HOMEWOOD CHILDREN’S VILLAGE
Annual Report
August 2012–July 2013
FROM A VISION TO A VILLAGE

My journey began when I joined the Homewood partners on a pilgrimage to the Harlem Children’s Zone in 2008. There, the vision for the Homewood Children’s Village was born. To improve the lives of Homewood’s children, we each had to take an interest in their personal, individual circumstance. A child is not nameless and nor is a child simply a data point. Each child has a personal story that informs how he/she navigates the world. I was required to be fully present with each one. I had to see each one. In short, each child had to become my child, and the Village had to cultivate those caring, consistent relationships “one adult” and “one child” at a time.

In just two years of full operation, the Village now serves more than 1000 students and families every day! That’s one quarter of the school-age population in Homewood, Lincoln-Larimer, and Lemington! The vision of ten pilgrims to Harlem has become the Homewood Children’s Village!

Join us in our mission “to improve the lives of Homewood’s children and to reweave the fabric of the community in which they live.” I am the Village! You are the Village! Collectively, we can change this community, so that “Every Child Succeeds.”

Derrick Lopez
President and CEO

PROMISE FULFILLMENT

Our work promotes college-readiness among young people to build a strong foundation for post-secondary learning and to facilitate college completion.

The Bridge-to-College program engaged 25 Homewood high school students in the summer of 2013, helping them pursue the Pittsburgh Promise scholarship and maximize their opportunities post-graduation. In fall 2013, the Promise Fulfillment Network added nine new matriculates to the 11 students returning to college from last year.

FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

At Faison K-5, Lincoln K-5, University Prep 6-12, and Westinghouse 6-12, we added 23 adults to work with school staff and provide academic coaching, behavioral support, mentoring and role modeling, both inside and outside the classroom. We also coordinated out-of-school time activities in partnership with the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

A Full Service Community School is both a place of learning—literally a school—and a set of partnerships between community resources working together to dramatically improve student success.
Building community means reaching out and engaging our residents in the work of the Village as well as supporting other community-related events that serve to celebrate and impact the neighborhood.

The Village is proud of the many community-related events we have coordinated over the years, including our annual events: Back-to-School Block Party, State of the Village Reception, Health and Wellness Expo, Safe Walk to School events, and Coats 4 Kids program, to name a few.

CHILD AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

We work to address the health needs of children and families in the areas of physical health, mental and behavioral health, nutrition, and physical activity.

The Office of Child and Community Health provides “Power Packs”—weekend nutrition to struggling children and families; facilitates physicals for community student-athletes; and hosts Girls on the Run. We promote general community wellness activities through “Walking Wednesdays,” the Health Matters Series and our annual Health and Wellness Fair.
In partnership with Bible Center Church, the Homewood Children’s Village plans to engage local after-school providers to explore ways to better serve our children and families. This work is currently in the discovery phase.

To date, a scan of the landscape of Homewood’s Faith, Family, and Out-of-School Time (FFOoST) programs highlights 16 providers: 5 faith-based and 11 community-based providers. The FFOoST offered a range of activities from homework help and tutoring, to recreation and art, to science and technology. Dinner and/or snacks are served by all providers. Community service and field trips are also an important part of some of these programs.

The Early Learning Hub provides professional development resources to early childhood educators and home-based care providers. The Hub also works with individual parents and families of young children to promote kindergarten readiness through programs like Come Play!; Raising Readers Parents’ Club; and Family Get Togethers.

In partnership with the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, the Homewood Early Learning Hub is a place for Homewood’s early learning community to gather, learn and play!
STUDENTS are served by the Homewood Children’s Village every day!

1,000+

80,438

830

75

300

300

20

77

16,541

INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS

STUDENTS

are part of the Power Pack weekend program

300+

RESIDENTS and COMMUNITY MEMBERS

worked together to build our KaBOOM! Playground

300+

STUDENT-ATHLETES

participate on HCV related sports teams

970

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

participated in HCV-sponsored community programs

18

STUDENTS

are part of our Power Pack weekend program

Friends of the Village

20

STUDENTS

are part of the Bridge-to-College program

DOLLARS IN STIPENDS

are paid to students in the Promise Circle

$25–$499

Anonymous

$500–$999

Wesley Pullen

$1,000–$4,999

Mr. & Mrs. William Gregory Elkins

$5,000

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Pittsburgh Faison K-5

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RaShall M. Brackney

Michael Assaf

Barbara Anderson

Patricia Alexander

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