 years of service and impact. Herrera was joined by El Nido leadership, staff, and families who gathered to celebrate the milestone and reflect on El Nido's century of community-rooted work across Los Angeles County.

"Since the beginning, El Nido has worked to build healthy families and communities across Los Angeles, focusing on the San Fernando Valley," said State Senator Caroline Menjivar, MSW. "Prioritizing dignity and compassion, they strengthen partnerships between government and nonprofits. They enlist professionals and trusted messengers from within neighborhoods, those who can best serve the needs of their own community and meet families where they are. As social services are severely impacted by federal cuts, stretching the state budget thin, the work of community-based partners like El Nido is more important than ever. Congratulations on 100 years of service and community leadership!"

El Nido's Centennial year highlights not only the organization's history but the urgent needs facing families today. In the past year alone, El Nido served more than 12,000 Angelenos, providing free mental health counseling, early childhood development services, education and tutoring, housing stabilization, gang prevention and youth development, comprehensive wrap around services and nutrition education and access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables through a weekly Farmers Market.

"This recognition from Senator Menjivar and the California State Senate means so much to our entire El Nido community," said Liz Herrera, CEO of El Nido Family Centers. "We are deeply proud of our partnership with Senator Menjivar, who has long championed the well-being of families in the Valley and throughout Los Angeles. This honor affirms the strength of our mission and the importance of standing alongside families through every chapter of their journeys."

As part of its Centennial year, El Nido launched EMERGE STRONG: The Centennial Campaign, a three-year effort designed to both fortify core family-stability programs and expand critical services that meet the evolving needs of Los Angeles families. The Campaign is raising funds to strengthen food access, homelessness prevention, and early childhood supports, while also expanding access to no-cost mental-health counseling and transformative career and life readiness programs for teens and young adults. Together, these priorities aim to ensure that El Nido remains a stabilizing force for children and families for the next 100 years and beyond.

To view and download high-resolution photos from the event, [click here](#).

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About El Nido Family Centers

Founded in 1925, [El Nido Family Centers](#) is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit dedicated to creating pathways to stability, opportunity, and well-being for children and parents. El Nido serves more than 12,000 Angelenos each year through 12+ trauma-informed programs focused on mental health, early childhood development, education, housing stability, food access, community building, and career readiness. With deep roots in LA's highest-need



neighborhoods, El Nido meets families where they are—at home, in schools, churches and in community centers—to deliver comprehensive services across generations.