

Junior Center of Art and Science

FOSTERING EXPLORATION AND CREATIVITY

It all started in 1954, during the “Space Race,” a competition between the United States and the Soviet Union for space exploration. Members from the Junior League, the Art League of the East Bay and the East Bay Children’s Theatre developed a children’s center to encourage exploration and creativity.

Fifty-three years later, the Junior Center of Art and Science (JCAS) still delivers quality science-based curricula integrated with the arts. Located on the shores of Lake Merritt in the heart of Oakland, JCAS is a historic institution offering workshops, exhibits and events for young people as well



as resources and professional development opportunities for teachers. “I feel good about the model programs supporting classroom teachers at an affordable price,” says Tammara Katsikas, executive director for 18 years.

JCAS celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2004, kicking off a capital campaign to expand its facilities. Recognizing the organization’s long-term commitment to fostering youth development, Clorox provided a grant to help continue that commitment by supporting the center’s 5th Grade Arts Scholarship program.

