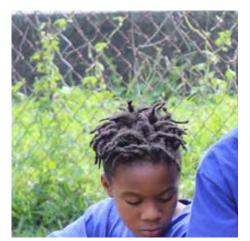








HORIZONS ATLANTA 2019 Annual Report













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Our Mission

An affiliate of Horizons National, Horizons Atlanta is a transformational, community-centered summer learning program proven to close the opportunity gap. We believe that every child in metro Atlanta, regardless of background, should have the same chance at making a positive impact on their community. We accomplish this by eliminating critical barriers to success that many of our children face, thus putting them on a path to:



Read proficiently by the end of third grade



Achieve eighth grade math competency



Build swimming skills and selfconfidence



Graduate from high school, college and career ready

Our Model

The Horizons summer learning program model has a 50+ year track record for producing positive and consistent results. We invite students from Atlanta's underserved communities to attend a six-week summer program on the campus of an independent school, college, or university, and receive additional support throughout the year. Our project-based educational model is designed to fuel a life-long passion for learning, using a blend of high-quality academics with cultural enrichment and confidence-building activities like swimming, arts, and sports. In small classes led by professional teachers, our scholars dive into a rich curriculum with a focus on literacy and STEAM. Horizons Atlanta serves youth from underserved communities with a broad range of academic skills, providing them with the opportunity to experience success in a setting that, over time, becomes an inspirational and stable learning environment for scholars, families, and the greater community. Outcomes include measurable gains in reading, math, swim skills and water confidence, social skills, self-esteem, school-year attendance, and high-school graduation rates.



Dear Friends, Families, and Supporters,

Horizons Atlanta is so much more than a summer learning program - we are a community of dedicated educators, families, supporters, partner organizations, and lifelong learners who come together to further our mission of closing the opportunity gap for nearly 1,000 scholars across metro Atlanta. We thank you for joining us in this effort and are excited to share with you some of our accomplishments from 2019.

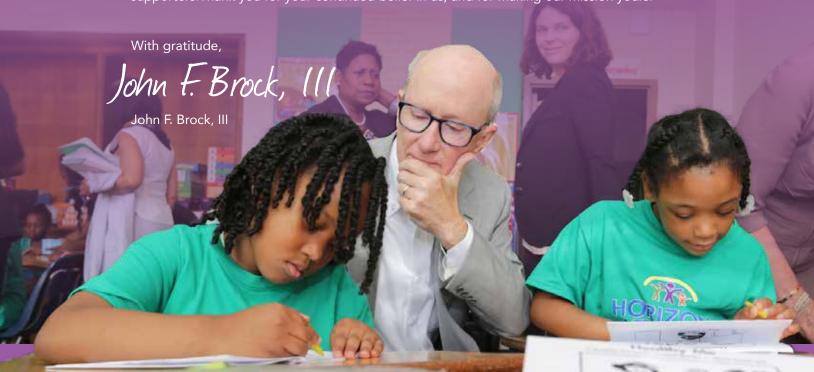
This past year, we celebrated our 20th year of ensuring that all students have access to the high-quality educational and enrichment opportunities they need to succeed and thrive, an effort that began in 1999 at Horizons Atlanta at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Sandy Springs. We are proud to report that the 15 scholars we served that first year grew to 931 in summer 2019, and that we consistently see gains of two to three months in Early Literacy, Reading, and Math skills each summer.

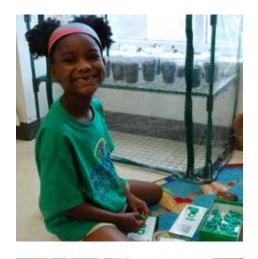
As we continue to expand our programs, the Horizons Atlanta regional team grows as well. In January, the Regional Office added the position of Data and Enrollment Manager, filled by Rhodope Fears, to support the increased volume and the new reporting requirements of a contract from the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services. In March, Amy Johns joined the team, filling the Director of Development position and bringing with her nearly 12 years of experience in the field.

Of particular note in 2019, we were thrilled to welcome The Galloway School to our Horizons Atlanta family; in December, we announced that The Galloway School will officially come on board as our tenth program site. Horizons Atlanta at The Galloway School, led by Site Director Bayless Fleming, will partner with neighboring Scott Elementary School and is set to launch in June 2020. With ten program sites, our regional student seat capacity will grow to an impressive 1,150 scholars this year.

As always, we look forward to continuing to share our progress, growth and impact with you. We do so knowing that our greatest impact is ahead of us as our scholars today move closer to achieving their dreams and making their own mark on the world.

