

Harlem Children's Zone®

A national model for breaking the cycle of poverty with proven success



The Harlem Children's Zone has proven that, with the right set of supports, large numbers of poor children can achieve the American dream of self-sufficiency. That is why our birth-through-college pipeline of programs has drawn attention from around the world.

Moreover, we are spearheading a full revitalization of Central Harlem, providing rigorous educational supports and indispensable social services for children and families, fueling the local economy, and creating a culture of success.



OUR RESULTS

100%

of our Harlem Gems pre-kindergarteners were assessed as "school ready"

95%

of our high school seniors were accepted into college

\$20 million

in scholarships and grants were awarded to our most recent college freshmen

4,000+

parents have graduated from The Baby College® parenting workshop series

A comprehensive, long-term approach

Because the black-white achievement gap begins during the very first years of a child's life, we have created a set of early-childhood programs based on the latest science of brain development and designed to enhance the parenting skills of our families.

And because what happens in the classroom is affected by what happens outside the classroom, we address any barrier to a child's academic success, whether it is healthcare, a chaotic home life or the complexities of the college application process.

Our pipeline has a dual track, serving more than 12,300 children—75% of whom go to traditional public schools.

Though we work with thousands of children, we make sure each child gets his or her specific needs met. Every child from fifth grade and up—and in some cases, as early as first grade—is assigned a team that creates an ongoing assessment of what services are necessary and makes sure the student gets them.

College is the goal for all

We realize that good intentions are not enough, so we have a rigorous and regular evaluation process, tracking our progress on more than 500 program goals.

Our overarching goal is to ensure that all of our kids graduate from college. That is the key to their entering the middle class and becoming well-rounded, self-sustaining, civic-minded citizens.

We give our kids access to the arts, healthy food, physical activity and community service. We provide a well-lit path to success—a stark contrast to the toxic street culture that permeates so many inner-city neighborhoods. By surrounding our children with dedicated, caring professionals and a carefully monitored set of services, we are disrupting the cycle of generational poverty that has engulfed Central Harlem for decades.

BY THE NUMBERS

12,316

children served in FY 2013

1,450

students at Promise Academy Charter Schools

12,436

adults served in FY 2013

\$101 million

annual budget in FY 2013 (public and private funds)

954

students attending college

1.4 million

free, healthy lunches and breakfasts served to HCZ children

4,000

children getting one hour of exercise daily

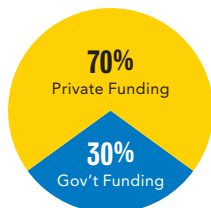


HCZ is having a national impact

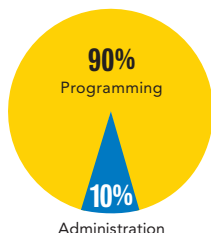
Our proven successes have made Harlem Children's Zone a leader in its field. Hundreds of communities from around the U.S. and the world have visited HCZ to learn about our model. Our work is the template for President Obama's Promise Neighborhoods initiative—which has awarded 58 grants—as well as many state and local programs. HCZ is a living laboratory, proving that we can break the cycle of poverty for children at an unprecedented scale.



HOW WE ARE FUNDED

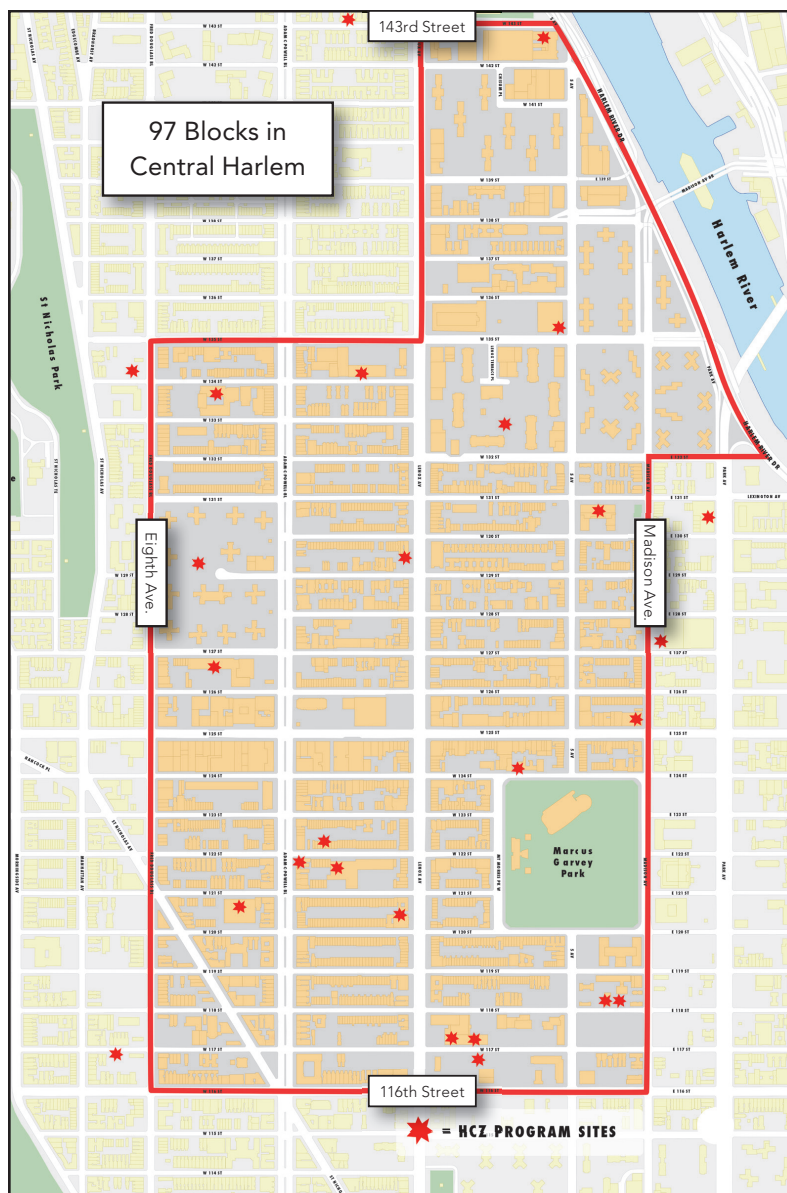


HOW FUNDING IS SPENT



\$5,000 vs \$50,000+

HCZ spends \$5,000 per child annually, while New York City spends more than \$50,000 each year to incarcerate an inmate.



Harlem: A Community in Need

63% of children are born into poverty

48% of households receive food assistance (SNAP, Food Stamps)

59% of children are born to single mothers

81% of Promise Academy students qualify for free or reduced lunch

53% of Manhattan median income

44% obesity rate among school children

75% of participants report savings of less than \$1,000

"An all-encompassing, all-hands-on-deck, anti-poverty effort that is literally saving a generation of children."

—President Barack Obama

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