

Education & Faith

Opening doors to the world and the Kingdom



**New Horizons of Southwest Florida
Annual Report | 2018**

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower at-risk youth to reach their full potential through tutoring mentoring and faith-building.

OUR VISION

All at-risk youth complete high school with a plan for the future to become contributing members of society

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OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

86% Of teens earned a GPA of 2.0 or greater

92% Graduation rate over the past 9 years. At-risk peer group graduates at 48%

64 New Students in 2018

7 Sites Across Southwest Florida—Estero, Bonita Springs, Naples, Fort Myers

158 New Volunteers in 2018

100+ Community Partners

8 Programs—Super Kids Club, Super Teens Club, Super Kids Reading Camp, Super Teens Leadership Camp, Super Girls Club, Super Boys Club, Super Moms Club, College Bound



Bon Voyage



It was with grateful but sad hearts that we said bon voyage to Bob and Ellen Nichols. They founded New Horizons in 2002 with a vision to reach the at-risk students in Southwest Florida with the message of hope and opportunity through tutoring, mentoring and faith-building. They committed the last 16 years of their lives to the New Horizons mission, sharing their love and faith with at-risk students, community volunteers and staff.

Bob and Ellen answered another divine call this past year to do mission outreach along the coast of South America. They are now aboard the ship, Logos Hope, as members of the Operation Mobilization team for the next two years.

Bob and Ellen remain on the New Horizons Board of Directors and we look forward to their continued leadership. Their lives are a testimony to opening the doors to the world and Kingdom for so many and they continue to do so here and around the world!

Dear New Horizons Friends,

This past year, New Horizons opened doors literally and figuratively and what a great feeling it was to do so. We opened doors all over Lee and Collier Counties to welcome 508 at-risks students to our programs, 158 new volunteers to tutor and mentor our students and new community partners to enrich our students learning experience. New Horizons is honored to open these doors to so many. We are even more honored to figuratively open doors for our students; to the world through education and to the Kingdom through faith-building.

New Horizons founders, Bob and Ellen Nichols also walked through a new door that God opened for them. They set sail in July as full time missionaries traveling the coastline of South America for two years aboard the ship Logos Hope. We are ever so thankful to them for the many doors they opened for New Horizons over the last 16 years.

We are in awe of our students many accomplishments that have been enabled through our programs and our dedicated team of 600 staff and volunteers. We would like to highlight a few that gave hope and opportunity to our students even as they struggled through the losses of Hurricane Irma:

- 57 of our Super Kids graduated 5th grade and 43 became Super Teens
- 86% of high school Super Teens earned a GPA of 2.0 or greater this year
- 92% of Super Teens graduate high school (100% of our seniors graduated high school this year)
- 3 new programs were launched (2 Super Girls Club and a Super Boys Club) to better prepare 4th and 5th grade Super Kids for middle school
- 48 students attended Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp
- 1 Super Teen, Jackie Espinoza, attended a national competition after winning at the state level
- Many students had first time experiences; going to the movies (*I Can Only Imagine*), attending a cooking school, taking field trips to the library, buying a new book for themselves at Barnes and Noble, fishing, boating and swimming (which included their first ever swimming suit) and more.

These accomplishments would not have been possible this year without all of you giving of your time, resources and prayers over all that we did. And none were more appreciated and more needed than the help you provided as we all recovered from Hurricane Irma. The losses were overwhelming for our students; being displaced, out of school, parents out of jobs and more. New Horizons became a receiving and distribution center (no exaggeration) for donations that went out to our students and their families for weeks after the hurricane. And through it all our students remained with our programs with a retention rate of 92%!

We look forward to the upcoming year that offers significant growth in locations and student enrollment. We hope you will again to commit to our mission and continue to watch the doors to the world and Kingdom open to those who so desperately want to walk through them!

Opening doors for the next generation,

<i>Terri Alsept</i>	<i>Denise Carlin</i>	<i>Debra Haley</i>	<i>Lauri Garbo</i>	<i>Edie Hunt</i>
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New Horizons Board of Directors

Super Kids Club

This year, 335 students in grades K-5 attended six Super Kids Clubs in Lee & Collier Counties. They eagerly arrived each afternoon ready for the individualized tutoring and mentoring provided by volunteers and staff at the clubs. Volunteers and staff helped students in areas where they struggled, encouraged them and praised them when they succeeded, which are just a few of the ways that we used education to open the doors to the world for our students.