We know that our successes would not be possible without the generosity of many supporters. Thank you for your continued belief in us, and for making our mission yours.



















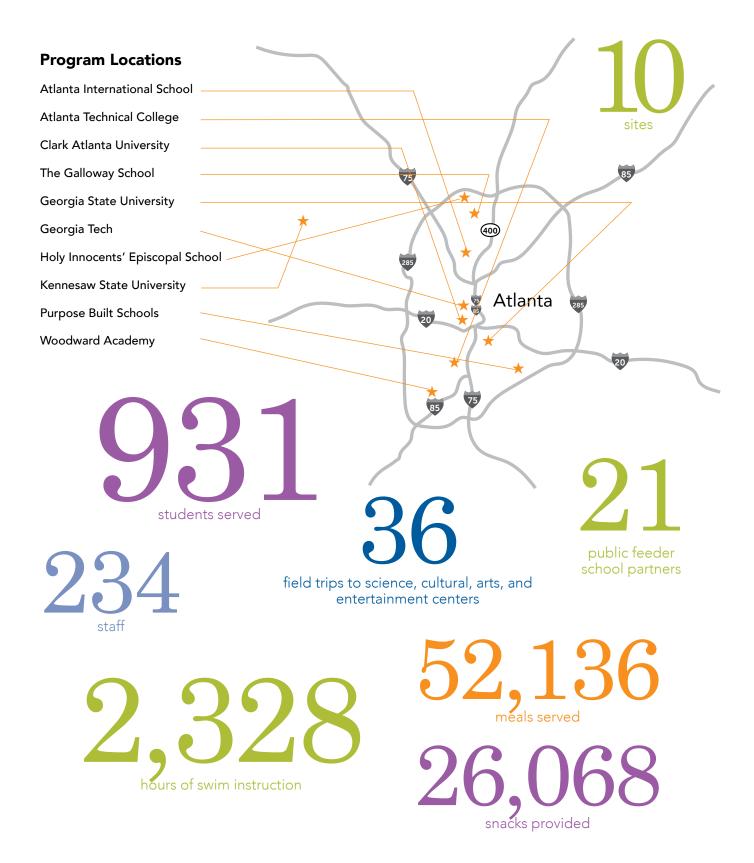






By the Numbers

across Metro Atlanta in 2019







Horizons has a long history of program evaluation, including three studies out of Yale University, and we rely heavily on data to drive our continuous quality improvement efforts. Scholars are tested in Early Literacy, Reading, and Math at the beginning and end of the six-week program and their results are measured in months of growth, reported using a three-year average. We consistently see higher gains for scholars who begin the summer performing below grade-level, affirming our commitment to recruiting scholars who would most benefit from intensive academic support.

In 2019, Horizons Atlanta recorded that 76% of scholars returned to the program after spending the previous summer with us. On average, 93% of our scholars were in attendance on any given day during the six weeks of Horizons.

In addition, evaluations consistently find that after participating in our programs, Horizons scholars:

- Improve social skills
- Show increased self-confidence and motivation
- Demonstrate greater willingness to try new things
- Record higher school-year attendance
- Develop greater interest in nutrition
- Learn to swim
- Express high satisfaction with the program

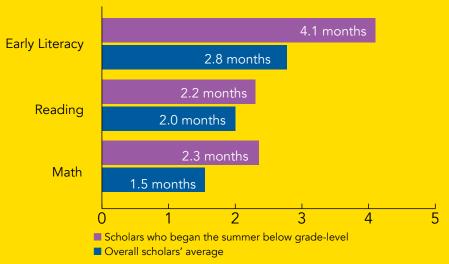


- Horizons Atlanta Scholar, Grade 4





2017-2019 Average Monthly Growth Over Our Six-Week Program



New Partnerships

The Junior League of Atlanta

2019 marked the beginning of a new partnership between The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. (JLA) and our Horizons Atlanta at Georgia State University program. Established in 1916, JLA is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Horizons Atlanta at Georgia State University (GSU) launched in 2015 with 15 rising first graders and served 47 scholars in 2019. The program theme of "The Three E's - Environment, Education, Economics" is supported by rigorous academics, experiential learning activities, gardening, and exposure to the arts. Horizons Atlanta at GSU supports the out-of-school needs of the Edgewood and Mechanicsville communities, recruiting scholars from Dunbar and Toomer Elementary Schools. Greer Powell has been the Site Director of the GSU program since its beginning. She recently retired as Engagement Specialist for the Office of Student Services with Atlanta Public Schools after serving as an educator for over 25 years.

