



HORIZONS[®]

Springside Chestnut Hill Academy

IMPACT REPORT

Summer 2025

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Dear Horizons Community,

Summer 2025 marked another incredible chapter in our mission to close opportunity gaps and create joyful learning experiences for all children. With the support of our families, staff, volunteers, and donors, we welcomed 78 students into a summer filled with discovery, growth, and connection.

As we reflect on our fifth summer, we take pride in the program's growth. From academic tools like BellXcel and Math For Love, to enriching field trips across the region, to welcoming civic leaders and authors into our classrooms — every moment reflected the heart of our program: relationships. We are especially proud of our students' progress, strong attendance, and the commitment of our growing Horizons at SCH community.

As we look toward 2026, we are excited to expand our reach and deepen our impact — including hiring a full-time Executive Director and welcoming a new Kindergarten class. Together, we're making a future where every child can thrive — not just in the summer, but all year long.

With gratitude,
Kenyatta Patterson, Ed.D
Site Director



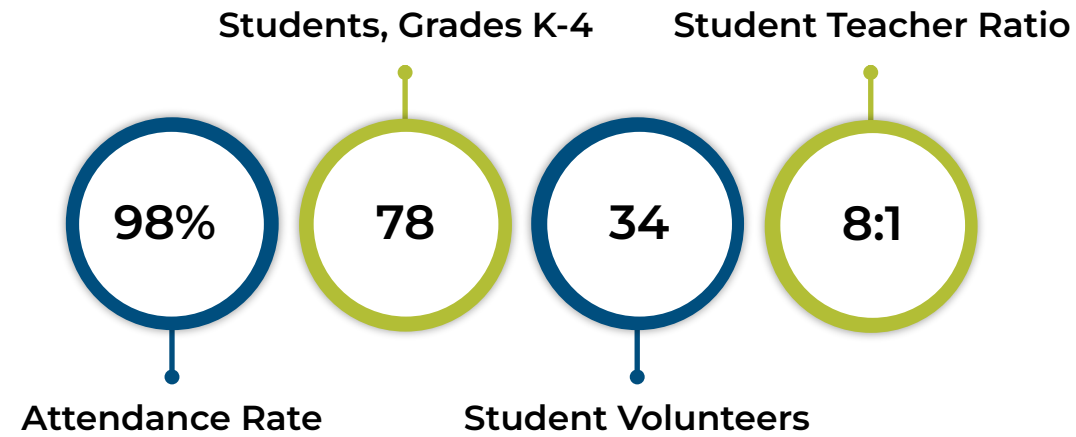
Vision: A future in which every child thrives



Mission: We 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.



Impact at a Glance



Voices of Horizons

"I value how hands on Dr. Patterson is with all of the children and the engagement from the staff and volunteers!"

Horizons Parent

"It was a really cool experience getting to know the kids and help them learn."

Student Volunteer

"I invest in Horizons because it is a proven program that expands opportunity and transforms the lives of children across Philadelphia."

**Emily Hawkins,
HSCH Board Chair**

"I am proud to support Horizons because it strengthens the fabric of our Philadelphia community."

Horizons Donor

Horizons at SCH (HSCH) deepens its commitment to educational equity by investing in high-quality curricula and holistic learning experiences.



Math: The **Math for Love** curriculum is hands-on and inquiry-based, helping students build confidence, critical thinking, and a genuine love of problem-solving