Another way that we open those doors is by making success a family affair. Our Meet the Tutor event gave parents the opportunity to see firsthand what their students were accomplishing in our programs. It also gave them the chance to interact with the volunteers who have

become mentors to their children in ways that affect their lives both inside and outside of the program. At the end of the school year, 97.5% of parents agreed that their child is doing better in school because of the help he/she receives at New Horizons.

At their schools, Super Kids were chosen as Student of the Week and recognized for academic achievement.

When they get to the club, they can't wait to share

their successes with volunteers, staff and their fellow Super Kids.

This past year, we were most grateful for the growth of the Super Kids Club at Estero United Methodist Church and Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church! Here is a snapshot of some of that growth: Each club welcomed 20 additional students to the program from the waiting list, which brought enrollment at the Super Kids Club

Super Kids Club — Fun Facts

- 93% of Super Kids made a 30% gain or higher in their Language Arts test scores based on individualized computerized assessments
- 76% of K-5th grade students earned a "C" or higher in Language Arts after attending Super Kids Club (Hurricane Irma was the driving factor in lower reading grades)
- 93% of Super Kids say that they are doing better in school since they started attending Super Kids Club

to an all-time high and allowed us to open doors for more at-risk students. A great victory, especially considering the fact that 95% of Super Kids agree that Super Kids Club has helped them to understand their homework better.

We also celebrate the smaller victories, such as when Jaffet, 4th grade Super Kid, correctly answered the definition of the word "temptation" in his computer lab activity after realizing he had learned about it during

devotion time.

The work that volunteers do at the Super Kids Club is so important because it can change a child's attitude and help them to see the many opportunities open to them. It also helps them to focus. In fact, 91% of Super Kids said that attending the club helped them listen to others better, ask others for help and feel more comfortable speaking to adults.

Parents and teachers feel the same. In a survey of 48 public school teachers, 100% believed that attendance at Super Kids Club has had a positive impact on their students' homework completion. And 98% believe that attendance at the New Horizons Super Kids Club has had a positive impact on their student's academic performance. Similarly, 96% of parents said that their child's attitude and desire to go to school has improved since attending New Horizons.

With graduation from high school always in view, Super Kids have the opportunity to graduate from the kids club into the Super Teens Club, where they receive help with homework and learn about careers to set them on the right path post-graduation. This year, 43 fifth grade students celebrated their graduation from Super Kids Club. They will start the 2018-19 school year as Super Teens in middle school.



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Super Teens Club

The Super Teens Club environment gave 173 middle and high school students a place to feel encouraged, participate in community activities and receive specialized help to improve and maintain their school grades.

Dedicated volunteer tutors arrived at the club each day, offering help with homework as well as guidance for students to navigate the path to adulthood. Alex Messerle, volunteer, gave a resume-building workshop and talked to the teens about what employers look for in a resume. This special attention and one-on-one help has served our teens well; 82% of students agree that they are doing better in school, and more than half of our high school students maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the 2017-18 school year.

Homework help was accompanied by character-strengthening stories and activities. Volunteer, Claude Weir, gave his

life story to the teens after 11th grader Litzy Zuniga was inspired by his story when they met at a New Horizons fundraising event. Claude told of how God opened doors through educational opportunities to change the course of his life. He graduated from Harvard and became an attorney on Wall Street. Through Litzy's initiative, the teens were able to hear Claude's life story and be inspired to believe that with God's help, they can overcome any obstacle. At the end of the school year, 97% of Super Teens said that they want to learn more about their relationship with God.

