



# IMPACT REPORT

2024  
2025

# WITH GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

For 30 years, Horizons National has been driven by a simple but powerful idea: when children are given safe, joyful, and consistent spaces to learn, belong, and grow, they will flourish—not just in school, but in life. Today, thanks to a thriving national network and the steadfast support of people like you, that idea touches the lives of more than **7,500 students each year**.

As we travel to Horizons programs every summer, we are reminded of the heart of this work. The laughter of children piling off the bus in the morning. The spark of pride in a student's face when they master a new skill. The trust and affection between students and teachers who return, year after year, to grow together. No matter where we go, the same themes come through: connection, belonging, joy. And time and again, the word we hear most is *family*.

As one teacher commented:

*"Horizons is more than just a summer program—it's a community. A place where students and teachers return year after year to continue their journey, fully known and celebrated for who they are."*

This year, as we mark our 30th Anniversary, we are filled with gratitude for all that has been accomplished, and with determination for what lies ahead. The need for Horizons has never been greater. Together, we can ensure that more children have the opportunities, relationships, and support they need to imagine and pursue brighter futures.

Thank you for walking with us on this journey, and for lifting us up along the way. Your belief in Horizons makes all the difference for our students, for their families, and for the future we are building together.



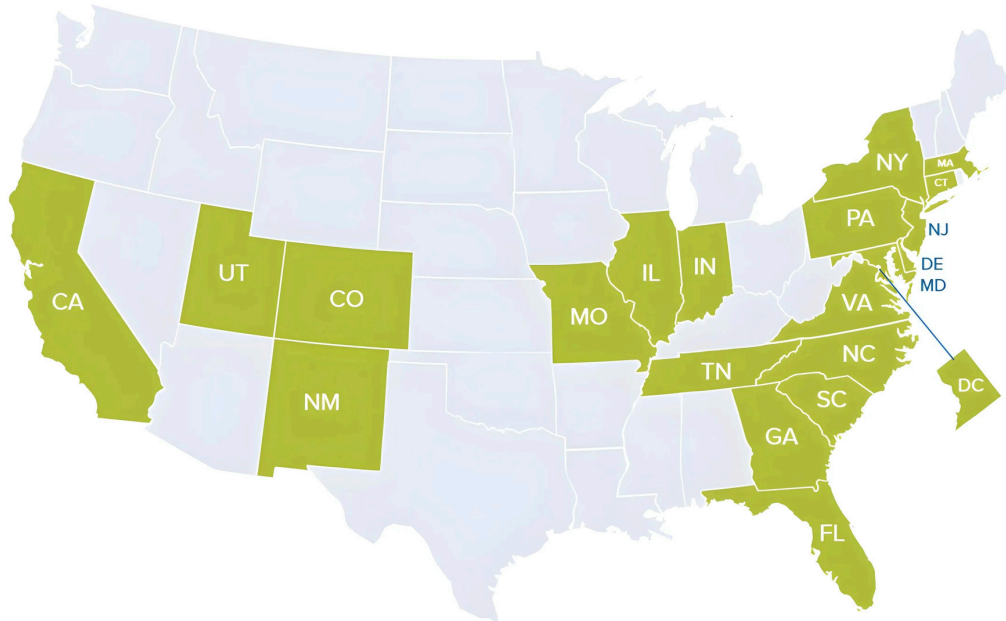
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Board Chair

**LORNA SMITH**  
Chief Executive Officer



# THE HORIZONS NETWORK

**71 SITES IN 21 STATES**



## NEW SITES IN 2024

**Denver Montessori School**  
Denver, CO

**Graland Country Day School**  
Denver, CO

**The Rectory School**  
Pomfret, CT

## NEW SITES IN 2025

**LaGuardia Community College**  
New York, NY

**Rowland Hall**  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**University of Chicago Charter School**  
Chicago, IL

