



**HORIZON
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL**

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**ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023**



STEVIE LEE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Transformative leadership is a Horizon Community School core value, a value we subscribe to on many levels.

I witness the magic of transformative leadership every day; it generates systemic change, challenging individuals to strive beyond societal and self-imposed limitations, inspiring us all to reach higher for ourselves and the community we serve or inhabit.

The **objective of transformative leadership** guides us as we:

- nurture **students' natural curiosity** and belief in themselves;
- help **parents embrace their leadership abilities**, empowering them to advocate for their children's education and for their own aspirations and values;
- develop and support **passionate educators** who exude the joy of learning, reflect the community we serve and mentor others to teach our students effectively.

This school year, **Horizon Community School is transforming as well!** We are expanding our reach and deepening our impact and leadership in three noteworthy areas.

First, we have secured **significant annual state funding** as an approved early education subcontractor for the Sausalito Marin City School District. This funding enables us to prepare more low-income students for kindergarten, a proven critical element for continued success.

Second, we have **broken ground on our new campus** at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, where we will ensure physical stability and long-term preschool access for Marin City. This major physical upgrade reflects the excellence taking place inside our classrooms each day as well as our growth as a beacon in Marin City.

Third, we continue to provide meaningful **growth opportunities** for our staff and parents, including **empowerment classes and educational conferences** such as People of Color Conference, where our teachers provide and receive inspiration, or as I like to call it, **Food for the Soul**.

We could not fulfill our goal of transforming lives without your support. **Thank you for partnering in our mission to provide equity and justice** in teaching and learning. We are grateful for your continued support of Horizon Community School.

In partnership,

Stevie Lee
Executive Director
Horizon Community School

Horizon Community School staff, steering committee and volunteers recently shared a special evening of much-needed **fun, relaxation, connection** and plenty of **joyful tears**. We gathered around a firepit to discuss the impact HCS has had on each of us. While it is difficult to convey in writing the atmosphere and emotions, we'd like to share some reflections with our extended **HCS community**.

I'm blessed to be doing what I'm doing, I'm thankful for the people I get to work with and I'm honored that I get to serve my community. Thank you for joining me in my journey and for inviting me into your journey. —*Stevie*

For me HCS is a dream come true. I get to be in this beautiful community every day. This is the beginning of a dream, and we aren't going to stop dreaming. —*Aarti*



HCS to me is family. I've been teaching for a long time, but I've never worked in a school where I feel so connected, loved and trusted. I love being connected to this community, and I feel very blessed. —*Katie*

My educational journey would have been a lot easier had I been with people who looked like me. Working at HCS and having coworkers who look like me and students who look like me, with struggles that are like mine—it's just feeling like I belong, and that connection is priceless. —*Shayna*

I used to think if I could come to school and make a difference in one child's life, I've done my job. But I see you all making a difference in all of these kids' lives every single day. Every day you inspire me. And to hear you speak about how it's made a difference in your lives, there's nothing better. —*Bev*



I was recently asked when I had my first Black teacher; it wasn't until I took an African studies course in college. For me, being that first impact as a Black teacher for our youngest students is just everything. —*Little Stevie*

