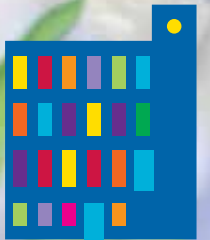


2014 ANNUAL REPORT



**STOREFRONT
ACADEMY**
H A R L E M

Expand the Possible.
Own the Future.



Storefront Academy Harlem is a trailblazer with nearly 50 years of success in educating urban youth of all learning abilities, from pre-k to 8th grade. A forerunner to charter schools, Storefront Academy Harlem has been unlocking young minds and expanding the possible for generations of students. Cultivating intellect and character in equal measure, Storefront Academy instills a powerful sense of self, and gives its students the tools to own the future and create meaningful adult lives.

Sign art designed and created by Storefront Academy middle school students.



Dear Friends,

At Storefront Academy Harlem, we are proud to call ourselves revolutionaries. Members of a dedicated movement seeking dramatic and wide-reaching change in the way we think about, and respond to, urban education. A core group of ever-expanding concerned educators, parents and supporters who know that our future leaders and thinkers need to be exceptional.

The coming generations will face many challenging and heady debates. In order to prepare adults to be critical and decisive thinkers, ready to solve the problems of tomorrow, we need to start early in their lives. Our proven educational model pairs academically rigorous curriculum and instruction with strategic nurturing, providing each and every one of our students with personalized support.

This model is our strength and, in the pages ahead, you will read more about this unique and proven approach. We will also share our plans for the future, building upon nearly 50 years of success in Harlem with a mission-driven expansion that will enable us to reach even more underserved children and families.

We are grateful to all of our friends and supporters who stand with us in this revolution. The future is full of possibilities, and thanks to the education and supports they receive at Storefront Academy, our students will have all the confidence they need to aggressively pursue the opportunities that lay ahead.

Sincerely,

Ray A. Cameron
Chairman

Elisa Istueta
Executive Director

ACADEMIC RIGOR

['rɪɡər] the quality of being extremely thorough, exhaustive or accurate.



We revolutionize academic programming by deciphering each child's learning code. Because we serve a diverse population, and because we do not exclude children as a result of test scores, we must differentiate in the classroom. We also provide individualized academic interventions beyond the classroom to the 40% of our students who require additional learning supports, including extended day support, summer programming and daytime tutoring.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

We are mindful that everything we do today will impact the future of our students. As high school and college placement becomes more and more competitive, we understand the need to be ahead of the trends. Our dedicated Director of Placement and Admissions works closely with middle school students and their families to ensure that every student attends his or her "best fit" high school and works diligently to confirm financial aid and scholarships, leading to a successful graduation. As a result:

- 100% of our graduates attend private, parochial or specialty public high schools
- Since 2001, 95% of our students have graduated from high school compared to 64% in New York City
- 100% of our male students graduate from high school versus 52% of male students of color nationally

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

Our teachers teach to achieve critical thinking, not test scores. Independent thinkers are more adept at problem solving, which means they are more able to be agents for their own success and direction. We empower our students to make responsible decisions, but we are always there to guide and support them.

- Our students consistently outperform their public-school peers with annual proficiency rates of 80%+ in English language arts.
- Our students achieve an impressive 85% proficiency in math



CONNECTING WITH THE REAL WORLD

With the guidance of a strong instructor, many students can excel within the walls of a classroom. We work to assure that our students are also able to excel on their own in the world. To be sure that they are prepared, we take the classroom beyond four walls. Museum visits, farm and garden trips, and walking tours of the City tie in to classroom lessons for a holistic experience. Students explore New York City in our mentoring programs, bringing middle school students to concert halls, dance performances, art exhibits and awards shows. And students think globally, thanks to curriculum that focuses on classic literature and partnerships that foster an understanding of cultures around the world.



“Storefront Academy is one of the few schools that show students that they are and can be whoever they set their mind to be. No student should ever doubt themselves and Storefront Academy has shown me that I’m capable of anything and everything.”

- Laganeh, 8th Grade Student

“At Storefront Academy we focus on building students’ tool-kits for success through highly differentiated lessons that encourage critical thinking, reflection and collaboration. Students pursue traditional academic disciplines while also developing themselves as agents for their own learning.”

- Alexis Thomason, Principal





STRATEGIC NURTURING

['nərCHərɪŋ] care for and encouraging the growth or development of someone or something

A well-rounded adult generally starts as a well-rounded child. In addition to our responsibility as educators, we pride ourselves on our values-driven vision of empowerment. Intelligence and emotional quotients are equal in our thinking, so we support each student's wellness needs with strategic nurturing. Whether they require individual or group counseling, referrals to external organizations or even training on peer mediation or conflict resolution, we proactively teach students how to advocate for themselves and others, and take responsibility for their own feelings and actions.