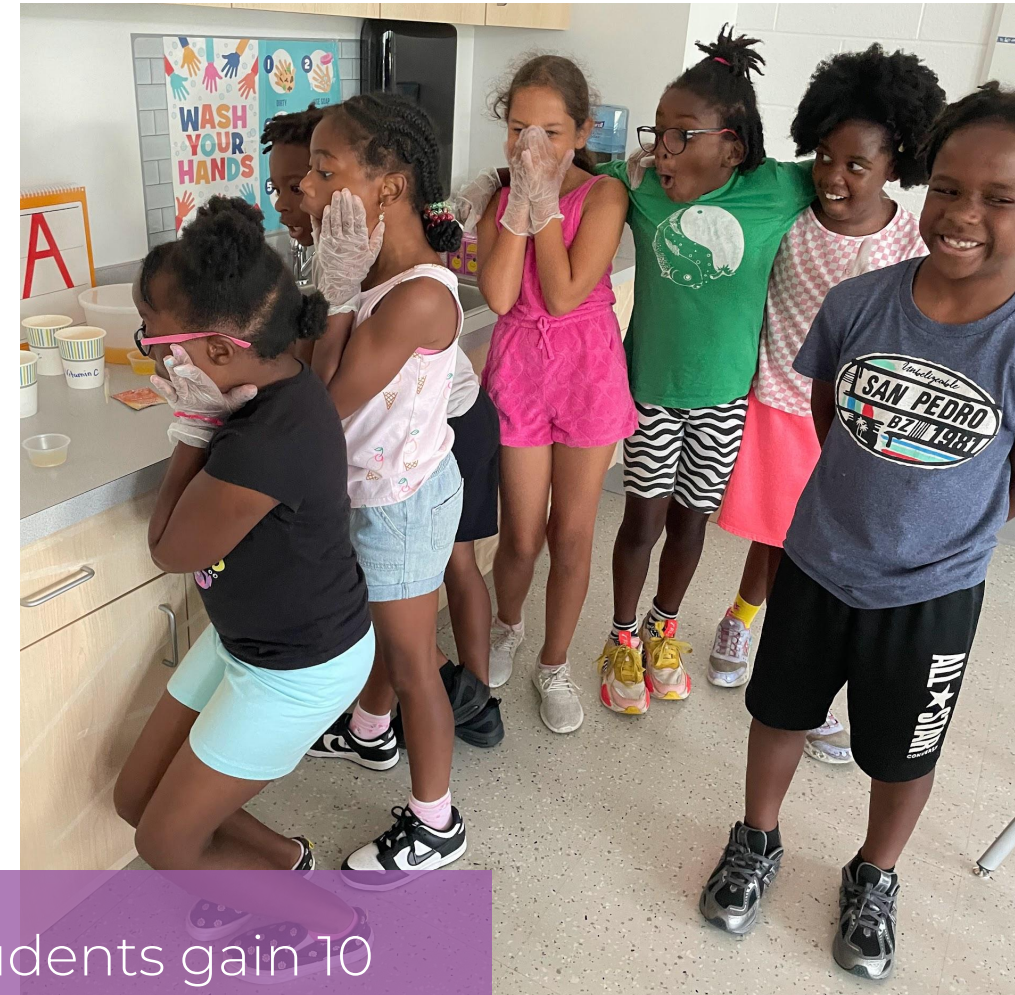


English Language Arts (ELA): This summer, Horizons expanded its ELA program with new and enhanced literacy tools.

- **BellXcel (Grades 3+):** evidence-based curriculum provided personalized reading instruction for every student
- **Reading A to Z:** Used in guided reading groups and supported by licensed reading specialists, this adaptive tool strengthened skills across all reading levels.



Social-Emotional Learning (SEL): Using the **Second Step** curriculum, students practiced lessons that built emotional regulation, empathy, and decision-making skills.



Horizons students gain 10 weeks of academic skills in just 6 weeks, on average.

Horizons National Data

At Horizons at SCH, learning extends beyond the classroom. Through field trips and community connections, students explore the world, building confidence, curiosity, and cultural awareness.

Field Trips: Students had the opportunity to explore nature, science, and the arts through a rich series of field trips across the region:

- Awbury Arboretum
- Dixon Meadow Preserve
- The Franklin Institute
- Philadelphia Zoo
- Smith Memorial Playground
- City Hall & Historic Civic Tour
- Wissahickon Ice Rink
- Briar Bush Nature Center
- Horizons Greater Philadelphia Swim Meet

Special Guests & Community Partners: We proudly welcomed community leaders and local changemakers to our Friday **Harambee Circle**, where they shared experiences and highlighted the power of civic engagement and storytelling.

- Philadelphia City Council Member Isaiah Thomas
- Philadelphia City Council Member Cindy Bass
- Author Carlos Walker
- Horizons Board Member Dana Hudson-Walters



Enrichment and Partnerships

Enrichment activities provide students with hands-on experiences that deepen and add to their learning. Sessions expose children to new skills while expanding their sense of curiosity and possibility.



Swimming is a cornerstone of the Horizons summer program so students were in the pool every week. Red Cross certified instruction was provided on-site and at Temple Ambler through Dive & Thrive. Students also participated in weekly **golf lessons** led by First Tee Greater Philadelphia, one of our valued community partners.



