



**HORIZONS**<sup>®</sup>

Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School

## We Believe in the Promise of Opportunity for All Children.

### OUR MISSION:

As an affiliate of Horizons National, Horizons at Cristo Rey's mission is to improve the life trajectory of students from under-served communities across Philadelphia by instilling in them the joy of learning, the skills for success, and the inspiration to realize their dreams.

### THE PROBLEM:

- The achievement gap between children from under-served communities and their more affluent peers is typically six months when a child begins kindergarten and grows to almost three years by fifth grade, making it nearly irreversible by middle school.
- Summer learning loss also known as the "summer slide" is a major contributor to the achievement gap. Without programs like Horizons, children from under-served communities experience a substantial and cumulative erosion of reading and math skills that can leave them years behind their peers and at a higher risk of dropping out of high school.



### THE OPPORTUNITY:

- The Horizons at Cristo Rey program is six week, tuition-free, high quality summer academic and enrichment program serving children in North Philadelphia.
- Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School will implement the Horizons program in partnership with Kenderton Elementary, the public K-8 neighborhood school that serves most of the Nicetown-Tioga section of North Philadelphia.
- The program will start by enrolling 30 kindergarten and first grade students from Kenderton Elementary beginning in Summer 2021.
- The Horizons model makes a long-term commitment to prevent summer learning loss. Students continue in the summer program every summer up until the 8th grade.

### THE RESULTS: *(from Horizons National):*

- Students achieve an average 2-3 month improvement in reading and math skills over each summer session.
- Students achieve higher attendance rates and less disciplinary referrals during the school year.
- Field trips, swimming lessons and other enrichment activities enhance students' social emotional learning and confidence.
- 97% of Horizons students nationwide graduate high school and 91% of those graduates go onto college/ other post-secondary training.

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# Help Us Create Brighter Futures



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## WHY HORIZONS?

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### Proven Model:

Horizons has a time-tested model that began in 1964 and has grown to 55+ programs in 19 states.



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### Under-served Community:

Children in under-served communities are just as capable as their affluent peers but do not have access to the same resources without programs like Horizons.

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### Real Results:

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### Brighter Futures:

Horizons offers enrichment opportunities in art, technology and more, helping students explore their interests, find a love for learning and realize their full potential.

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### Dedicated Role Models:

Experienced teachers and student volunteers build meaningful relationships with Horizons students, becoming mentors and role models.



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### Community Partnership:

Horizons at Cristo Rey is partnering with our neighboring public school and will show children in North Philadelphia that they do not have to leave their communities for enriching academic experiences.

## GIVING LEVELS:

- \$100: Program supplies for one student
- \$250: Breakfast, lunch and snack for one student for all six weeks
- \$500: Six weeks of swimming classes for one student
- \$1,000: Field trip for all 30 students
- \$2,500: Sponsor a student (The full cost per student for the six-week program is \$2,500. Horizons at Cristo Rey will be at no out of pocket cost to families.)

## CONTACT US:

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