




SWITZER
LEARNING CENTER

2022 Annual Report

MISSION

To educate diverse minds, build social confidence, and create a path to independence.



The Switzer
Learning Center



A WORD FROM OUR CEO

2022 was a transformative year for Switzer Learning Center. New leadership, new mission, and the launch of a comprehensive strategic planning process led by our volunteer Board of Directors. A new CEO was hired to lead the organization through the post-pandemic era of operations. Our student body increased by 15 students. We hired a new Development & Marketing Director to focus on resource development and branding and marketing objectives. New volunteer Board members were added to broaden our reach and to focus on governance related tasks. An intense focus to provide much needed professional development opportunities was initiated to improve staff performance.

Our organization has spent over 56 years serving the needs of the neurodivergent community in Greater L.A. As we embark on the next chapter of our historic operations, we look ahead to improve upon what our Founder Dr. Janet Switzer created. Our core values will lead us in our efforts: A=Accountability to all Stakeholders B=Belief in our Mission L=Learning Culture E=Excellence in Operational Outcomes.

We are honored to share with you, our supporters, this annual report that highlights our organization's achievements FY 2021-22.

Jeremy L. Dering



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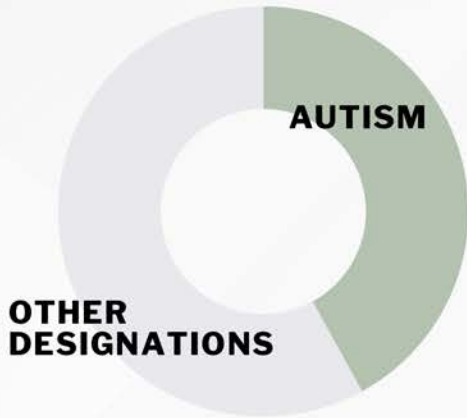
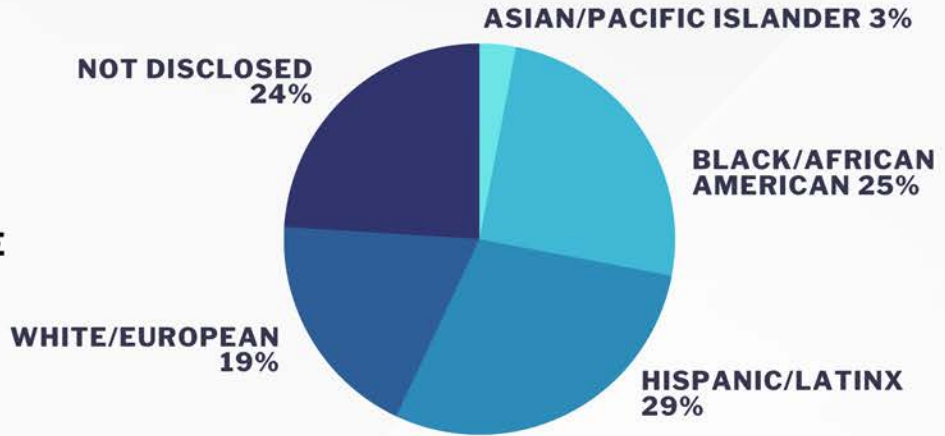
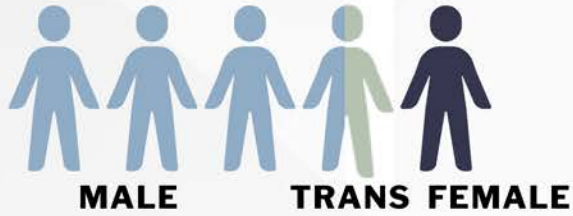


Founded in 1966, Switzer Learning Center is a nonprofit that provides highly individualized and responsive educational programs for neurodivergent and special needs students. Switzer Learning Center operates a nonpublic school licensed by the California Department of Education and provides clinical support services. We serve youth, teens, and young adults in grades 5-12 (ages 10-22) with learning impairments, including Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), dyslexia, executive functioning difficulties (ADHD), and nonverbal learning disorders (NVLD).

In the 2021-22 school year, Switzer served 60 students, with over 76% coming from LAUSD schools.



