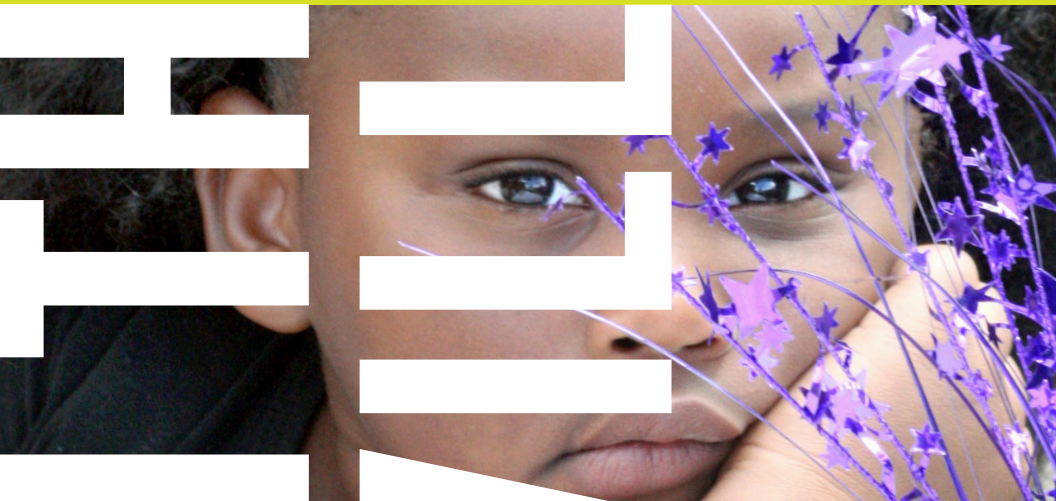
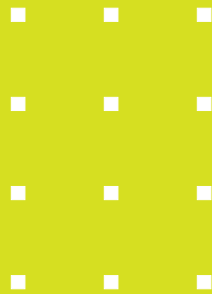


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HOMEWOOD CHILDREN'S VILLAGE
Annual Report
August 2012–July 2013



PROMISE FULFILLMENT

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



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 collectively working together to dramatically improve student success.





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.

COMMUNITY

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.

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.





FAITH, FAMILY, AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

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.

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.



LOOK INSIDE ►

EARLY LEARNING

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!

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.





AM THE VILLAGE

I AM _____
WRITE YOUR NAME HERE

18 STUDENTS
are part of our Power Pack
weekend nutrition 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

1,000+ STUDENTS
are served by the
Homewood Children's
Village every day!

80,438 INDIVIDUAL
CONTACTS
made by individual staff members
with students, parents, residents
and Village supporters

830 STUDENTS
are educated in Full Service
Community Schools

75 STUDENTS
are transported to and from
school in partnership with Bible
Center Church

70 MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS
are building a culture of
excellence in partnership with
Higher Achievement Pittsburgh

77 STUDENTS
participate in our Bridge-to-
College program in partnership
with the YMCA Lighthouse Project

20 COLLEGE
STUDENTS
are supported by our Promise
Fulfillment Network

16,541 DOLLARS
IN STIPENDS
were paid to students in
Bridge-to-College and Promise
Fulfillment Network

President's Circle

\$5000+
Anonymous

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