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ALL IN THE FAMILY

In Pasadena, the Mothers' Club Family Learning Center cut the ribbon on its brand-new, environmentally friendly facility for preschool and family support programs. The center prepares families living in isolation and poverty to succeed in school and in life through two-generation learning programs. Services include high-quality, research-based early childhood education for children ages 0-5, along with a comprehensive adult program that incorporates parenting education, leadership training, literacy, vocational exploration, group counseling and social networking for the primary caretaker.

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ETHICAL EXTERIORS

The pools, landscapes and beautiful gardens designed by husband and wife team Melissa Carson and Barry Magness of Carson-Magness Landscaping are crafted with a keen eye on sustainability and green living. Since 1995, the design duo has provided full-service landscape design and construction to clients all over the San Gabriel Valley. Their decadent waterscapes are as extravagant as they are environmentally friendly. "We use as much recycled, reclaimed and recyclable material as we can, from furniture to cement to foliage," Carson says. The pair also offers all clients a 90-day after-care program to keep their alfresco creations looking good as new. "We love giving our customers lasting beauty, but always through responsible actions that have a low impact on the environment," Carson notes.

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