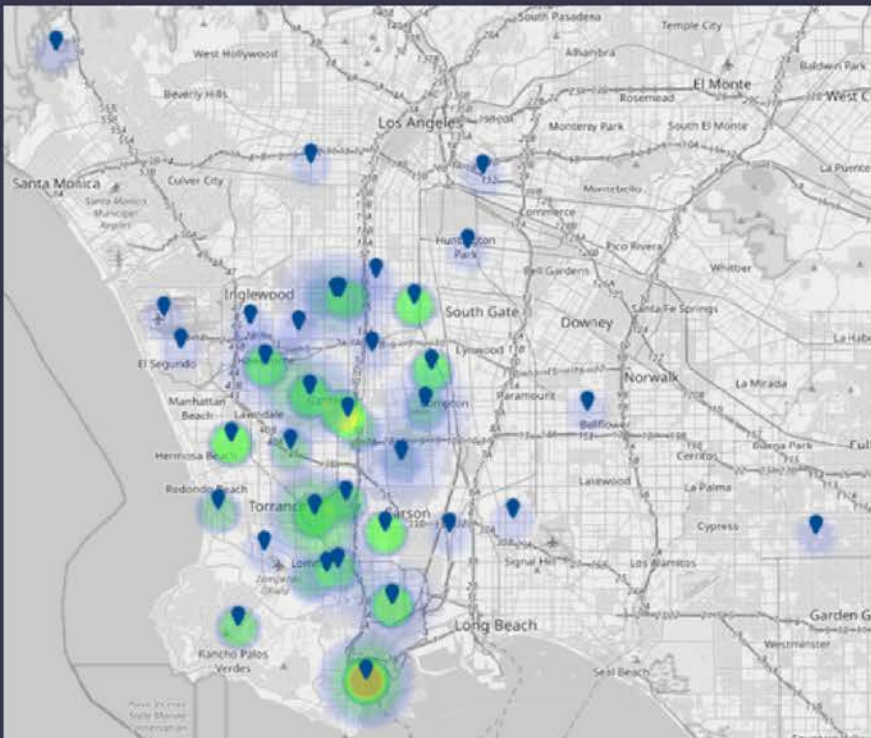
SWITZER BY THE NUMBERS



3,885 HOURS OF THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

HOURS OF COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES **60+**

5,400 MINUTES OF SOCIAL SKILLS TRAINING



SWITZER STUDENT ENROLLMENT

In the 2021-22 school year, Switzer students came from all over Los Angeles County with 76% of students enrolled from LAUSD schools. We served students from 12 districts across Los Angeles County including:

- Centinela Valley USD
- Compton USD
- Green Dot PSD
- Inglewood USD
- Long Beach USD
- Los Angeles USD
- Redondo Beach USD
- Torrance USD



DIPLOMA-TRACK SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Traditional School Program (Diploma -Track) has the capacity to serve up to 120 students daily in grades 5 through 12. Every student works towards obtaining their high school diploma while building self-confidence and improving their academic skills. Switzer's curriculum is modeled after Torrance Unified School District and integrates over 2,800 minutes per week of therapeutic support based on goals and objectives written into each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM (CERTIFICATE-TRACK)

Switzer Learning Center's Non-Traditional School Program (Certificate-Track) is for students with mild-to-severe learning, social, emotional, and behavioral challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The non-traditional learning program involves instructional staff and family collaboration to improve students' functional living and social, emotional, and relationship development skills using guided participation and community-based learning activities.



COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION

Using a rigorous real-world Community Based-Instruction (CBI) curriculum, Switzer students gain a more adaptable skill set by engaging in theoretical CBI and real world CBI, better preparing them for life, post-graduation. By heading out into the community, students learn skills to access basic and necessary community services such as, dining in restaurants, visiting the library, utilizing the post office, farmer's markets, shopping at the grocery store, obtaining prescriptions from their local pharmacy, and engaging in appropriate leisurely activities. On campus, students learn to care for personal and common spaces and meal preparation.

PEERS[®] SOCIAL SKILLS

The Switzer Learning Center's certified PEERS[®] providers teach teens, young adults, and their caregivers to develop age-appropriate social skills in weekly classes on the Switzer campus that are open to the public. Through evidence-based interventions developed at UCLA to support those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or other social disorders, who have difficulty with peer interactions and relationships. Our providers and teen or young-adult cohorts engage in opportunities to practice these skills during socialization activities.

Achieving Success

CELEBRATING GRADUATION

After a tumultuous two years of figuring out how to adapt and thrive in the face of COVID-19, this year brought a steady return to normalcy at Switzer Learning Center, culminating in a joyous crescendo of our in-person graduation ceremony—with Switzer supporters in attendance, including graduates, friends, and family members. In June 2022, Switzer students donned caps and gowns and received their high school diplomas and certificates. Throughout it all, Switzer faculty, students, and staff displayed the resilience, flexibility, and innovative spirit that have become our hallmark in these challenging times.