With support from JLA, Horizons Atlanta at GSU launched its first ever school-year programming in October. Each "Super Saturday" session, planned and facilitated by a team of JLA volunteers, includes an art project, literacy activities, and lunch for the scholars who attend. Centered around a seasonal theme, scholars engage in hands-on activities, learning new skills and getting creative while deepening their connection to the Horizons Atlanta community. We are inspired by the enthusiasm of JLA volunteers and are so excited to watch this partnership develop in the coming years.







"The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. has a long history of supporting early childhood education and championing the importance of literacy in our community. Partnering with Horizons Atlanta at Georgia State University on their first ever school-year program has been an opportunity for our members to work directly with young scholars and get them excited about learning. Our partnership has made an impact in the lives of the students and our member volunteers, and it is our hope that it continues for years to come."

Andrea N. Smith, 2019-2020 President, The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. "Something I've been very excited to see at Super Saturday is how The Junior League of Atlanta volunteers have carried out the Horizons commitment to scholar voice and choice. Whether it is through the foods they prepare or the activities themselves, JLA members have continuously asked our scholars for suggestions and delivered on these requests. We are glad to see attendance grow as our scholars encourage their peers to join them at Super Saturday, and we look forward to continuing the partnership with JLA."

Greer Powell, Site Director, Horizons Atlanta at Georgia State University



State of Georgia Department of Human Services

While Horizons Atlanta programs have received grant funding from such government agencies as Fulton and DeKalb Counties, 2019 marked our first significant partnership with the State of Georgia Department of Human Services. This new multi-year contract with the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Afterschool Care program establishes Horizons Atlanta as a true private-public partnership and further demonstrates how effectively we are leveraging the investment that so many supporters have made in our programs to date.

This new partnership supports (1) instructional staff at each of our nine program sites both during the summer as well as for school-year programming; (2) daily transportation costs for scholars to get to and from our programs, as well as for field trips and other off-site enrichment activities; (3) Renaissance Learning's STAR assessment tools to track our scholars' academic progress through our programs; and (4) Horizons Atlanta scholars' participation in the annual DFCS statewide Youth Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Exhibition.

The partnership has also enabled Horizons Atlanta to add a new Data and Enrollment Manager to our regional team. This position supports the Regional Program Director and our program Site Directors in recruiting scholars and providing even more robust analysis of the various quantitative data points we gather to track our impact.



"The impact of the DFCS grant on the academic learning, well-being, and success of over 1,000 Atlanta public school children in our 2019 summer programs cannot be understated. This incredible public-private partnership is allowing young people from the most vulnerable sectors of our community to unlock their talents, potential, and confidence and maximize their success in education for life."

Kevin Glass, Horizons Atlanta Board Member and Head of School, Atlanta International School





A big part of what makes Horizons programs so special is that in addition to the academic and enrichment opportunities that we offer, every scholar also learns how to swim. Around 80% of children enter the program with little or no water skills, and many have a fear of water that stems from their families' lack of experience and access to swimming pools.



Through our summer programs, each scholar spends 2-3 hours per week in a local pool learning from qualified swim instructors. As our scholars develop and hone this life-saving skill, they also build confidence, stay active, and create invaluable communities of trust and support where everyone is cheered on to success.







We celebrate this success each summer at our Horizons Atlanta Regional Swim Meet. This annual event is one of our favorites for how it builds community both within and across our nine program sites.



In 2019, Horizons' rising fourth graders from all across the region came together at the Georgia Tech McAuley Aquatic Center to compete in relay races and cheer each other on before finishing the morning off with free swim and a pizza party.



Parents and family members were encouraged to attend to see their scholars in action, and each scholar returned home that afternoon with a medal marking their achievement.













100% Club Breakfast

The Horizons Atlanta 100% Club is our scholar sponsorship giving circle for donors who commit to funding 100% of one child's summer learning experience at one of our nine signature sixweek programs. In late May, we hosted a friend-and-fundraiser breakfast to give current members the chance to share their passion for our organization and inspire others to get involved. Emceed by HLN Anchor Susan Hendricks, attendees heard stories of Horizons Atlanta's mission and impact from Horizons Atlanta Board members John Brock and Kevin Glass as well as from special quests Georgia Tech President G.P "Bud" Peterson and Horizons Atlanta at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School scholar Laura Avalos.