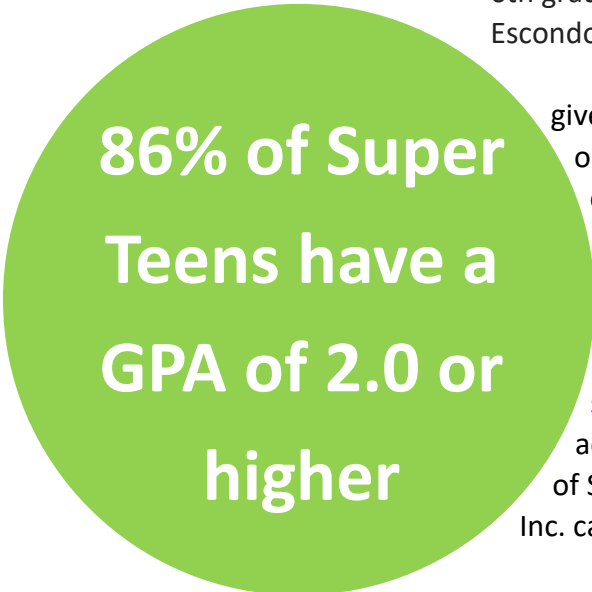
These moments have inspired the teens to succeed. For instance, Naples Super Teen Michelle Cruz was nominated to the national Academy of Future Physicians & Medical Scientists. Four students received the Take Stock in Children scholarship — congratulations to 9th graders Yesenia Valdez and Mari Cruz and 6th graders Janet Cruz and Rolando Escondon!

Super Teens Club also gives teens the confidence to open doors outside of the club. In fact, 70% said that Super Teens Club has helped them feel more confident about their ability to participate in school and community activities. When Bill Barnett of Storytellers Creative Arts, Inc. came to give art lessons to

the Naples Super Teens, they did not hesitate to participate! And by the end of the year, 94% of Super Teens said they want to be more successful now and in the future.

Over the course of the year, we have seen the teens transform into confident young adults, and their teachers can see the difference, too. In a survey of 43 public school teachers, 98% believe that attendance at the Super Teens Club has had a positive impact on their students' academic performance. Though their circumstances often make it difficult, our students are empowered to succeed and, ultimately, to finish high school with a plan for their lives.

It is our goal to see every Super Teen graduate, not just from our programs, but from high school. In Lee County, only 48% of at-risk youth graduate from high school. This year, 100% of our seniors graduated from high school and, overall, 92% of Super Teens have graduated from high school since 2009. Rosie Cruz, an incoming senior, said, "I didn't end up pregnant like so many of my friends and not on drugs like many others." That the teens see the difference the program is making, and the fact that the students' accomplishments reflect that, are testament to the fact that the Super Teens Club is life-changing. Their successes build self-confidence and act as a positive influence on all those they know.



**86% of Super
Teens have a
GPA of 2.0 or
higher**



2018 High School and New Horizons Graduates — Fun Facts

- 8 graduates
- Applied for 41 scholarships in total throughout the year
- 13 Scholarships awarded from Bonita Lions Club, Bonita Springs Chamber, Art League of Bonita Springs and more
- 2 have Take Stock in Children scholarships (covers four years of tuition to a college in Florida)
- 6 attending college - Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida SouthWestern State College, Florida International University
- 2 attending technical school



Education & Faith

Through opportunities provided by New Horizons, students experience doors opening to new opportunities – and at the same time, students grow in their faith through what we teach and the example we set. We are truly “opening doors” to the world and the Kingdom. Here are some of our favorite highlights from the year.



Elks Lodge 2753 sponsored a trip to Barnes and Noble for the Rosemary Super Boys and Girls Clubs, where the kids selected books they wanted to read over the summer. Not only did the kids love the opportunity to browse the shelves and pick out books on their own, their new books opened the doors to many worlds.

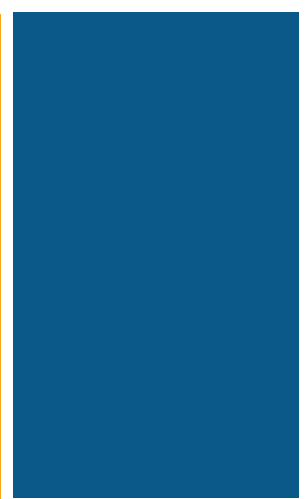


Four Super Teens participated in the regional competition for Future Healthcare Professionals by giving speeches, volunteering, and taking exams. Their scores moved them up to the state competition in Orlando. Jackie Espinoza (pictured) won at the state level and represented her high school at the national competition in Dallas, Texas! The girls stated that the encouragement and assistance from the staff and volunteers at the Super Teens Club helped open that door to success.

99% of Super Kids
said the Bible
lessons helped
them trust in God
more



Little Chefs in Training invited a group of Super Teen girls to their camp this summer. The girls learned valuable life skills, including how to crack an egg and bake homemade pies & pizza. One of the Super Teens said it sparked an interest in a culinary career!