**The Gateway School**  
New York, NY

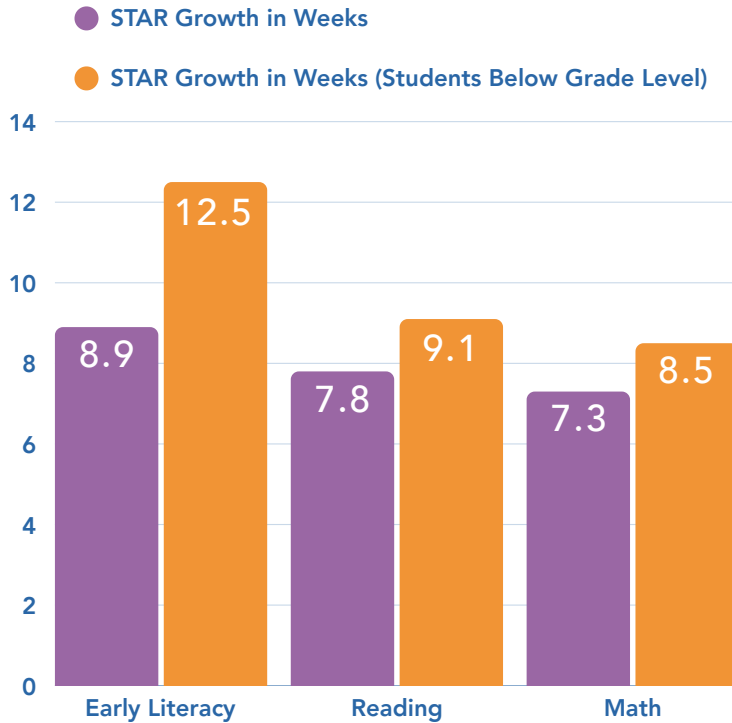
**2,900+**

EDUCATORS  
& STAFF

**7,500+**

STUDENTS  
SERVED

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Horizons uses Renaissance Learning's STAR Literacy and Math assessments to measure growth and inform instruction, ensuring that each child receives the targeted support they need.

EACH YEAR, HORIZONS STUDENTS GAIN 7-12 WEEKS OF PROFICIENCY IN READING AND MATH



Students who attend Horizons from kindergarten through 8th grade gain 2.5 additional years of learning



More than 90% of students in Horizons' high school programs graduate on time

## WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING

94%

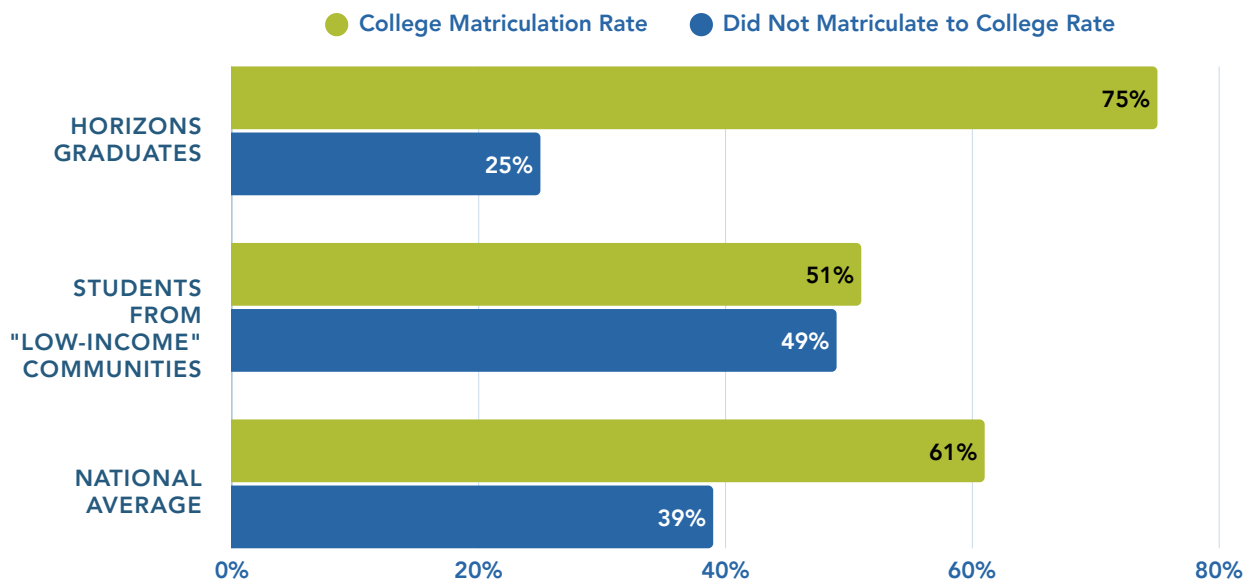
WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO RETURN NEXT YEAR

