



Para Los Niños Marks Graduation, New School

News Brief

A group of 33 fifth graders who graduated last week from the Para Los Niños Family Learning Complex Elementary School won't have to go far when they attend middle school in September. A June 11 event celebrated both the graduation of the students as well as the launch of the Para Los Niños Middle School, set to open in September at the elementary school campus at 1617 E. Seventh St. This year's graduating class will become the inaugural class for the charter middle school. Ultimately Para Los Niños hopes to find a new location for the middle school, which will eventually serve 350 students from grades six through eight, said Elena Stern, the organization's vice president of external affairs. Para Los Niños opened in 1980 and helps 3,500 low-income children each week and 5,000 families every year at its 24 sites in Southern California.