Throughout the summer, students engaged in a wide range of programs that introduced them to new ideas, skills, and career paths. These included:

- **Nutrition** with Alana O'Reilly, Scientific Director, Immersion Science Program
- **Entrepreneurial Leadership** with SCH faculty member Juliet Fajardo
- **Architectural Building for STEM** workshops with architect and HSCH board member Kris Powell
- **Robotics** with Dr. Daniel Jacobs, SCH Robotics Director
- **Music** with SCH faculty member Terrance Hart
- **Theatre Arts** with Jenna Moskowitz, Arts Educator
- **Quickball** with Haneef Hill of Urban Kings and Queens, a former board member and valued community partner

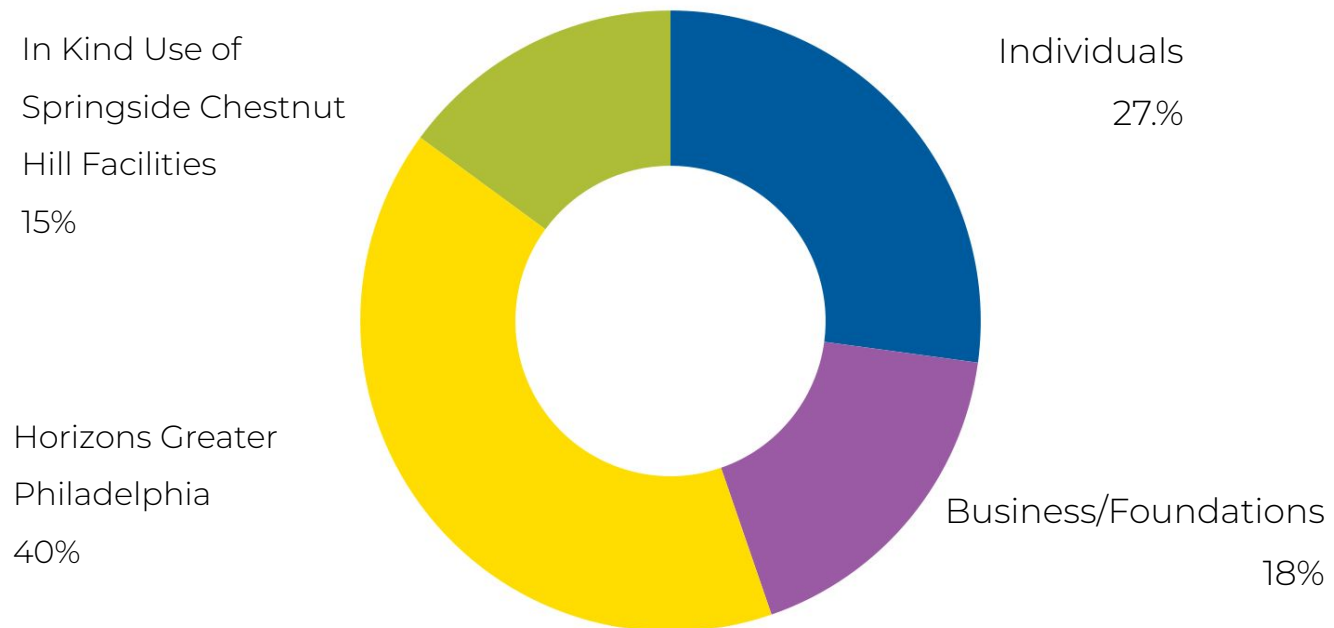


Student Led Courses: As an extension of their entrepreneurial leadership projects, SCH rising Juniors led **Tennis** clinics (Anav Edwards, Asher Hawkins, and Cade Stone) and **Music Production** (Matthew Lee, Ben Swain, and Max Tonken).



Horizons at SCH is a tuition-free program, funded entirely by charitable donations. Your gifts directly support teachers, educational supplies, enrichment activities, meals, and transportation. Generous backing from the Northwest Philadelphia and SCH communities—along with matching funds from Horizons Greater Philadelphia and SCH’s in-kind facilities—allows the program to operate with exceptional efficiency and impact.

Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue Sources

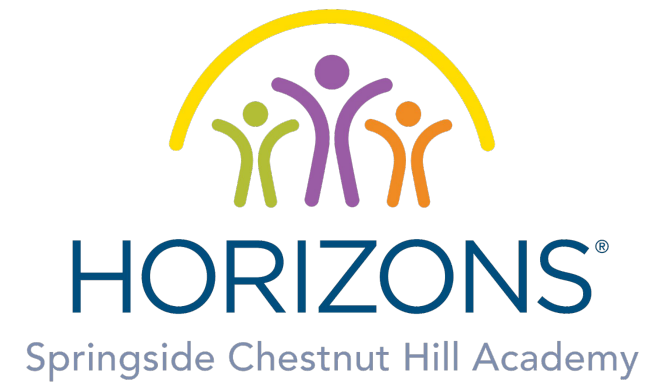


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Thank you to retiring board and staff members:

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Thank you – donors, teachers, students, families, and volunteers – for being an essential part of the Horizons at SCH community. Your support continues to drive the powerful impact we create together.