

Removing Roadblocks on the Path to The Promise



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Overview

- The “Other” Homewood
- What are the Roadblocks?
- What is the Opportunity?
- What is the Plan?

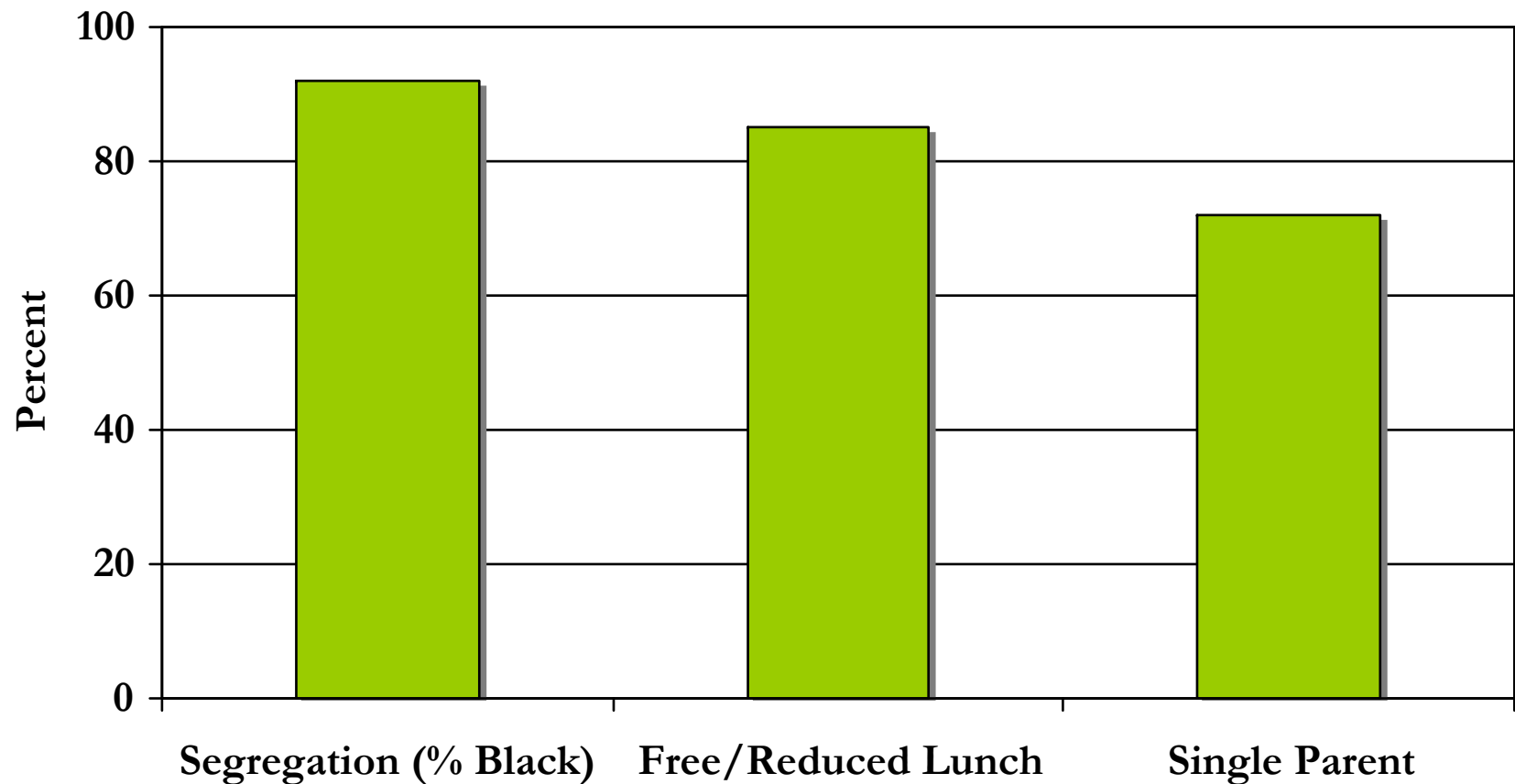


The “Other” Homewood

- History
- Location
- Topography
- Educational Legacy
- Beautiful Buildings
- Committed Stakeholders