Being here has taught me to want more for myself.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



600+

HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All Switzer Learning Center faculty and staff are required to attend professional training and development programs each year. Switzer faculty participated in over 600 hours in select training modules and workshops related to DEAI, special education, and career development.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

COMMUNITY'S CHILD

Over the past year, our students, families, and staff have enjoyed fresh produce at home. Our nutrition partner, Community's Child, generously provides our students and their families with a weekly variety of nutritious fruits and veggies to take home. This partnership has positively impacted our students by introducing them to new foods and getting them to try a bite! We always strive to provide nutritious meals and snacks for our students while on campus, but now we know they also have healthy options at home.



TORRANCE REFINING COMPANY

A longtime partner, Torrance Refining Company's Workforce Involvement Program employee volunteers supported Switzer's 23rd annual Special Olympics, various projects, from campus beautification to sponsorships and donations. Their efforts help to provide a safe, welcome space where our students can thrive.



Last Year's

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



SUMMER SOCIAL RAISES FUNDS FOR ARTS PROGRAMMING

On Sunday, June 14th, Switzer Learning Center's Board of Trustees hosted a Summer Social at the home of Dr. John Sealy and was sponsored by Tim Goodrich of Knauf Maxwell Insurance. The in-person garden event was held to introduce Executive Director, Jeremy Deming, to the community and to honor outgoing Board Chair, Barbara Graham, for her efforts in leading the organization over the past two years.

Attendees of the social event included donors, Board members, community leaders, and key staff members who are steadfast in supporting

the therapeutic education of students with special needs in the South Bay. The event ended with a surprise \$10,000 donation from Torrance Refining Company to kickstart the Center's arts enrichment programs.

ANNUAL GALA ▶

Our annual gala took place overlooking the stunning sunset views at the Redondo Beach Marina on December 2, 2023. This year's theme, Speakeasy Soirée, was a stunning success that showcased a sense of elegance and Speakeasy ambiance at the Shade Hotel in Redondo Beach. Guests, dressed in their finest prohibition-themed costumes, enjoyed hosted cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner, a fabulous silent auction, a riveting live auction led by auctioneer Mark Schustrin, casino gaming, and dancing with the help of D.J. Hapa. The Center raised nearly \$50,000 during the event, benefiting the neurodivergent young people the organization serves throughout L.A. County.

The gala honored donors, including the Marcil Family Foundation and co-founder Judy Borck, with Annual Fund Patron distinctions for their contributions over the years. Their support has significantly helped Switzer Learning Center to further its mission and to improve the educational and therapeutic services provided to neurodivergent students in grades 5-12.

That evening, we also heard a heartfelt and poignant story from a former student who spoke of his life-changing experience as a Switzer student, learning new skills, reducing conflicts, and finding hope for a better future. The speech further emphasized the importance of having such a life-changing organization in our community.



A Year's Overview

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Switzer Learning Center is dedicated to transparency and accuracy with regard to our financial reporting. In 2022, we worked with Servatius, O'Brien & Fong, LLP, CPAs to audit the financial statements as presented here. The accountants found that the financial statements referred to above presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Switzer Learning Center as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 20, 2022

\$4,663,565

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

\$3,521,435

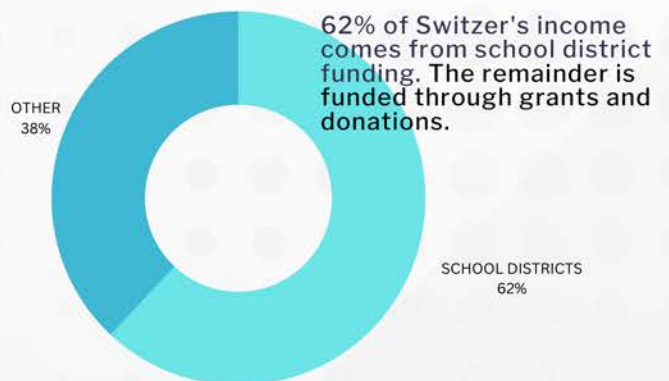
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3,598,793

TOTAL REVENUES & SUPPORT

\$4,282,867

NET ASSETS END OF YEAR



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A WORD FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, staff members, and families served throughout L.A. County, thank you for your consideration in making a meaningful gift to Switzer Learning Center's Annual Fund. As supporters of our mission, you are creating opportunities for neurodivergent and special needs children, teens, and young adults by removing financial barriers to accessing a high quality educational, therapeutic support, and out-of-school programming.

