Dear Friends of Horizons,

As we close out Summer 2022, I am reflecting on the progress we have made in providing high-quality out-of-school-time programming to more students in our city. When we formed HGP as the regional entity charged with expanding Horizons in Philadelphia, our vision was to serve 1,000 students with 8 programs by 2025. I am delighted to report that we are on target to meet or surpass this goal.

Advancing Equitable Learning Opportunities for Philadelphia-Area Students

There is a dire need for more educational support for students in Philadelphia as families and schools face the fallout of COVID-19. HGP counters the opportunity gap and responds to educational inequity by providing a high-quality 6-week program during the summer to prevent summer learning loss. In tandem, our school-year enrichment programming offers additional learning opportunities. The Horizons model centers project-based learning and emphasizes literacy and math instruction so that scholars return to school as prepared and confident learners. Horizons makes a promise to engage every student and we pledge to support our students from at least Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Each summer and school year we deliver on this promise by equipping scholars with the tools they need to thrive.

Whole Child Approach

Our engagement doesn’t stop with academic support and challenge. Our dual focus on academics and social-emotional learning ensures that we take a “whole child” approach that prioritizes the needs of each individual scholar and allows students to explore creative expression, physical activity, languages and STEM programming. Horizons students learn to swim, providing an important life-saving skill and confidence booster. Students also have a safe place to play outside and explore their local area through regular field trips.

Stronger Together

As a result of regional support from Horizons Greater Philadelphia, our area sites are stronger and have access to funding opportunities, programmatic resources and leadership development opportunities. We are grateful to our generous supporters for providing the resources to allow us to serve more students. Please consider how you can continue to help Horizons Greater Philadelphia. A generation of Philadelphia-area children is counting on all of us.

With much gratitude,

Kathy

Kathy Jacoby
Executive Director

MISSION • Horizons advances educational equity by building long-term partnerships with students, families, communities, and schools to create experiences outside of school that inspire the joy of learning.
Horizons in Philadelphia - Summer 2022 By the Numbers

**5:1 Student to Staff Ratio**

What makes you hopeful?
“Horizons”
— HEA 7th Grader

“I like Horizons because we learn. My favorite subjects are swimming and math.”
— HSCH, 1st Grader

“I feel happy because I came to Horizons and got to spend time with my friends.”
— HGSFS, 6th Grader

87% Average summer attendance rate

93 Helpful Volunteers

353 Students Enrolled

26 Exciting Field Trips

90 Hours of academic instruction per child per summer

18,940 Free, nutritious meals provided

6-10 On average, weeks of math and reading growth after participating in Horizons for six weeks

“I knew the work we’d be doing is important, and so I wanted to get involved.”
— Jaden, rising senior at Cristo Rey on why he chose to work at HCR this summer

Teachers, staff and enrichment specialists

Interested in Launching Horizons at your School?

HGP is looking for independent school and college/university partners to help us serve more students in the Philadelphia area. Contact us to learn more about the benefits to your community of hosting a program.
Community Connections Continue
with Family Food Support Program
Horizons at Cristo Rey offered a weekly Farm Stand to Horizons families this summer in partnership with Sharing Excess. At pick-up on Fridays, parents and guardians were able to shop and take home a variety of food to nourish their families. Horizons at Cristo Rey emphasizes “that children cannot learn unless their basic needs and social emotional needs are being met.”

Horizons Support Continues
for 9th & 10th Grade Graduates
10 Horizons High School students participated in HEA’s high school program. Students worked as counselors in the morning and participated in programming in the afternoon including weekly workshops delivered by HEA’s new partner, College Possible. Other programming included lessons on self advocacy, financial literacy and career exploration.

Pre-K Pilot Program Debuts
at Horizons Greene Street Friends
HGSFS offered a pilot Pre-K program this summer, serving 10 students who are preparing to enter Kindergarten, primarily at Wister Mastery Elementary. The curriculum focused on letters, numbers, shapes and colors, and incorporated engaging weekly themes like “Shark Week.” The pilot provided students with great preparation for Kindergarten and HGSFS plans to continue the Pre-K program again next summer.

Swimming and Cultural Enrichment
This summer HSCH launched their swim program with a new outdoor above-ground pool built on-site. Horizons’ programming recognizes the importance of swimming as a life saving skill that also builds confidence and self-esteem. Many students had the opportunity to learn to swim for the first time this summer and developed a love for the water.

Why Horizons?
Girard College leadership knew that providing their students with quality academic summer programming would help mitigate the effects of remote learning from the pandemic. They turned to Horizons and the growing network of programs in Philadelphia to help serve their students with a time-tested model and local support. Girard’s program serving 16 rising 1st and 2nd grade students who enjoyed swimming and field trips in addition to reading and math instruction.
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