The Roadblock: Poverty



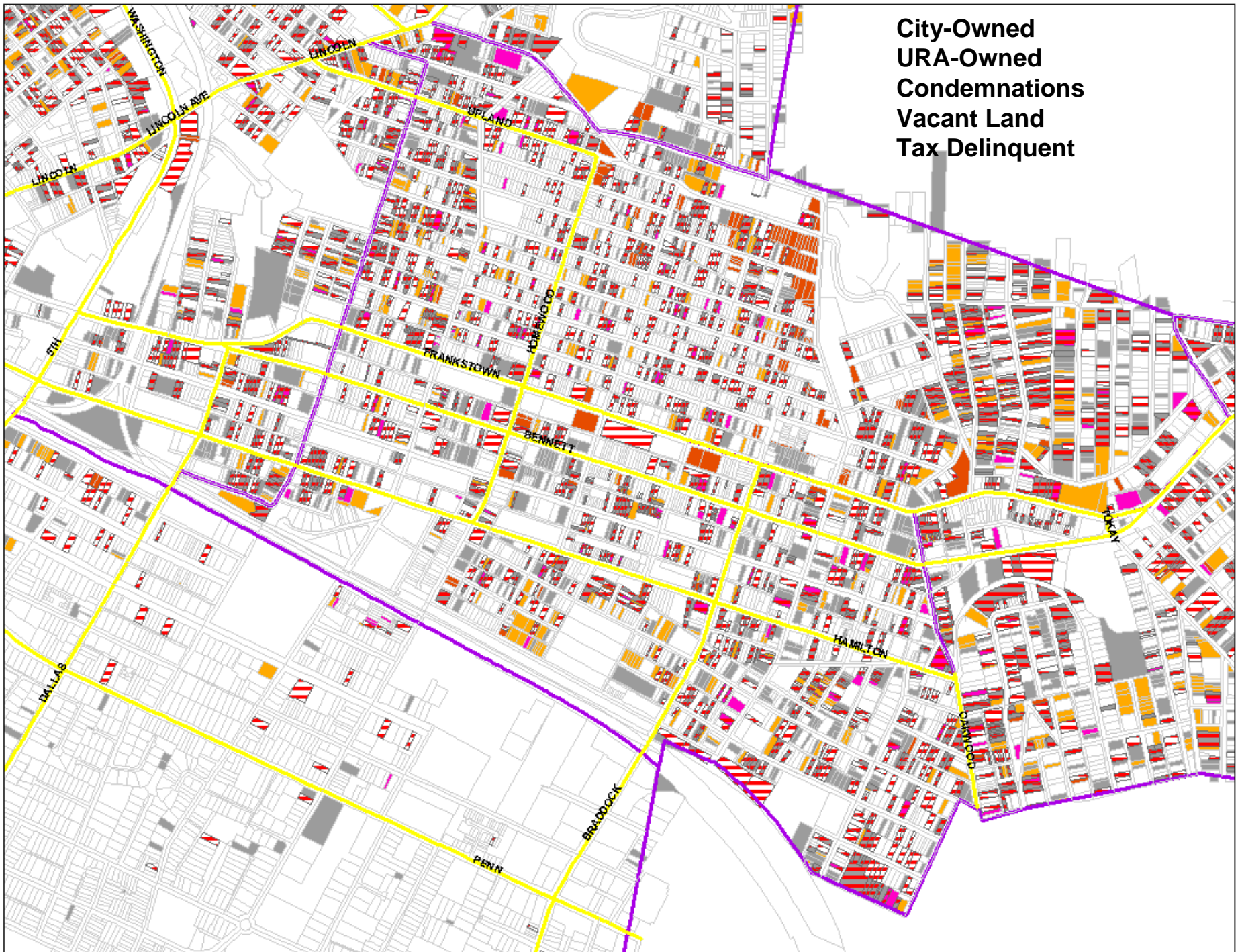
Roadblocks: Consequences of Concentrated Poverty

- Academic Roadblocks
 - Grades, PSSA, Attendance
- Non-Academic Roadblocks
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health
 - Physical Health Problems
 - Exposure to Violence
 - Neighborhood Conditions





**City-Owned
URA-Owned
Condemnations
Vacant Land
Tax Delinquent**



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MURDER!