Your investment in Switzer Learning Center's Annual Fund gives us hope that we have the passionate supporters needed to realize our vision of establishing Switzer as the preeminent and sought-after educational and therapeutic institution for special needs students in L.A. County. It's our goal to provide a positive, structured and safe environment for our students to learn and grow. Your investments in the futures of the children, teens, and young adults we serve produce real, systematic change that impacts all of us as a community.

Thank you for your generosity, encouragement, and continued support of our mission-focused work.

Anthony Bozanic, Board Chair

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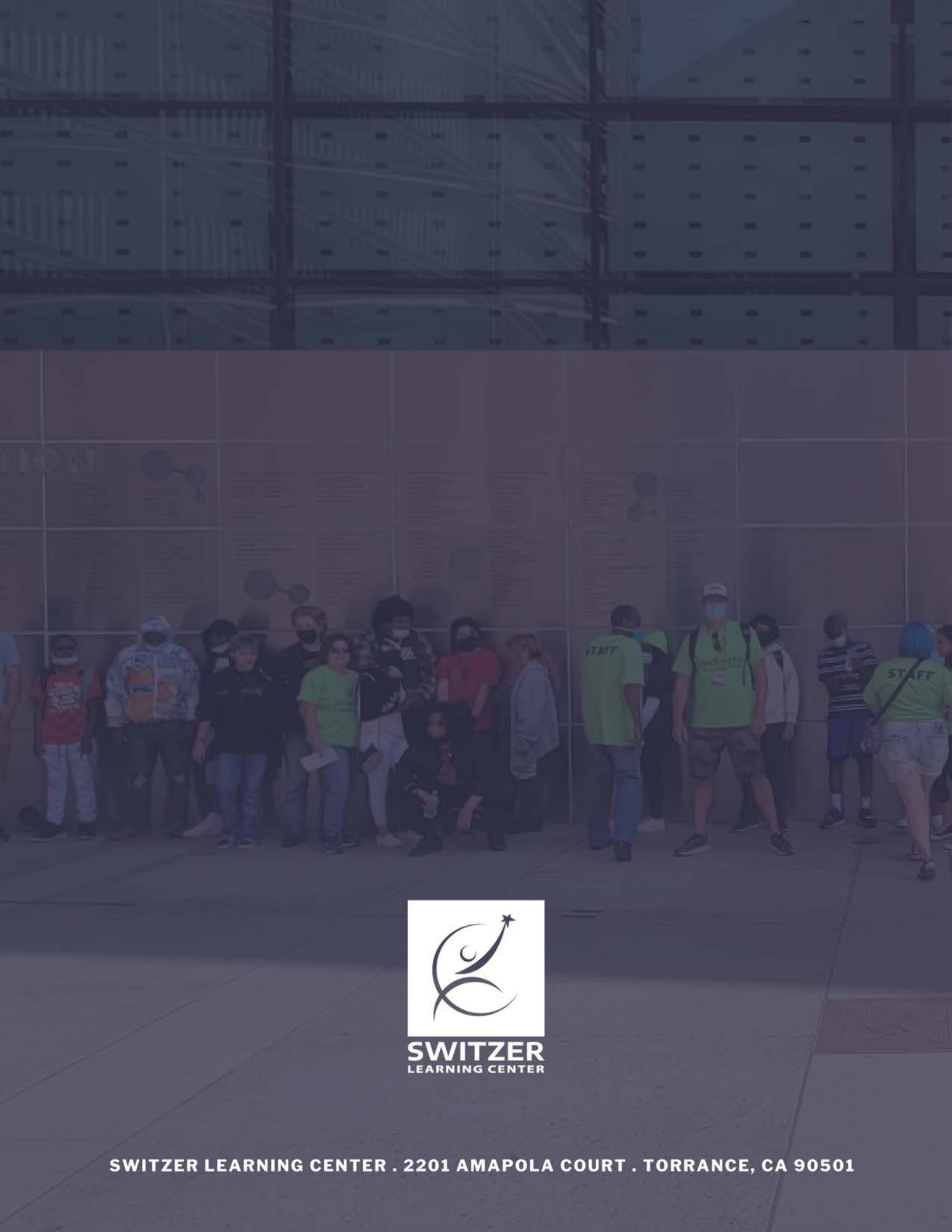


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