

Annual Impact Report 2020

HSHU Community Commitment

Horizons is a safe, collaborative community that is like a supportive family. In this community, everyone is seen, heard, and respected. There are opportunities to be engaged, invested, and to ask for what you need from trustworthy adults. Your differences are celebrated. You can be your whole self and still be loved for who you are.

HSHU Community Values

We can feel **safe**:

- When we are **heard**
- When we are **responded to**
- When we can **make mistakes** and **work them through**
- When we know we are **not alone in our doubts, fears, and dreams**

Together Apart

2020 was the year we all discovered that we can be very much together, despite being physically apart. With shared values, a spirit of collaboration, and an abiding focus towards a common purpose – we were all united.

Letter From Board Chairs

Dear Friends,

2020 was a challenging year which impacted the 168 students served by Horizons at Sacred Heart University in large and small ways. Among the most vulnerable to the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, our students and their families needed broad help – academic, social-emotional, and practical - and the HSHU team stepped in to provide it:

- *Transforming our academic model to an online format*
- *Loaning technology to facilitate virtual learning*
- *Running supplemental one-on-one academic support sessions*
- *Developing and implementing programming to address issues of racial equity*
- *Providing essential school supplies for hands on learning*
- *Distributing gift cards and providing assistance to help meet basic needs such as food and housing*
- *Conducting phone calls to check in on the emotional well-being of students and parents*

These were just some of the ways HSHU supported our families during this unprecedented time when we were very much together, despite being physically apart. Indeed in spite of the challenges, the spirit of Horizons at Sacred Heart was never more apparent than it was in 2020.

This report reflects the commitment we make to each student as well as all we have accomplished in 2020. We also have a lot to look forward to in 2021 as we celebrate our 10th anniversary! **Your support continues to make everything we do for the Bridgeport children we serve possible.**

Sincerely,



R. Bradford Evans
Co-Chair, Board of Directors



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Co-Chair, Board of Directors

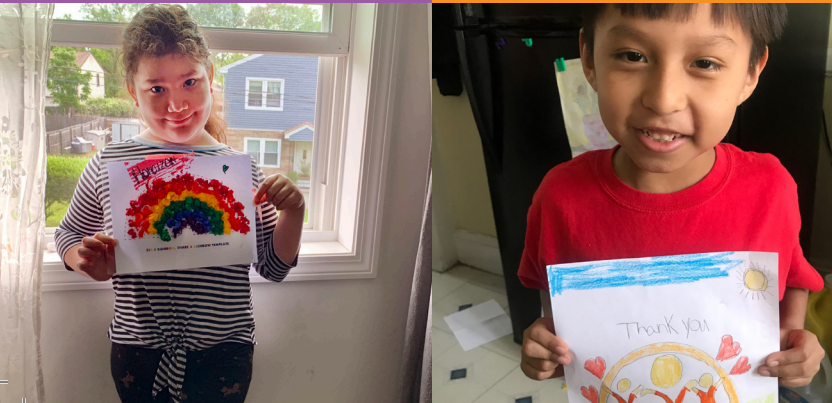
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Who We Serve

Ages: 5-18

Free/Reduced Lunch: 100%

Average Household Income for HSHU Families: \$35,914

K-8 Program Offerings:

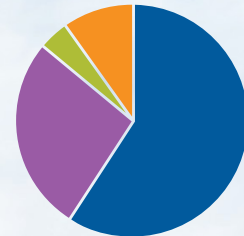
- Academic work via Zoom
- Enrichment activities
- weekly community meeting

High School Programs Includes:

- Weekly mentorship meetings
- SAT prep
- College advisement
- College application support
- College visits

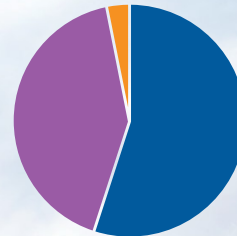
80%
Average Daily
Attendance
for our virtual
programs

Racial Representation:



■ 55% Latino
■ 31% African American
■ 11% Caucasian
■ 3% Other

School Representation:



■ 55% Public
■ 42% Catholic
■ 3% Independent

The Bridgeport School District spends less per student than other comparable districts in Connecticut as well as its neighboring districts in Fairfield County.

