



**HORIZONS®**  
Greene Street Friends School



2023

# IMPACT REPORT

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Dear Horizons at GSFS Community,

During the last year, Horizons at Greene Street Friends School (HGSFS) has worked to solidify itself as a premiere program in the Germantown community. Strong partnerships were made with community organizations such as La Salle University, YMCA of Greater Philadelphia, Mason's Meals, Treehouse Books, and Slices Pizza. Local enrichment educators solidified relationships from previous years to provide Art, Theater, Yoga, and Karate throughout all six weeks of programming, culminating with a final showcases in each medium. Students closed their six Horizons weeks with their first ever Project Based Learning showcase, where each student demonstrated their academic growth in Literacy, Mathematics, and STEAM through final presentations and projects. Pre-Kindergarten took visitors through the Amazon Rain Forest, Fourth Grade pitched their food truck ideas, and Seventh Grade created a podcast on healthy food access.

It is hard to believe what started out as a dream and one class of 15 students in 2016 has grown into a fully mature program with the capacity to serve 155 students each summer. Thank you for joining Horizons at GSFS on this journey, and for your continued support and belief in the mission as Horizons works to create a joyful learning environment summer after summer. The annual spring event will be in May, and hopefully there will be familiar faces in the crowd. Thank you for continuing to follow along on this incredible journey.

Monica Quarrie, M.Ed (She/Her)  
Executive Director



# AT A GLANCE

## IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Data is gathered from Horizons National, as well as from HGSFS families' applications each year, allowing for year over year tracking of educational outcomes.

### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

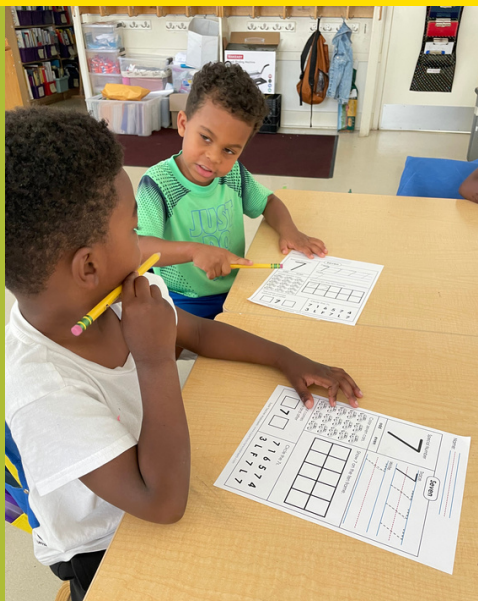
# 36

hours of SEL lessons

### MEALS

# 9,044

meals served



### STAFF DATA

# 79%

staff retention from 2022

# 80%

of staff identify as BIPOC  
(Black, Indigenous, People of Color)

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



HGSFS includes the Greene Street Friends School life skills Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum in its programming, which educators teach 2-3 times each week alongside our Family Engagement Specialist. Life skills refers to social-emotional competencies, like conflict resolution and self-awareness, that help youth understand themselves, develop positive relationships with peers, and handle life challenges adeptly.



# 125

number of students served in summer 2023

# 99%

students who live in the Germantown community

# 81%

student retention from summer 2022

# INSPIRING LEARNING



The mission of Horizons at Greene Street Friends School is to **advance 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' holistic model has two academic focus areas: math and literacy. Over the past two summers students from Horizons at Greene Street Friends School **grew an average of 11.4 weeks in early literacy, 4.2 weeks in reading and 14.5 weeks in mathematics**. Educators utilize STAR Reading and Math as well as the FRY Oral Reading Test.

HGSFS has **two full-time reading specialists** who split their time between students in the Lower and Middle Schools. The **full-time Math Specialist** focuses his time on the Middle School students.







# Swimming Instruction



**Swimming is an integral component of the Horizons model.**

This year HGSFS partnered with La Salle University to utilize their facilities and with the YMCA of Greater Philadelphia to ensure students received swim instruction in addition to weekly free swim.