IN HOMEWOOD

April 12, 2006

May 8, 2003

\$5,000 Reward

Witness Protection Program

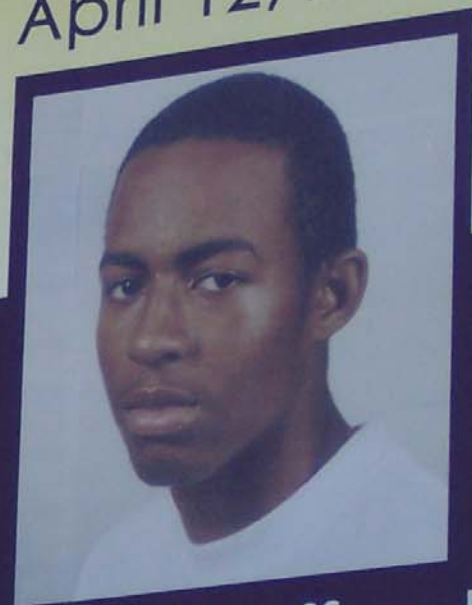
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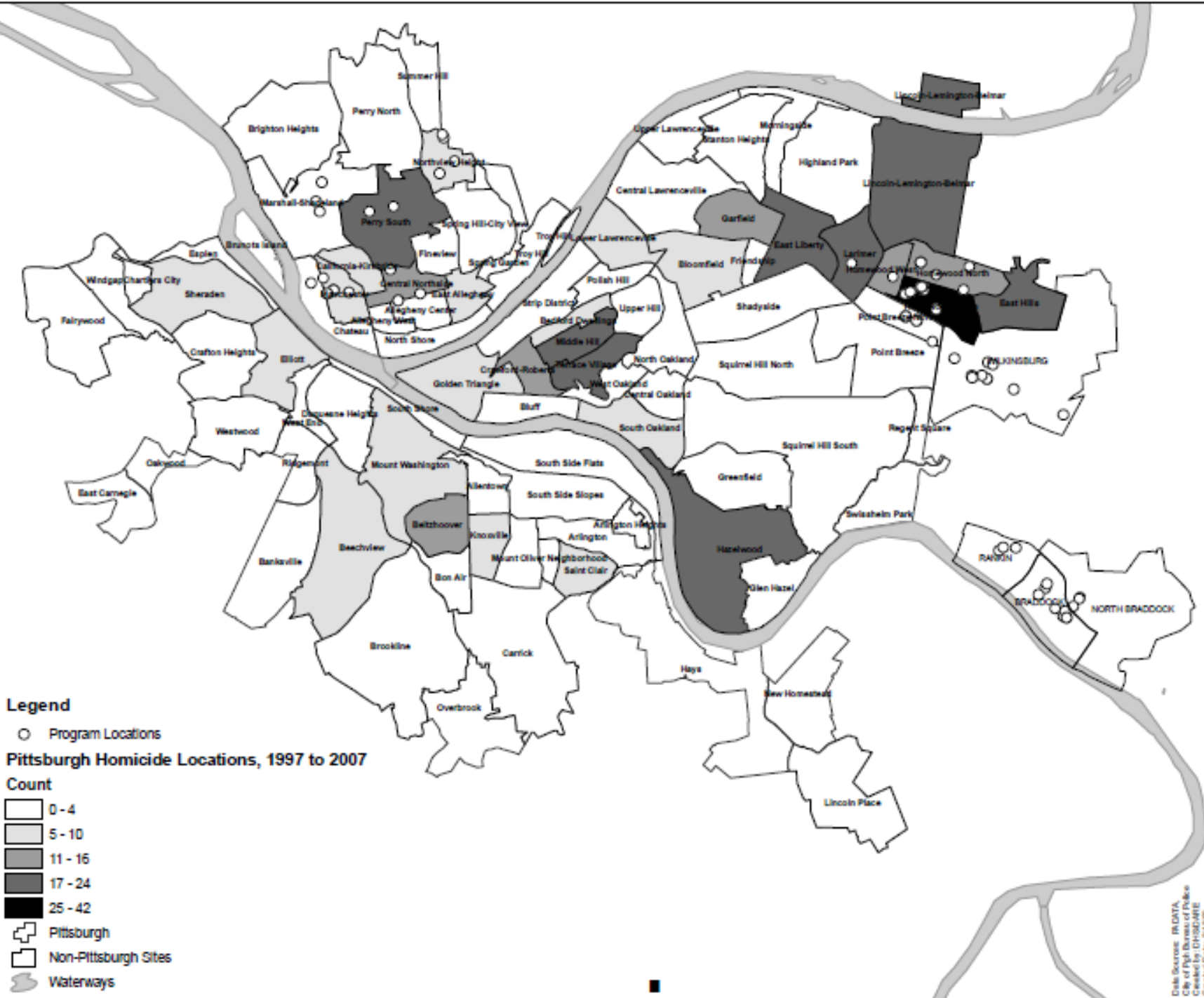