SPENDING/PUPIL

New Canaan	\$32,137
Westport	\$22,051
Hartford	\$19,908
Fairfield	\$18,526
Bridgeport	\$14,703

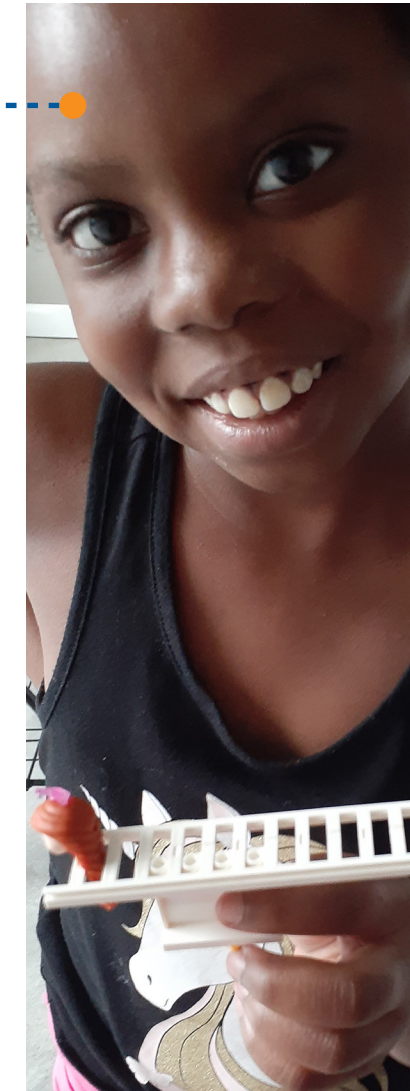
SOURCE: www.CT.gov

Healthy at Home

Horizons at Sacred Heart's "Healthy at Home" initiative transformed our in-person model to a virtual one, no less robust, engaging, or powerful.

PRIORITIES OF OUR 2020 PROGRAM

- Focus on literacy (in partnership with the Southport School)
 - Trauma- responsive programming
 - Off-setting Covid-19 induced deficits
 - Community building
 - Provided referrals and direct support to assure that the basic needs of our families were being met
- The foundational elements of our virtual programming included:
- Junior Achievement Mathematics
 - Structured Literacy (Phonics & Morphology) supported by The Southport School
 - Interactive Read Aloud & Project Work to build comprehension skills
 - Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum supported by the Harvard EASEL Lab
 - Trauma Responsive Practices with a focus on community
 - Enrichment activities that included movement, cooking and sensory learning



FY2020 Revenue/Expense Analysis ●-----● 2020 Accomplishments

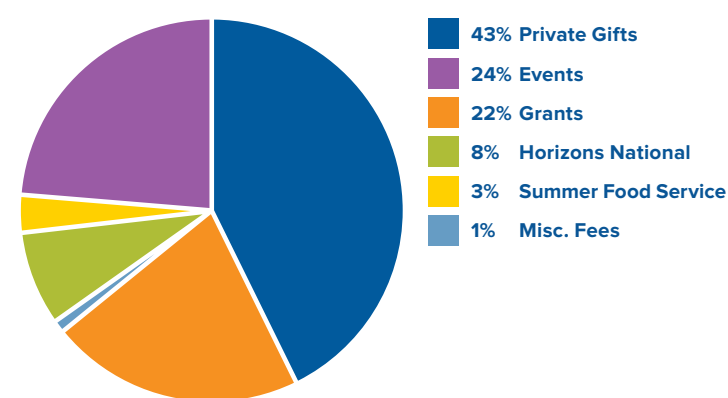
TOTAL REVENUE
\$706,072

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$783,871

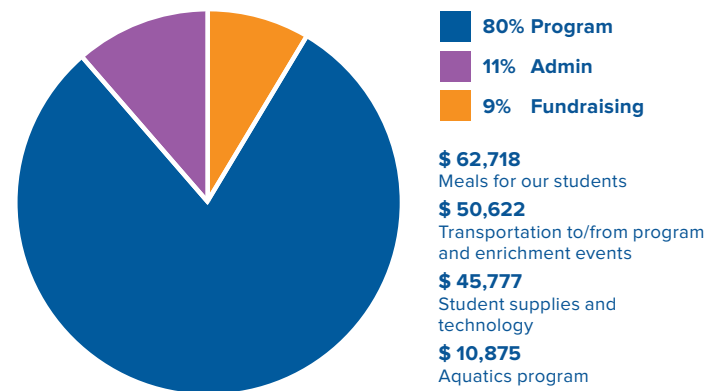
It is our individual and institutional donors who make this work possible at no significant cost to the children we serve. Contributions – large and small – support our dedicated and talented

staff, provide technology and supplies for our children, and facilitate the enrichment and extracurricular experiences that characterize our whole-child approach. We are most grateful for the partnership of

our Board, our loyal donors, our Sacred Heart friends, and the larger Horizons community for enabling our students to realize their incredible potential.