Swimming is a cornerstone of Horizons' programming because it is **a life-saving skill**.

Data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention shows that in BIPOC communities the youth drowning rate is 2-4 times higher than the national average (2.6 times higher for Black children ages 5-9, and 3.6 times higher for Black children ages 10 - 14).

According to research conducted by the USA Swimming Foundation and the University of Memphis, 60-70% of African-American and Latino children cannot swim, and a mere 13% of children who come from a non-swimming home learn to swim in their lifetime. This trend is reflected in Horizons students, many of whom come without any basic swimming or water safety experience. The goal of the swimming program is for students to master lifesaving water safety skills by the time they graduate.







# Enrichment Classes

HGSFS hosted four enrichment classes throughout the entirety of the six week program: **Theater, Yoga, Karate, and Art**. Teachers also held library sessions for their students, giving them an opportunity to read books in the Greene Street Friends School Library, to listen to read alouds, and to participate in quiet individual reading time. Each student attended an hour each week of each enrichment class for over 65 hours of enrichment instruction per student.

Enrichment classes are integral to Horizons' students holistic development because not every student finds their strengths and passion in traditional academics. Having additional outlets for students to develop interests outside of conventional academics **gives students the confidence to succeed**. It also keeps them engaged in programming and in traditional academic environments.



HGSFS dedicated an entire week to STEAM education. Students worked with a STEAM specialist and completed hands-on projects, including making alloys, a boat building challenge centered around buoyancy, learning how to make bubbles, and so much more!





# NURTURING JOY

## FIELD TRIPS & ASSEMBLIES

Field trips and on-site assemblies remain a highlight every summer for Horizons students. A very big thank you to the Horizons at GSFS partners who helped make these enrichment experiences possible:



### Field Trips

African American Museum

Fitler Club

The Franklin Institute

Germantown Cricket Club

Museum of the American Revolution

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse

Vetri Community Partnership

### On-Site Programming

Briar Bush Nature Center

Deke's Bar-B-Que

Jason's Jumpers

Karen Smith Drums and More

LaQuan Jones & the NFL Network

Los Bomberos de la Calle

Treehouse Books

United States Tennis Association and Cheltenham Youth Tennis



# OUR PARTNERS

## CREATING AN ECOSYSTEM OF SUPPORT

Our program would not be possible without the generosity and support of our partners. We thank them for continuing the work we started in 2016.



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# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Supportive Leadership Dedicated Educators Qualified Specialists

### Leadership Team

Monica Quarrie, Executive Director  
Micah Wilson, Program Director  
Adia Harmon, Administrative Assistant

### Lower School

*LT – Lead Teacher*  
*AT – Assistant Teacher*

PreK LT – Barbara Bond  
PreK AT – Kassandra Rivera  
Kinder LT – Sobeida Soto  
Kinder AT – Maddy Dews  
1st LT – Jhannell Small  
1st AT – Zipporah Brown  
2nd LT – Eric Brown  
2nd AT – Mol White  
3rd LT – Kyle Bushnell  
3rd AT – Brooklyn Grant

### Specialists

Family Engagement Specialist – Teeyrah Thomas  
Reading Specialist – Ruthie Jean  
Reading Specialist – Tess Culp  
Math Specialist – Mike Dinan

### Middle School

4th LT – Chris McFadden  
4th AT – Maddie Curry  
5th LT – Patricia Douglas  
5th AT – John Schoen–McCullough  
6th Lt – Bianca Adger  
6th AT – Victoria Brown  
7th LT – Tyree Evans  
7th AT – Nicole Asay

### Enrichment Specialists

Art – Khaleel Adger  
STEAM – Beverly Brown  
Yoga – Andre Coles  
Karate – Action Karate  
Theater – John Graves (John Graves  
Production Co.)



# THANK YOU

Horizons at GSFS is incredibly excited to have had another successful summer serving the students in Germantown, Philadelphia. Horizons at GSFS is looking forward to a bright future starting with the first class graduating in Summer 2024. Thank you for continuing to follow along and support Horizons students!

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