Impact Awards

Held in mid June, the Horizons Atlanta Impact Awards dinner was our opportunity to formally recognize and thank the foundation, corporation, and individuals who contributed greatly to our success in 2019. With Horizons National staff in attendance, we were proud to present awards to Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation, The Coca-Cola Company, former board member Louise Wells, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, and to Vera Woods, Academic Director for our HIES program who has been with Horizons Atlanta since its inception 20 years ago.

Horizons Atlanta at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School 20th Anniversary Celebration

Summer 2019 marked the 20th anniversary of the oldest Horizons Atlanta program at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Sandy Springs. We celebrated on Sunday, September 15th, with Horizons scholars, families, alumni, donors, and supporters at a carnival-themed party held on the school's campus. Attendees enjoyed games, balloon and face paint artists, a photo booth, and carnival food.











Scholar Honorees:

Atlanta International School - Kevin, Grade 5
Atlanta Technical College - Amadeus, Grade 6
Clark Atlanta University - Alison, Grade 7
Georgia State University - Demarco, Grade 5
Georgia Tech - London, Grade 6
Holy Innocents' Episcopal School - Jesmary, Grade 9
Kennesaw State University - Samantha, Grade 5
Purpose Built Schools - Howard, Grade 4
Woodward Academy - Isla, Grade 8

Horizons Honors

Chaired by philanthropists Stacy and Jim Scott, Horizons Honors 2019 was our inaugural fall fundraising event recognizing one exceptional scholar from each of our nine sites who embodies our core tenets, "Inspire, Build, Transform." With the contributions and commitment of our event Chairs, our sponsors, and our donors, this event was a huge success, and we could not have been more grateful for the support of all who attended and helped make the evening possible.

We were so proud to have the community join us in celebrating the brilliance of our scholars and sharing the unique spirit of Horizons Atlanta through the recitation of the Horizons Atlanta Daily Affirmation (HADA), a powerful anti-cyberbullying video by Horizons Atlanta at Clark Atlanta University scholars, and a live performance by members of our Atlanta Technical College program. The night was emceed by our very own Kim Jones, Program Director of Horizons Atlanta with Purpose Built Schools, and board member and Atlanta International School Headmaster Kevin Glass led the crowd in a lively text-to-give session to conclude the evening.



Through the generosity of many, we raised over \$90,000 to directly support our mission to ensure that 100% of children in metro Atlanta have the opportunity to make an impact in their community. Special congratulations to each of our exceptional Horizons Honors 2019 scholars, and we cannot wait for 2020!

2019 Events





Leadership Awards

Horizons Atlanta Awards and Accolades

As the first multi-site region to be adopted in the country, Horizons Atlanta has long been a leader in the affiliate network. We pride ourselves on the efficiencies of our model, our dedication to quality improvement and continuous growth, and the quality of our staff. In 2019, three of our team members were honored at the regional, statewide, or national level for their work with Horizons Atlanta.



Horizons Leadership Award Sirocus Barnes

Sirocus Barnes, Site Director of our Horizons Atlanta at Georgia Tech program, was recognized with the Horizons Leadership Award at the Horizons National annual conference in March. This award is given annually to a Site Director who contributes both on a local and national level, embodying the spirit of Horizons.



Horizons Atlanta Impact Award Vera Woods

We honored Vera Woods,
Academic Director of Horizons
Atlanta at Holy Innocents'
Episcopal School, at the Horizons
Atlanta Impact Awards in June. A
retired kindergarten teacher, Vera
has been with the program since
it began 20 years ago as the first
in the region. Her energy, joy, and
passion for the work have touched
so many scholars, and we are
grateful for all that she brings to
the Horizons Atlanta team.

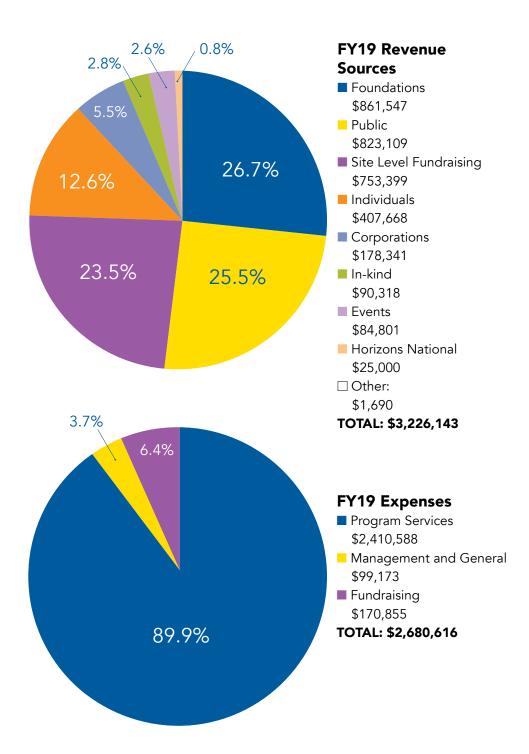


Georgia Afterschool and Youth Development Leadership Award

Christine Brodnan

Regional Program Director Chris Brodnan was presented with the Georgia Afterschool and Youth Development Leadership Award in October. This award, given to one Georgia afterschool leader, honors a youth development professional who demonstrates an understanding of the critical value of high quality youth development programs and exemplifies excellence in meeting the highest standards of quality and the needs of children, youth and families in their community.