Terrin Smith



Franklin Sheffey, Jr

Location of City of Pittsburgh Homicides, 1997 to 2007 (N=525) Mapped with the Location of Violence Prevention Programs



The Opportunity: The Promise to Homewood Children

Pittsburgh Public Schools
Board of Education

Date May 12, 2009

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

Homewood's Children

\$37,680,000

Thirty-Seven Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand DOLLARS

MEMO Your Future

Mark Roosevelt

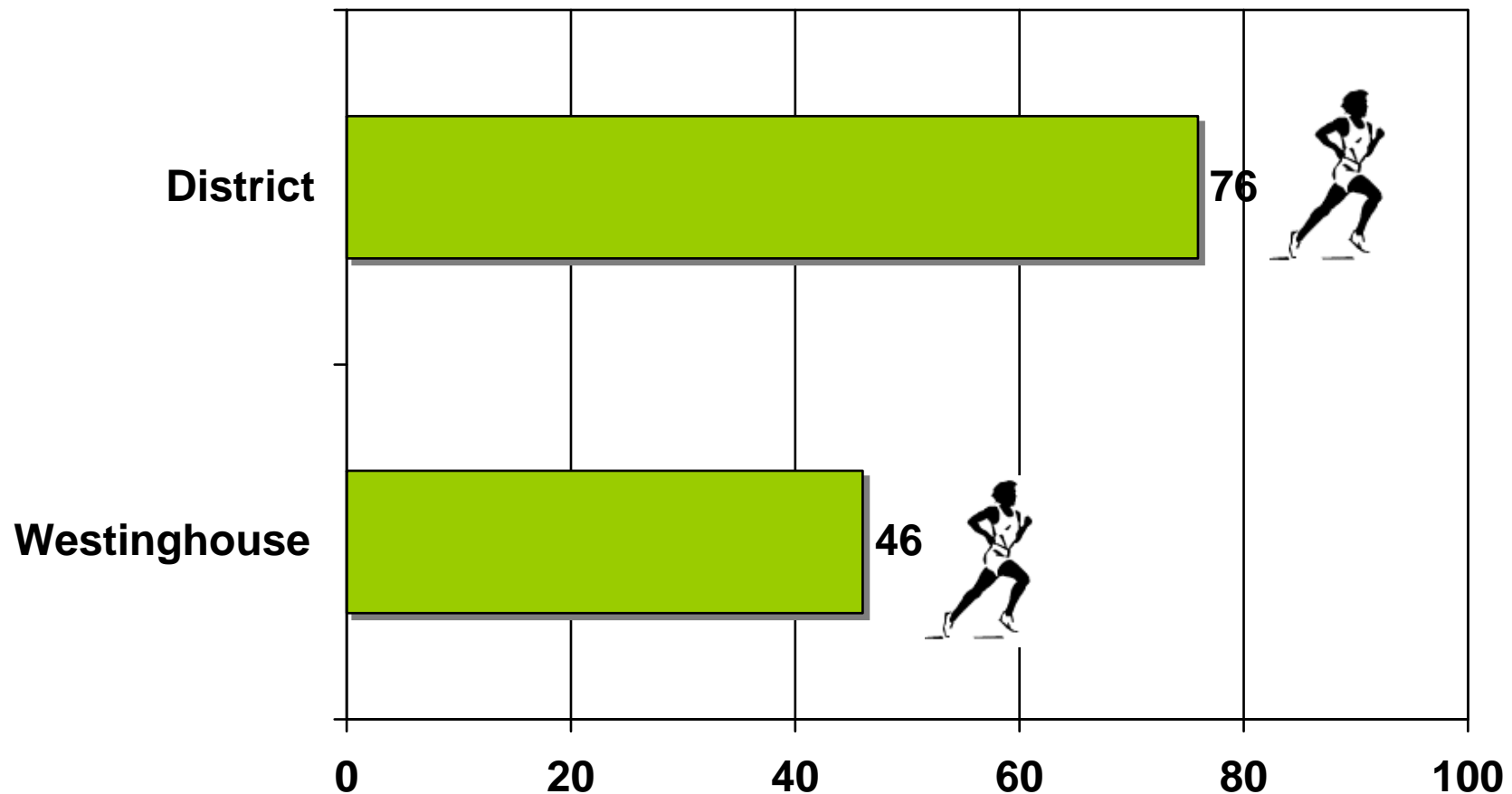
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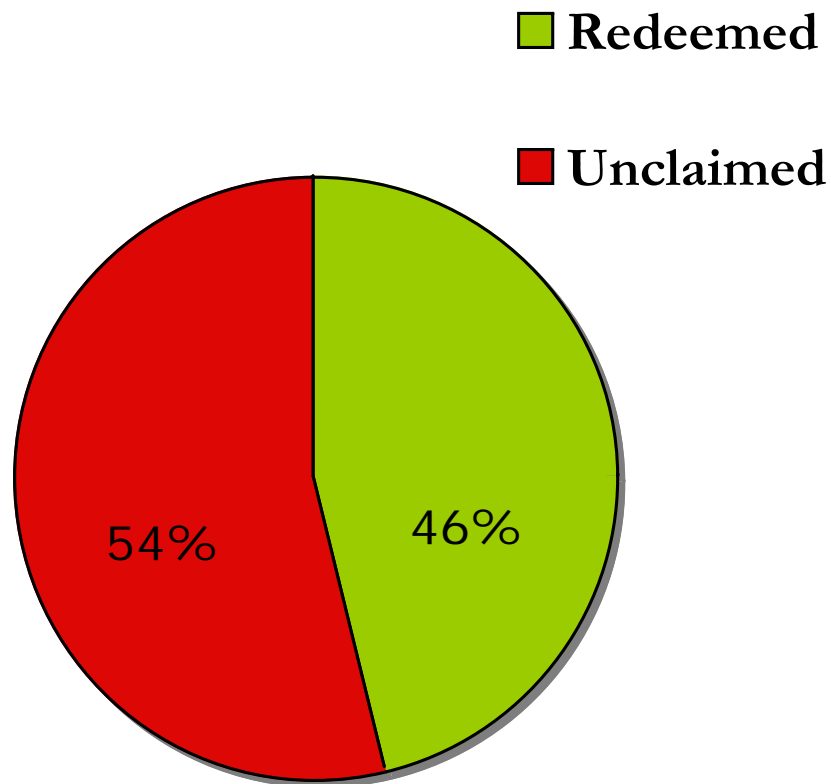
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The Opportunity: Homewood's Children Not "Promise" Ready