44 New Horizons students participated in the Super Kids Choir at eight church and community events. These events give our students the opportunity to give back to the community and explore their relationship with God.



Super Girls/Boys Clubs



Fifty-five girls and ten boys in 4th and 5th grades spent their Friday afternoons at Super Girls Club and Super Boys Club, respectively. These programs' goals are to prepare students for the challenges of peer pressure and middle school by building their self confidence and self-esteem.

The girls participated in various activities that empowered them to become young women who can succeed. For instance, they attended a women's basketball game at FSW, after which they were invited to the locker room to meet the team and hear an encouraging message from the coach. Later in the year, Dr. Judith MacGregor, a scientist, visited the Super Girls to do a craft. Instead, the

girls asked to do an experiment with her! Together with her husband, they conducted an experiment on separating mixtures using paper chromatography. When the girls get to see other

After seeing the difference that the Girls Club made in the lives of our students, we launched the first Super Boys Club in September 2017 at our Rosemary site. The Super Boys received training on everything from teambuilding and self-esteem to community service and personal finance. A guest speaker, Charles Baker, brought his program called Audio Lit to the Boys Club in January. Charles is a professional narrator for books that are purchased online. He introduced the boys to the process

and had them do a sample recorded reading at the club. Then the boys selected their own books to read and practice the art of narration and then "performed" when Charles returned.

The Super Girls and Boys teamed up for some events. They went to the Edison home, planted flowers and learned how to grow their own food, and they made a visit to the Bonita Springs fire station.

With valuable training, experiences and lessons gained over the many years they are enrolled in our range of programs, our students will become successful young adults and contributing members of our community.

College Bound

This year, 20 Super Teens attended College Bound at East Naples and Estero on Friday afternoons to apply for scholarships and prepare for life beyond high school. Seventeen high school students had year-round college preparation. Each week, they worked on applications for college, scholarships and financial aid. Using a program called Naviance, the teens took assessments to determine their best skills and personality traits. From there, they were matched with colleges and career choices that best fit their needs. They also had intensive preparation for the SAT and ACT. While they prepared for life ahead, three middle school students followed in

their footsteps, attending College Bound during the fall for help in applying for the Take Stock in Children scholarship. Two sixth grade students and two ninth grade students were competitively awarded the scholarship, which earns them a 4-year college tuition paid scholarship upon high school graduation. And through a grant from Kohls, teens were able to pick out an outfit that they can wear to college or job interviews! At the end of the school year, all eight seniors graduated from high school. With the graduation of the Class of 2018, the Super Teens high school graduation rate grew

to 92% over the past nine years. Their at-risk peer group's graduation rate is just 48%. Our students' dedication to finishing high school with New Horizons is the best indicator that our programs are making a real difference.



Super Moms Club

The 34 members of Super Moms Club met for three hours each week to learn about self-esteem, nurturing relationships, children and family, women's health, nutrition, social skills, marriage and digital literacy.

Educating the mothers of our students about the resources available to them often involves making visits to various facilities. The 26-week program included eight outings and nine guest speakers.

This year, 21% of the moms successfully completed at least six of the eight learning modules in the program. Hurricane Irma proved to be a barrier this year for many of the moms, who were even

more limited in resources or had to pick up extra work to support the family. This is where help from the community became invaluable. For instance, Super Moms and other women who were affected by Hurricane Irma received a warm invitation to an event sponsored by the Heart of Cabi Foundation. Moms from the Rosemary and Estero clubs shopped the racks for name brand clothing with the help of industry professionals. Each woman selected 10 brand new items to wear!

With assistance and information pro-

vided by New Horizons, moms felt that their families were more stable. We have found that when mothers have access to better training and resources, they can better care for their families. This, in turn, helps our students to succeed and accomplish the ultimate goal of high school graduation.



Super Kids Reading Camp

During the summer, information learned during the school year is often forgotten. For this reason, New Horizons offers a reading-intensive summer camp. This summer, 270 of our Super Kids attended Super Kids Reading Camp, for four weeks. The camp not only kept students from losing their reading skills but improved reading skills to prepare them for the next grade.

Students worked with public school teachers hired by New Horizons to improve their oral reading fluency and sight word recognition. Staff members also work with students to grow their self-confidence and encourage them.