"At Storefront Academy Harlem, my children are not just numbers. They are in 4th and 2nd grade, but their classroom teachers aren't the only teachers who care about them. There is a community of support around all students."

-Nina Terrell, mother to Laila, 4th Grade and Olivia, 2nd Grade

CREATIVE THINKERS TAKE RISKS

The great thinkers and leaders of our time were often calculated risk takers. In order to do this well, our students must be well versed in all intelligences. Our strong fine arts, music and language arts programs ensure that personal growth and broadened views of the world build opportunities for confident self-expression.

- Every student from grades pre-K – 8 has art and music classes at least once a week during the school year
- Our extended day and summer programs incorporate classes on photography, museum exploration, music, and theater
- Partnerships with local arts organizations provide supplemental arts programming during the school day across all grades



HEALTHY BODY, READY MIND

It's no secret that a good meal, fresh air and exercise keep a student alert and open to learning. In fact, the NIH states that physical activity is so critical to a child's cognitive development and academic success that the school environment should ensure opportunities for kids to be active. We agree! Storefront Academy students have PE classes based on national standards and our daily structured recess keeps children healthy and active while teaching lessons in cooperation and conflict resolution.

- 100% of our students participate in additional school-sponsored physical fitness activities, including fencing classes, basketball and soccer teams, and an annual field day
- A partnership with Slow Foods NYC teaches students the importance of healthy eating and gets them thinking about where their food comes from
- Healthy breakfast and lunch is served every day to all students, with a focus on fresh vegetables and whole grains

BUILDING CHARACTER THROUGH SHARED VALUES

Academics build knowledge, but what about character? It's never too early to stress the importance of self-direction and strong resolution. To that end, we emphasize our core values in all aspects of the school day: concern for others; respect; honesty; perseverance; responsibility; and diligence. These values are highlighted at monthly assemblies, in conflict resolution lessons, and are the cornerstone of Storefront Academy's school-wide behavior management system.



“Storefront Academy Harlem students succeed because they have the opportunity to build life-long friendships and strong leadership skills by participating in programs like peer mediation where they can help their peers solve relational problems in more effective ways. I see many students in middle school building resilient characters and a strong sense of self as a result of these strategic supports.”

**- Audra Jiminez, LMSW,
Director of Counseling & Student
Support Services**

BUILDING ON 50 YEARS OF SUCCESS: EXPANSION AND REPLICATION

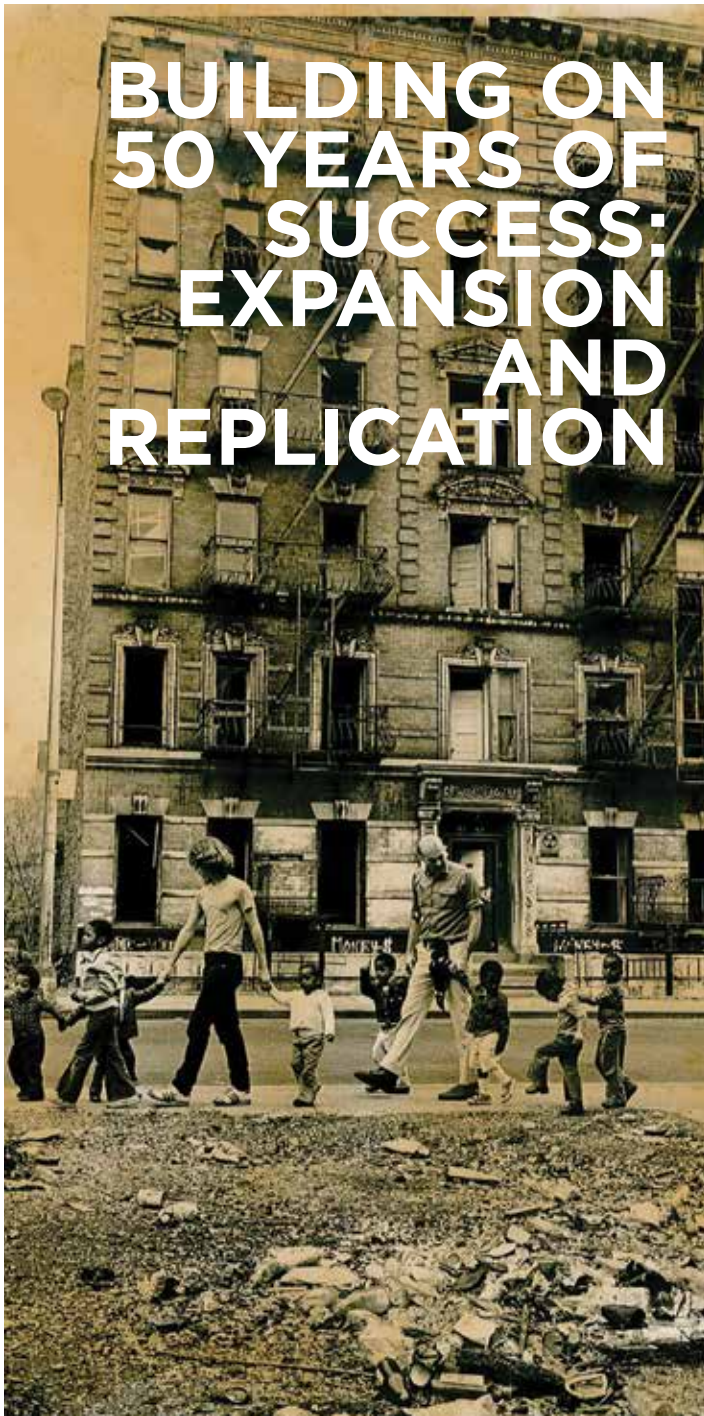
Our pedagogical philosophies are revolutionary. So why offer them only in Harlem? Studies show that public schools serving Harlem and the South Bronx rank among the lowest performing in New York City with high rates of suspensions, overcrowding and non-completion. Few offer rigorous academic programs and even fewer provide the social and emotional supports that enables students with learning challenges to succeed.