The Opportunity: Homewood “Promise” Fund*



- Projected Amount
\$37,680,000
- Projected Amount
Redeemed
\$17,332,800
- Projected Amount
Unclaimed
\$20,347,200

*Based on Projected Total 2009 Homewood
Schools Enrollment N=942

The Plan to Redeem the Promise: Homewood Children' Village (HCV)

- Comprehensive Community Initiative
- Removing Academic and Non-Academic Barriers
- Revitalizing Community
- Strategy—Adapt Harlem Children's Zone Model

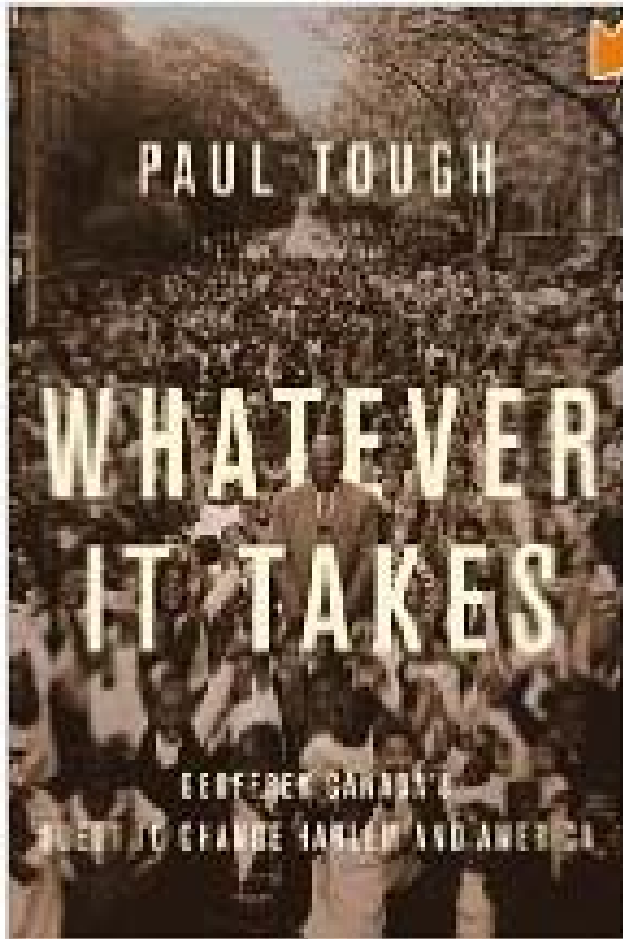
Harlem Children's Zone, Inc.



4 Pillars

- Community Building
- Evidence-Based Programs
- Scale
- Evaluation

The Plan: HCZ Results



- 10,000 kids, 97 Blocks
- 81% of Parent's more likely to read to their children
- 100% of preschoolers kindergarten ready
- 97% of 8th graders math proficient
- 100s of kids in college
- National chess champions

The Plan: Replicate the Harlem Children's Zone

"[I]nstead of helping some kids beat the odds, the Harlem Children's Zone is actually changing the odds altogether.

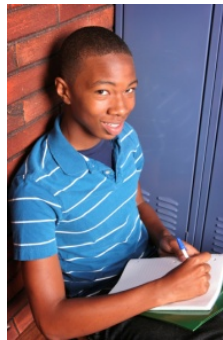
[T]he first part of my plan to combat urban poverty will be to replicate the Harlem Children's Zone in twenty cities across the country."