Teachers and students alike

saw the difference. Ninety-six percent of students surveyed feel that they have improved their reading skills. And the results agree; by the

"The kids who participate in Super Kids Reading Camp will enter the school year with a positive attitude about reading and be more confident in the classroom."

—SKRC Teacher

end of camp, 81% students had improved their oral reading fluency by 8 words per minute.

"Super Kids Reading Camp prepared me for the 4th grade,"

said one camper. A teacher said, "I love this program because we see how successful [students] become at the end of the four weeks of practicing and learning."

Student learning was supplemented by generous donations of snacks and lunch. Other partners provided new shoes and backpacks full of school supplies. Thus, students returned to school fully-equipped with both the knowledge and supplies needed for a great year.

After camp, 99% of students believe that they will do better in school. When we give our students the tools, they are inspired to use them and succeed in school.



Super Teens Leadership Camp



Often one of the greatest challenges in helping our older students succeed is helping them to realize their potential as role models and leaders. This year 121 Super Teens completed our five-week leadership camp where they practiced and learned four leadership skills: courage, integrity, perseverance and responsibility.

By the end of the summer, campers felt more prepared to be leaders in the community. “Super Teens Leadership Camp helped me to be strong... face challenges and be responsible,” one teen said. In fact, 87% of teens said that they want to have more integrity, be a better listener & show good judgment after attending camp.

The summer also gives teens time to reflect on their faith.

For one week, 48 students attended Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership Camp, which taught leadership through sports activities and faith-building breakout sessions. After camp, 91% of teens stated that the camp helped them grow in their relationship with God. “Camp helped me learn more

about God and to become a better Christian,” one teen said.

In all, the camp helped Super Teens recognize & enhance their leadership skills to better help themselves and the community. After camp, 96% of teens said that the camp helped them understand how they can use their influence to help others.

A summer to remember: STLC Activities

- Learned to kayak with College of Life Foundation
- Learned to paddleboard with Wave Jet Inc.
- Completed a 5.5 mile hike at Crew Marsh Trails
- Competed as teams in bowling and laser tag at Headpinz
- Participated in TIPS and ArtReach programs with Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc., which spreads awareness of trafficking tactics
- Attended lunch and a performance of *Annie* at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre
- Visited the Naples Zoo
- Participated in the Hanley Foundation’s Project SUCCESS Education Series for substance abuse prevention
- 39 Students attended a 2-day marine biology excursion in Key West

Opening Doors Through Partnerships

We could not accomplish our mission without the support of our generous and caring community.

Over 100 community organizations, companies and churches partnered with us to enrich the lives of our students with special activities, events and donations. For instance, Freedom Waters Foundation hosted a fishing tournament for our teen girls, and a group of Super Girls experienced their first boat ride courtesy of Captiva Cruises' No Child Left On Shore Program. Our partners also made sure that students were equipped with the necessities for a good school year: Meals of Hope provided meals for our students' families, Laces of Love sent our Super Kids back to school with new sneakers, the Collier County United Way supplied a group of

students with bikes that they used throughout the year through its Build-a-Bike program, and Pediatric Dentistry of Bonita provided check-ups and teeth cleaning for our Super Kids in Bonita.

For so many of our students, these are either first-time experiences that opened doors to a bigger world, or basic necessities that they would have otherwise gone without.

After the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma, our community came together to provide for our students and their families. For instance, Burrow donated 10 sofas for our families to use! Help even came from abroad, such as when students from the Center for Christian Education in Slovakia collected money to give back.

Many of our partners and host sites have become more involved as they have seen the difference that our programs make in the community and for our young people. Thanksgiving meals were provided to our students from Estero UMC, Feed the 5,000, and Oak River Church, and gift cards were given from Cypress Lake Presbyterian. Super Kids and Teens also received Christmas gifts courtesy of First Presbyterian of

Bonita, Estero UMC, Cypress Lake Presbyterian, Emmanuel Lutheran, North Naples UMC and Hunters Ridge Community.

In addition, our 541 volunteers help us to accomplish what we could never do on our own. The student relationships with the volunteers open the eyes of our students to possible career choices, helps them develop a relationship with God and more. And since only 22% of parents feel that they can help their child complete his/her homework, help from our volunteers is truly priceless.

