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OPTIONS FOR LEARNING HONORED AS A NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

*SEN. SUSAN RUBIO RECOGNIZES AGENCY FOR ITS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY*

Options for Learning was recognized today as a Nonprofit of the Year by Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) at a special event at the California State Capitol. Each year, California assemblymembers and state senators are invited to honor a Nonprofit of the Year for their district. The event is co-sponsored by the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, the Senate Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, and CalNonprofits.

"Having been an elementary school teacher for 17 years, I know how important the early years are for a child's future success," said Sen. Rubio, who represents the 22nd District. "I am proud to recognize Options for Learning, a nonprofit child care and early learning agency, for the wonderful work they do to break the cycle of poverty by providing families the tools to create a positive foundation for life success. Each year, Options for Learning serves more than 15,000 children in our communities through innovative, quality child development programs. Congratulations on being the Senate District 22 Nonprofit of the Year for 2022."

Paul Pulver, CEO of Options for Learning, who attended the event, along with the agency's board chair, David Wilbur, expressed his gratitude on behalf of the agency: "We appreciate that Sen. Rubio is aware of our work and has honored our organization. This recognition is a testament to the care and passion of our staff who are committed every day to unlocking the promise of each child."

"Nonprofit organizations play such a critical role in our communities, and the last two years of the pandemic have only served to highlight that," noted Jan Masaoka, CEO of CalNonprofits. "California Nonprofit of the Year gives elected officials the opportunity to shine a light on the important work nonprofits are doing in their districts and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits in our communities."

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This year's honorees represent every legislative district in the state and address a diverse range of issues – from food insecurity and climate change to at-risk youth, arts education, domestic violence, mental health, and more.

Photo caption: Options for Learning's board chair, David Wilbur (left), and CEO Paul Pulver (right) accept the state resolution naming the agency a Nonprofit of the Year from Sen. Susan Rubio (center).

About Options for Learning: Options for Learning has been serving children and families since 1981. As a nonprofit child care and early learning agency, Options for Learning has been at the forefront of helping families either break the cycle of poverty, or improve their lives, by providing children and families with the tools to create a positive foundation for school, social and life success. Options for Learning provides infant care, preschool, and before- and after-school enrichment programs for school-aged children at more than 90 locations throughout the San Gabriel Valley, Whittier, Pomona Valley and Northeast Los Angeles areas. The agency also offers training, resources and support to community child care providers to improve the quality of care for the children they serve.

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