The Plan: Paving the Path from Poverty to Prosperity



Early
Childhood



Elementary

Middle
School

High
School



Pittsburgh
Promise

College

Community Building, Family, Social Service and Health Programs

The Plan: HZC Exploration Team



The Plan: Our Partners

- ❑ **Allegheny County Department of Human Services**
—Randy Aussenberg, Erin Dalton, Robert Stumpp, Katie Meehan
- ❑ **City of Pittsburgh** —Mayor's Office—Lauren Byrne, Ed Gainey, Kim Graziani, (*Mayor's Office*), Crystal Sumpter (Councilman Burgess' Office)
- ❑ **Pittsburgh Bureau of Police** —Rashall Brackney
- ❑ **Community Residents**—Sarah B. Campbell (HBCCO), Elwin Green (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette), Kiva Fischer-Green
- ❑ **Operation Better Block** —Aliya Durham

The Plan: Our Partners

- ❑ **Pittsburgh Public Schools** —Shemeca Crenshaw, Errika Fearby Jones, Derrick Lopez,
- ❑ **YMCA**—Olivia Jones, Emily Renner, Eric Williams
- ❑ **PNC**—David Hopkins, Mary Ellen Sullivan (*PNC Bank*),
- ❑ **Homewood Brushton Community-Coalition Organization**
- ❑ **Building United of Southwestern PA** —Rev. Samuel Ware (*BUSP/HBCCO*),
- ❑ **University of Pittsburgh** —John Wallace (OBB, Bible Center Church)
- ❑ **United Way** —Wendy E. Smith
- ❑ **RK Mellon Foundation**—Scott Izzo
- ❑ **Rosedale Block Cluster**—Diane Swann



PROMISE ACADEMY I CHARTER SCHOOL
Dennis McKesey, Principal

ACADEMIC SCORING LEADERS 2007-2008
GRADE K

Mathematics

Harcourt: Mid-Year Mathematics Assessment

Harcourt Kindergarten Mathematics Chapters 1-8 (March 18-19, 2008)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Proficiency</u>
<i>Greene/Terry</i>	<i>90%</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>86%</i>
<i>Overton</i>	<i>84%</i>
<i>Mintz</i>	<i>80%</i>



Special Recognition Goes to . . .

April



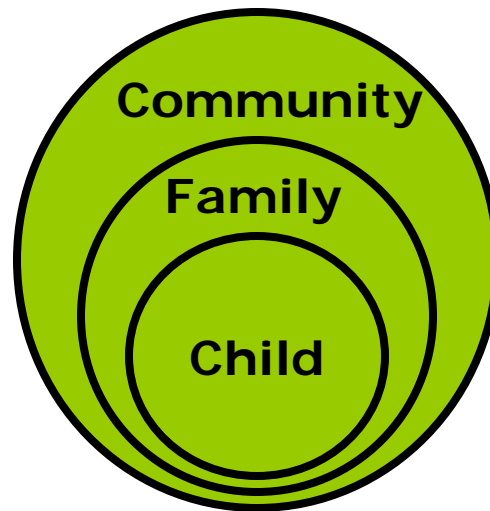
Ms. Benson, Ms. Wilson
Class 3-111

Boudie, Alexandru
Carpitelli, Karen
Cassano, Javier
Diaby, Guematsu
Jensen, Brandon
Martinez, Terrence
Mathewson, Tarynia
Mokoye, Nene
Shuff, Kaitika

The Plan: Expanding the Lighthouse Partnering with PPS on Westinghouse Full-Service School



**Strong Core
Instructional
Program**



**Educational,
Recreational &
Cultural Enrichment**

**Medical, Dental, Mental Health and
Social Services**

The Plan: Our Progress

- \$50,000 Office of Research
- \$400,000 Richard King Mellon "State of the Village" Report In Progress
- Funder's Meeting
- Facilitated Meeting With Geoffrey Canada and Mayor Ravenstahl
- Hosted Geoffrey Canada at CRSP



The Plan: Next Steps

- Additional Funding
- East End School Reform Task Force
- School Social Work/Full Service School Partnership
- Encourage Data Sharing PPS , DHS
- Promise Neighborhood Submission