Our Corporate Sponsors helped with fundraisers, promoted our mission to their customers, hosted events and much more. Because of the support from our sponsors, we can reach more at-risk students!

We are blessed to partner with so many community businesses and organizations. Our heartfelt thanks for all of the doors you opened for our students in the 2017/18 school year!

To learn more about our community partners and corporate sponsors, please visit our website at newhorizonsofswfl.org/community-partners and newhorizonsofswfl.org/corporate-sponsors

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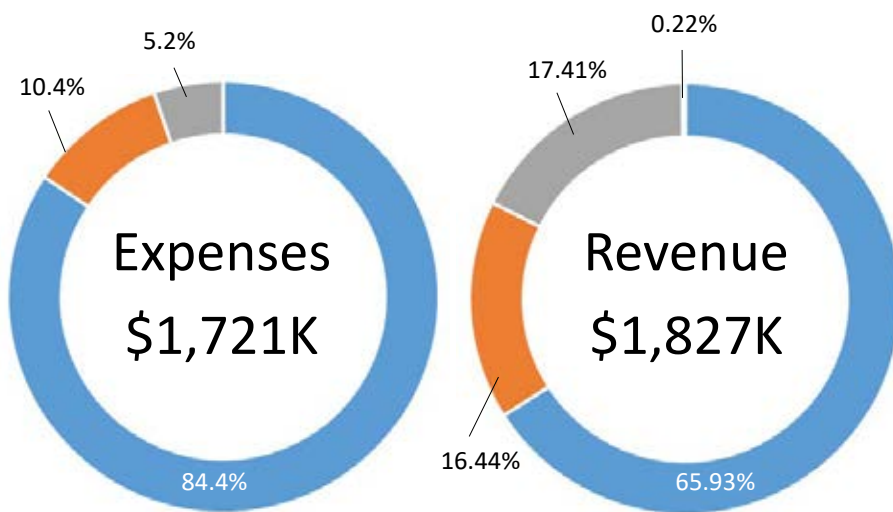
Volunteer Spotlight: Suzanne Hicks

Suzanne has volunteered with New Horizons for many years at the Super Teens Club and as a member of the Golf Tournament committee. We appreciate all that Suzanne does, whether it is helping to organize the golf tournament, tutoring a Super Teen or delivering snacks to the clubs. This year, she was recognized as an outstanding volunteer by the AFP Everglades chapter for her work with New Horizons. Why does she do it? Suzanne says, "As a former teacher, I realize the importance of education. I volunteer with New Horizons because I truly feel their program makes a HUGE difference in the lives of their students. It is so rewarding to watch the students grow and mature and then to listen to their success stories as they graduate high school and go on to bigger and better futures!"

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Financial Highlights



Expenses

Programs	\$1,452,060
Management	\$179,807
Fundraisers	\$89,382

Sources of Income

Donations	\$1,204,370
Fundraisers	\$300,227
Grants	\$318,069
Investment Income	\$4,053

Your support DOUBLED the high school graduation rate of New Horizons' at-risk students compared to their peers: 92% vs 48%.



Granting Agencies

- Bonita Springs Community
- Community Foundation of Collier County
- Dexter and Dorothy Baker
- Dollar General Literacy
- League Club of Naples
- Lee County
- Maximus, McCune
- Publix Charities
- Ronald McDonald Charities
- Shadow Wood Charitable
- Spring Run Charitable
- Suncoast Credit Union
- United Way
- West Bay Community
- White Castle
- Women's Giving Circle of SWFL
- Women's Foundation of SWFL





Invest in Tomorrow's Generation

Today, New Horizons is empowering the next generation of leaders who will become contributing members of their communities. You can ensure tomorrow's growth through a contribution to the New Horizons endowment or operating fund.



"I will be the first out of my family to be graduating with Honors and with a diploma... all because of New Horizons."
—Isabel, 2018 Graduate (New Horizons student for 9 years)

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About Us

New Horizons is dedicated to helping at-risk children and teens who are growing up in an environment of poverty, academic failure and hopelessness. From its humbling beginnings with 20 children in 2002, New Horizons currently reaches almost 600 children and teens at 11 locations in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Fort Myers; providing over 100,000 hour of after-school tutoring and mentoring annually at no cost to their families.

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