97%

ARE SATISFIED WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION

An analysis of 1,233 Horizons graduates showed that they are **50% more likely** to attend college than their peers.



75% matriculated to college — compared to 61% nationally, and 51% among students from low-income communities.

85% of Horizons alumni are college-, trade school-, or military-bound.

Horizons students don't just dream about college — they get there as a direct outcome of sustained relationships, high expectations, and consistent support.

# LEARNING TOGETHER



In 2025, three Regional Network Convenings were held to provide affiliates greater opportunities for networking, collaboration, and sharing innovations with their peers.

*Aaron Philip Dworkin, CEO of National Summer Learning Association, participates in a Q&A session with José Oromi, EVP of Horizons National, addressing the impact of federal policy shifts on education and youth development.*

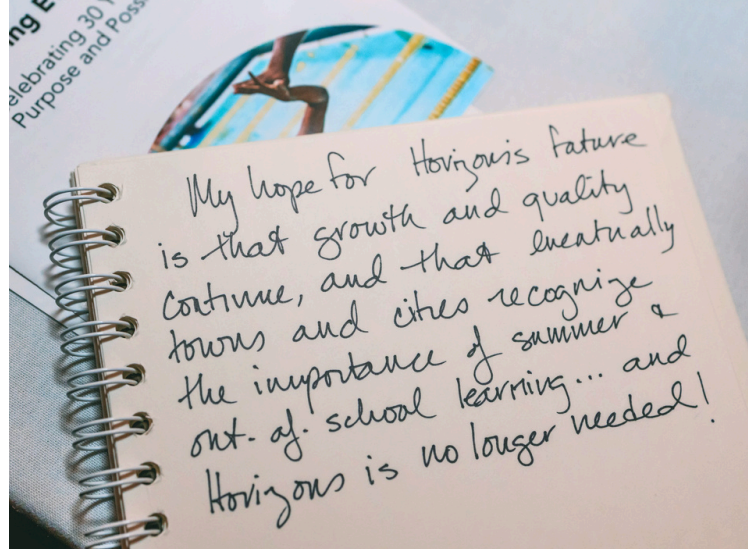
## THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS



## HORIZONS NATIONAL JOINS AMERICA'S PROMISE ALLIANCE



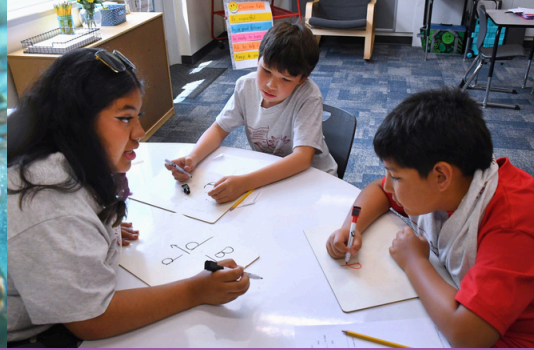
America's Promise Alliance, a national community of more than 150 nonprofits, mobilizes the youth-serving sector to achieve progress on challenges that are often too large or complex for any one organization to address on its own.