In June 2014, Storefront Academy Harlem was approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees to open a new charter school in the South Bronx. Beginning in the fall of 2015, Storefront Academy South Bronx will provide the same proven educational model to students and families in this underserved neighborhood.

Storefront Academy Harlem will remain a tuition-free, private school and will be the primary partner organization of the new charter school, providing comprehensive curricular and administrative support. In yet another first, Storefront Academy Harlem will be the first private school to open a charter school in New York State.

Our expansion to the South Bronx is mission-driven, with a focus on providing an exceptional education to students and families who lack real options, and will increase our impact by nearly 60% in year one alone.

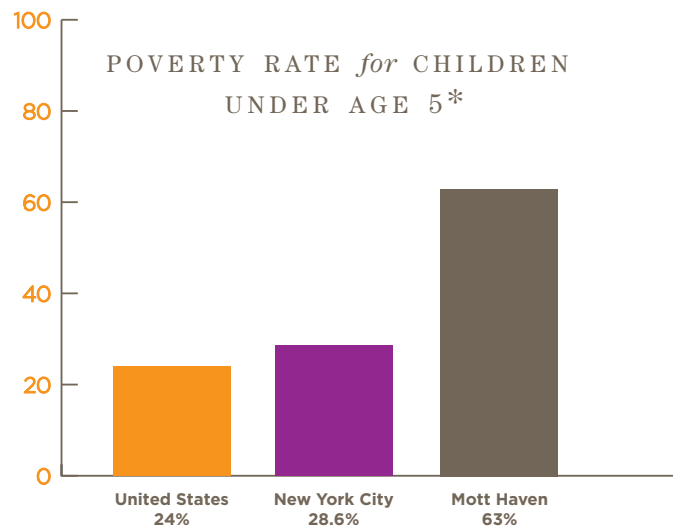
- Storefront Academy South Bronx will be located in Mott Haven, where 63% of children under age 5 live in poverty, and 72% of third graders are reading below grade level.
- In its first year, Storefront Academy South Bronx will serve 100 kindergarten and first grade students of all learning abilities, and will add a new grade every year.
- The educational model in the South Bronx will mirror our model in Harlem, with two teachers per class, a full-time social worker on staff, and strong social and emotional supports to meet the needs of all students.



*School Readiness and Early Grade Reading Needs and Resource Indicators



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July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

OPERATING REVENUE

Contributions	2,461,264
Special Events	884,141
Investment Income	95,000
Government Funding	294,027
Miscellaneous	6,100

Total Support & Revenues * **3,740,532**

OPERATING EXPENSES

School Expenses	3,202,646
Management Expenses	415,991
Development Expenses	554,425
Benefit Expenses	169,885

Total Operating Expenses **4,342,947**

NET ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014 **6,380,917**

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