Financials













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100% Club The Horizons Atlanta 100% Club celebrates our mission and commitment to ensuring that 100% of children have the opportunity to make an impact in their community. Donors commit to funding 100% of one scholar's summer experience with a donation of \$2,500 or more, helping us reach our goal of 100% of scholars reading proficiently by the end of third grade, achieving eighth grade math competency, building swimming skills and self-confidence, and graduating from high school, college and career ready, because we believe 100% of scholars matter. Thank you to our 100% Club Members! Thank you to our 100% Club Members! Yolanda and Lee Adrean Natalie and Tom Epperson Jason and Kerry Owen Lisa and Peter Aman Frank and Karen Fallon Todd Pawlowski Angel & David Anbari Dave Fedewa and Christy Bud and Val Peterson Mike and Andreane Anderson Dave Peterson Leschaloupe Arnie and Catherine Pittman Sarah and Lamar Anderson Jeff and Twyla Fendler Christian and Anke Fischer Jim and Christina Price Anonymous (2) Paul and Leanne Barton Johnny and Laura Foster Kim Reddy Brenda Bell Beth Garrett Ashley and George Reinhardt Tom and Jennifer Bell Tom and Sandy Gay Bill and Ashley Rogers Scott Bernstein and Melissa Tricia and Matt Gephardt Jim and Stacy Scott **Knowles** Kevin and Stefani Glass Victoria Seals Betsy and Roger Birkholz Christina Graham and Jeremy Mark and Meredith Shaughnessy Tori and Erik Bjerke Deitzer Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith Jim and Sarah Borders Lucy Soto and Stephen Macauley Sam Gude and Lynn Jarrett-Gude Rafael and Patricia Bras David and Mary Haddow Jan and Lever Stewart John and Mary Brock Alexis and Michael Hambrick Michael Stewart and Melisa Kevin and Elizabeth Brown Jim and Susan Hannan Rathburn-Stewart Paul and Lisa Brown Kenneth and Kathryn Henderson Michael Stimpert Andrew and Linda Bruner Doug and Lila Hertz Dave Stockert and Cammie Ives Mark and Heather Buffington Parker and Cheryl Hix Autumn Terry in honor of Joan Terry Tiffany and Joe Burns Irene and Ronald Johnson Al and Melba Trujillo Steven and Cheryl Vicinanza Karen and David Calhoun Nancy and Les Juneau Pat and Lindsey Carroll Jim Kieffer Terri & Kevin Wade Jeff and Wendy Clark Pam and Dwaine Kimmet Laura and Russell Wagner Jennifer Collins Marianne and Richard Kipper Alex Wan and Joe Bechely Pete and Ada Lee Correll Robert and Laura LaChapelle James Wells Stacy and Jim Cullinan Aron and Kimberly Levine Louise and Tom Wells David Dase and Jacqueline Flake Sherwin Loudermilk Craig West David and Diana Mack Chris and Rosalyn Devine Richard and Jodi Williams Rachel Dinerman Lisa McFarland John and Ellen Yates Christopher and Elizabeth Morris Bill and Lisa Douglas Duncan and Jennifer O'Brien **Brandon and Lindsey Downs** Gunnar and Tonya Olson Walt Ehmer

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Melissa Knowles, CNN correspondent for HLN's "Morning Express with Robin Meade," Horizons volunteer, and wife of a Horizons Atlanta board member, films part of a highlight on our organization that aired in November.



Horizons Atlanta scholars, together with Horizons National board member Mary Brock, take to the court before an Atlanta Dream game at State Farm Arena in June. CSG Interactive Messaging

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Georgia native and current
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Josh Dobbs visits the Horizons
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Connected Communities
hosted a Summer Learning
Carnival for the entire
Horizons Atlanta region
in celebration of National
Summer Learning Week. On
behalf of the Atlanta City
Council, Matt Westmoreland
proclaimed July 10th
Horizons Atlanta Day in the
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