On September 29, 2025, many of Horizons National's most passionate champions gathered to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. What began as a simple idea to spark change in one community has grown into a powerful, nationwide movement. Together, we have built a Network that is stronger than ever, and our impact continues to grow. Thank you for being such a vital part of this journey!



# POWERED BY YOUR GENEROSITY



## Thank you!

Horizons National is a 100% donor-funded organization. Your generosity and commitment to our mission allow us to support the Horizons Network and expand our proven model to more communities, reaching more students who deserve the chance to thrive.

Please scan the QR Code to view our list of 2024 and 2025 supporters



## HORIZONS GIVINGDAY

**\$2,608,974** RAISED NETWORK WIDE

An Increase of 14% Over Horizons Giving Day Last Year

**3,184**

DONORS

**40**

PARTICIPATING  
AFFILIATES

# 2024 FINANCES



Horizons National invests an average of \$35,000 per site each year to strengthen affiliate programs, elevate quality, and support innovation so every student has the best possible experience.



## NETWORK REVENUE

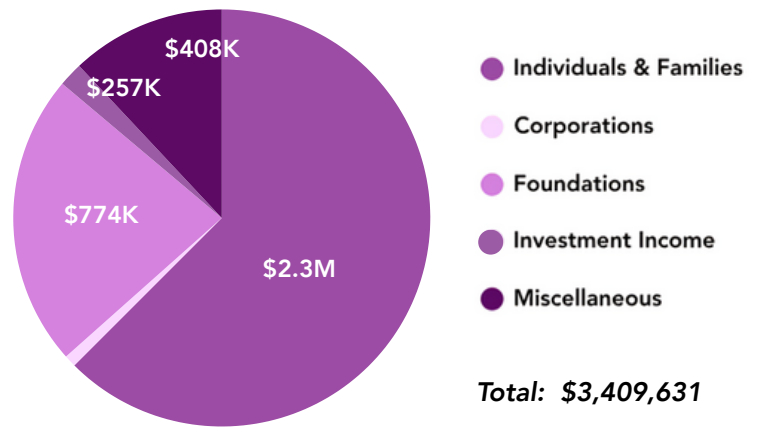
Horizons Affiliates **\$30.3M**

In-Kind Estimate **\$9.1M**

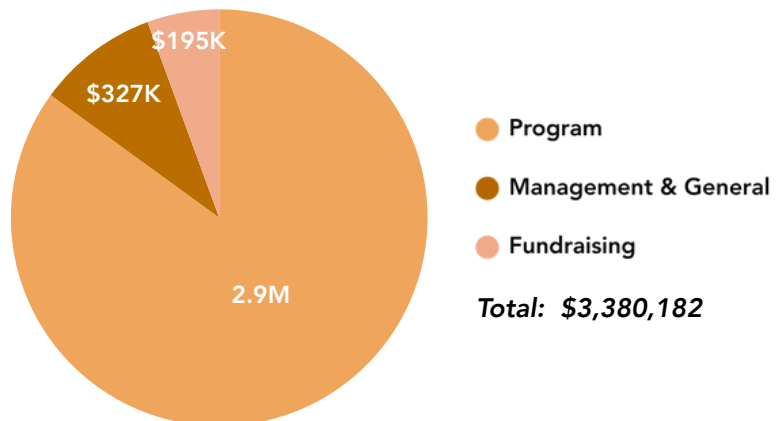
Horizons National **\$3.6M**

Total **\$43M**

## HORIZONS NATIONAL REVENUE



## HORIZONS NATIONAL EXPENSES



# HORIZONS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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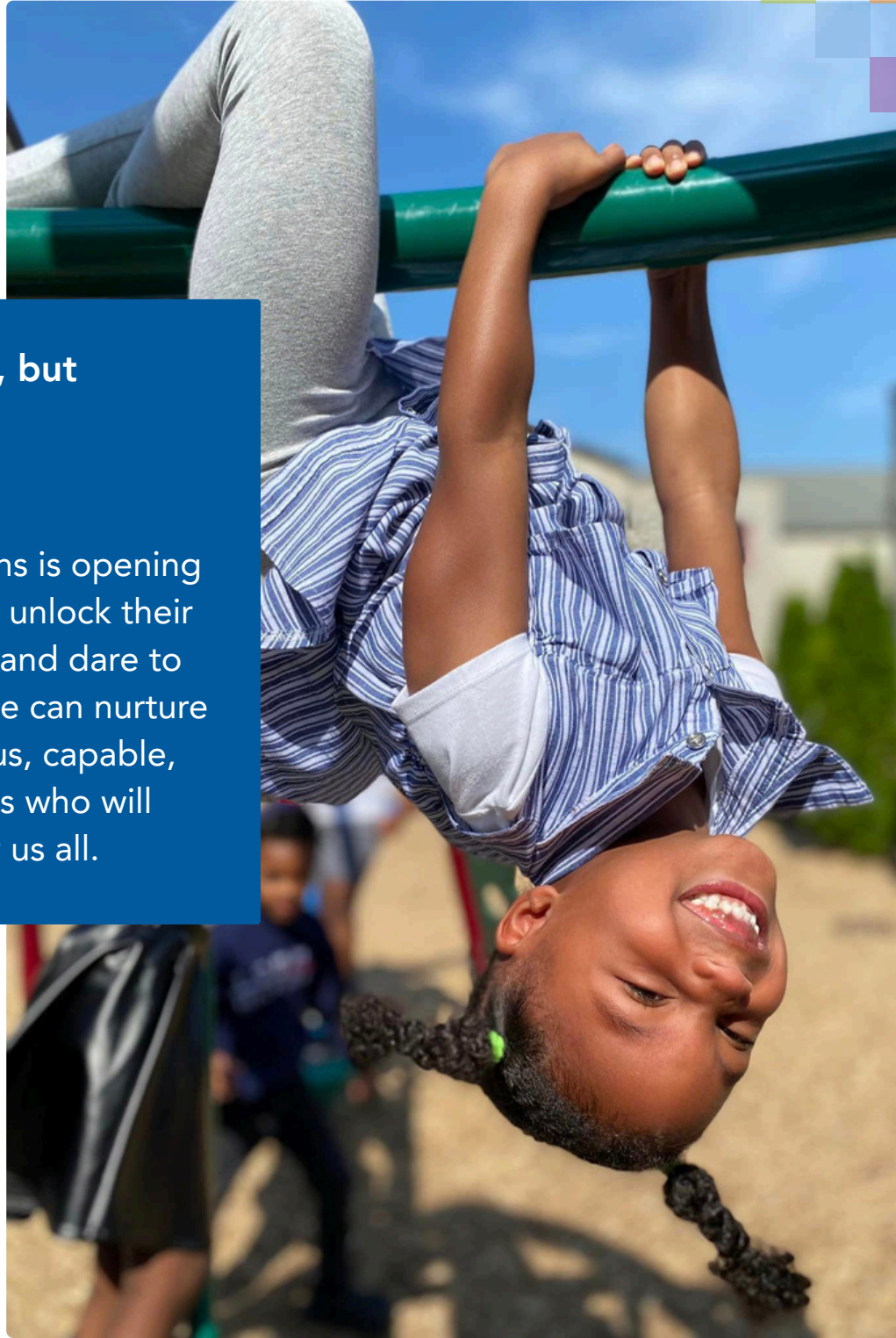
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# HORIZONS<sup>®</sup> NATIONAL

**Potential is everywhere, but  
opportunity is not.**

With your support, Horizons is opening doors for more children to unlock their potential, find their voice, and dare to dream bigger. Together, we can nurture a new generation of curious, capable, and compassionate citizens who will shape a brighter future for us all.





### **OUR 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.

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