FY2020 REVENUE



FY2020 EXPENSES

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Your generous support has made the following possible:

- 168** children from 126 families enrolled and active in our programs
- 80%** average daily attendance for our virtual programs
- 48+ hours** of professional development for faculty to maximize the virtual platform
- 100%** teacher retention, despite pivot to virtual format
- ≥80%** of our students show measurable gains in their literacy levels (San Diego Quick Assessment of Reading Ability)*
- ≥70%** of our students meet or exceed math facts fluency expectations for their age (STAR assessment)*
- 100%** of students enrolled in our high school program are working towards college access and career readiness
- 95%** average year-over-year student retention



“Low-income students DO NOT have lower tests scores because they lack ability or interest or because of the culture in their community. Rather, it’s because they face a lack of opportunity from systems, structures, and adults. The HSHU team works every single day to bridge that gap.”

– Ashely Nechaev, HSHU Academic Director

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Despite the challenges of the past months, Horizons at Sacred Heart University has worked tirelessly to bridge the gap for our students and build their resilience and hopefulness. The results have been tangible and inspiring as we enter 2021 with renewed enthusiasm and a shared commitment to this important work. We will continue to provide opportunities for Bridgeport students to enhance their critical skills and develop a love of learning.

Our Covid-19 accommodations shifted much about our model, but the spirit of Horizons at SHU has remained steady. Most especially, we are proud of the cohesive

community that is at the heart of our organization and includes each of you – our supporters – who help make everything we do possible.

We are delighted to share this look back on 2020 and look ahead to 2021 with each of you! You have been part of our growth and our future and we are sincere when we say “There is NO Horizons at SHU without YOU!”

Sincerely,



Jaime Perri
Executive Director



“I am thankful that despite all the challenges of COVID-19, the University has been able to honor its commitment to our Horizon students. Undaunted by the physical separation imposed by the virus, the Horizons team continued its essential work on behalf of its young learners using creative virtual solutions to maintain contact. We look forward to having them back on campus with us as soon as it is safe to do so.”

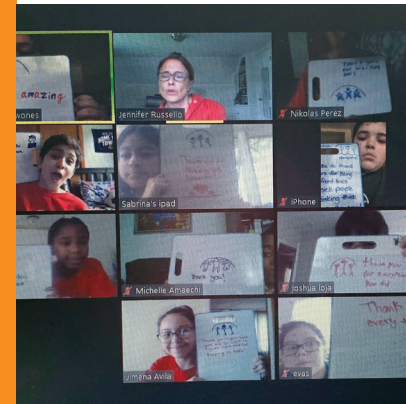
- **Dr. John Petillo**, President



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Events

Like the children served by HSHU, our Board and supporters gathered virtually to raise funds and celebrate the organization’s important work.



OPEN HOUSES

Nearly 50 people attended our virtual Open Houses, which showcased our “Healthy at Home” model and its impact. Attendees enjoyed hearing from students and faculty members about the virtual program.

LUNCHEON

Featured remarks by well-respected educator Dr. Julie Washington on “Equity, Equality, and Inclusion in the Time of COVID-19”.

GOLF

Thwarted by a vicious Nor’easter, power outages and the pandemic, the annual golf event still exceeded its fundraising goal as supporters bid on terrific auction items and donated in support of the organization.

---● **Supporters***

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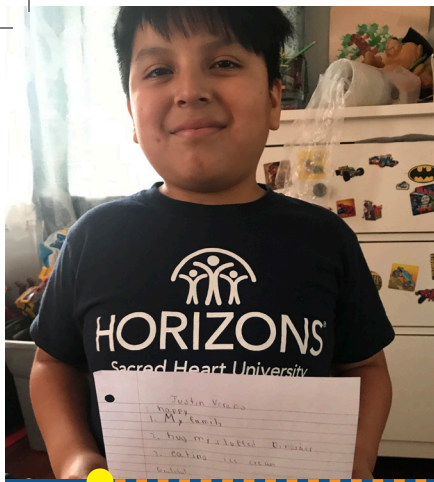
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The Scent of Cakes
Southern Tide
Splash of Pink
Westport Dental Associates, P.C.
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**THERE'S NO
HORIZONS
AT HSU
WITHOUT
YOU**

* Apologies if we have inadvertently omitted a name in this roster; please contact HSHU to advise if you notice an omission.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

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The Year Ahead

10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- 2021 marks the 10 year anniversary of HSHU!
Building on a decade's worth of inspiration

EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE

- **Lunch and Learn Session**
March 16, 2021
- **Golf** – June 28, 2021
Introduction of the Evans Society
- **Open Houses**
Summer 2021
- **Luncheon**
October 7, 2021