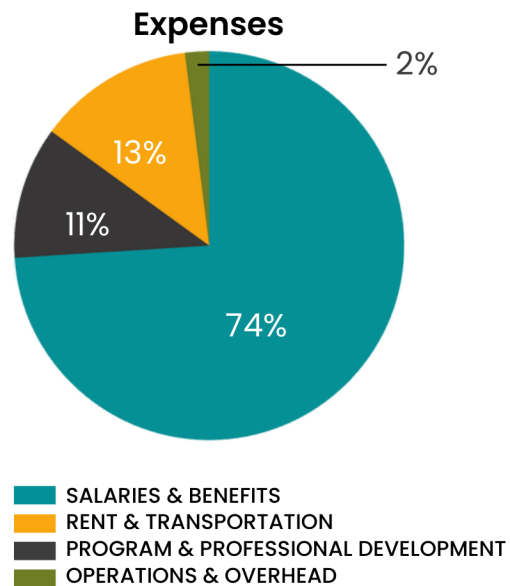
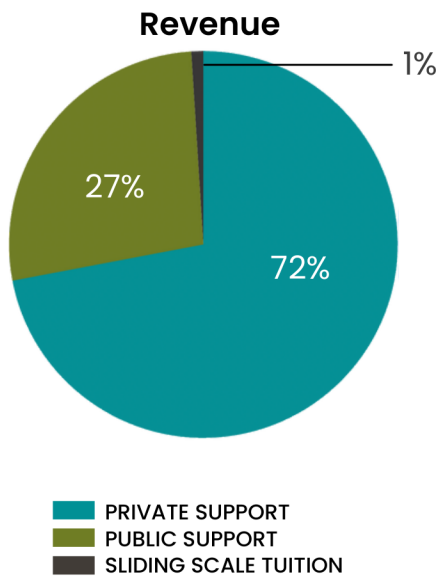
I've lived in Marin City for 59 years. I've worked at preschools in Marin City, but they never offered the opportunities for advancement that HCS provides. Now I see the possibilities; I see our Black and brown students thrive. Their future is not limited now, and that's why I love working at Horizon Community School. —*Patrece*

I am blessed to work with our wonderful staff and connect with our wonderful families and just to be around our little students. I hope to be here for years to come. I want to continue to help shape their little minds because kids are our future. —*Brishay*



If more schools were like HCS, students would be happy to go to school, and education wouldn't be a problem because they are learning not just academics but about love and acceptance. They are learning to love and nurture each other, and it is just amazing to be a part of. —*Kenya*

2022-2023 REVENUE & EXPENSES



I will never stop fighting for our community, our connection and our family. I will continue to further our vision and our hopes and dreams—not just for the kids and families but to overcome the systemic racism that’s inherent in early childhood education. We are the stepping stones for other communities. –Angie

STEERING COMMITTEE

Mary Bishop, Development Director, Marin Horizon School
 Liz Burns, Grants & Public Agency Partnerships
 Andrea Elkort, Site Planning
 Angie Evans, HCS Program Director
 Nina Frank, Fundraising & Communications
 Felecia Gaston, Performing Stars of Marin
 Kerrilyn Garma, Communications
 Shayna Lee, HCS Administrative Assistant
 Stevie Lee, HCS Executive Director
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 Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church
 Sausalito Marin City School District

We support HCS because it truly lives its mission of advancing educational equity. They are firm believers in the power of early childhood education, ensuring no child is left behind. The incredible work HCS does to guide preschoolers to learn and thrive is what compels us to continue our support year after year! –Elena and Jeff Jungsten



I support Horizon Community School for the tremendous work it does in providing high-quality early education to Marin City children in a nurturing and supportive environment. HCS stands out for its strong collaboration among dedicated teachers, involved parents and the community in providing the tools needed for children to succeed.

—Sharon Schendel



We witness the positive effect that Horizon Community School staff models on a daily basis. Their vitality launches our great grandson's learning abilities and social interactions, and we are so pleased.

—Carl and Jackie Dedrick



Horizon Community School strives to do what many other educational institutions need to: they build community with students, families, community-based organizations and businesses. They achieve this by fostering an environment that provides hope, joy, growth and learning, where diversity and inclusion are valued.

—Rondell Gibson, HCS parent

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



HCS STAFF 2022-2023

Bridget Anderson, Placement Director
Linda Blum, Learning Specialist
Mona Chivers, Co-Lead Teacher
Briana Coleman, Associate Teacher
Angie Evans, Program Director
Patrece Hill, Associate Teacher
Katie Hribar, Co-Lead Teacher
Shayna Lee, Administrative Assistant
Stevie Lee, Executive Director
Brishay Rackley, Associate Teacher
Susan Smith, Toddler Lead Teacher
Olivia Thomas, Associate Teacher