



# 2023 IMPACT REPORT



# Our Testament

Dear New Horizons Friends,

Testimony. The word may conjure up an image of a tent revival with hungry souls kneeling at the altar. You may have an image of sitting in a church pew, hearing the indication of a life changed. Yet testimony is so much more. Testimony is a living book of a real-life story. One testimony can be more convincing than a hundred facts. The impact of hearing a testimony can be life changing, even for the listener.

Testimonies come in all shapes and sizes. For New Horizons, this past year was filled with incredible stories of lives impacted. Testimonies came in from the students, parents, staff and volunteers. Some made us cry. Some made us joyful. Some made us proud.

Join me as we share briefly the testimonies of this past year. May you be encouraged that your investment is building life changing stories. These incredible testimonies impact all who are involved in New Horizons. Thank you for making each testimony happen.

Yours in Service,



Linda M. Cunningham, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



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## 3 Siblings Secure Life-Changing Scholarships

The odds of winning a scholarship were about 1 in 8 for a student in a Bachelor's degree program according to a 2014-2015 study by The National Center for Education Statistics. The odds for the Guerrero family are 2 in 3 and soon to be 100%.

In 2021, Yoselin graduated high school and the New Horizons program. Upon graduation she had secured her CNA license, obtained college credit and was awarded the Take Stock in Children Scholarship. "I was so happy when I got the scholarship, it made me want to work hard and get good grades not only for that but for me and the people at New Horizons to show them that I'm doing well at school," shared Yoselin. She recently obtained her associates degree and is a CNA at a local hospital as she works towards a degree in medicine.

Pablo completed high school and the New Horizons programs in 2022. Similar to his oldest sister he

graduated with college credits and is also a recipient of the Take Stock in Children Scholarship. "New Horizons helped me understand the importance of funding my post-secondary education and gave me the opportunity to be tutored when I needed it the most. Volunteers and staff were a big help when I needed assistance and it was very helpful in those moments that I didn't know what to do," said Pablo.

With three down and one more to go the stakes were high and the pressure was on for Yaresly, the youngest of the three. In March, Yaresly was notified that she had been selected into the Take Stock in Children's program. She is already planning on taking college level classes and even plays the baritone in band, trombone in jazz band, and the euphonium in marching band.



This family is testament of the outstanding and life-changing accomplishments that are happening at New Horizons of SWFL.  
**Dr. Linda M. Cuning**

# A Living Testimony

At New Horizons we are passionate about equipping Southwest Florida's most vulnerable children and teens with the tools they need to succeed in school and life. Below is a snapshot of the effectiveness of our comprehensive after-school programs.

526

students served in the school year

100%

of Super Teens graduated from high school

306

active volunteers serving during the school year

77%

of SKC students\* maintained a "C" or higher in reading

8,368

hours of service given by volunteers

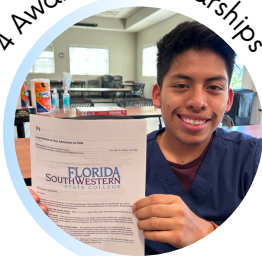
85%

of STC students had a GPA of 2.0 or higher

8 Graduating Seniors



4 Awarded Scholarships



11 Take Stock In Children New Participants



56 Fifth Grade Graduates



22 Salvations



600+ Books Given





# New Horizons Introduces Stations at Super Teens Clubs

Chess has found a new generation of fans. With the recent introduction of stations at Super Teens Club's, 6-12th grade students (Super Teens) have discovered the classic board game as they explore new interests. Many had never played chess before and now they're hooked. Keeping students immersed in education just got a new look.

"On days when students are not assigned homework or complete their assignments before the devotional time begins, we wanted to create opportunities for students to develop skills that they were

interested in and keep them engaged while at the Club," said Andrea Holley the Programs Director. Chess isn't the only activity that was introduced. Throughout the week students rotate between arts and crafts, MasterClass computer lab, as well as strategic-thinking games.

The introduction of stations has increased students' motivation to complete their homework as they are eager to start up a chess match, learn about "Documentary Filmmaking" from Ken Burns, or create an art piece that perhaps one day will be framed at a museum.



# Financial Summary

Quality After-School Programming  
Cost per student for 1 Program

\$3,950

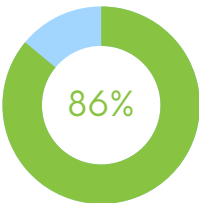
Average Cost for New Horizons

\$4,200 - \$8,500\*

Average Cost per The Wallace Foundation Report

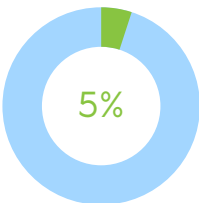
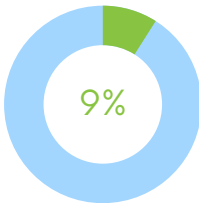


## \$3.1 Million Raised During 2022-2023



Invested to run 7 different  
After-School and Summer  
Programs year-round and the  
New Horizons Choir

Utilized to lead and support the  
staff, provide professional  
development and serve our  
community partners



Activated to cultivate and raise  
support from our supporters,  
private foundations and  
grants



For a more in-depth look at our financials, please visit [newhorizonsofswfl.org/financials](https://newhorizonsofswfl.org/financials)



## EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S GENERATION TODAY

New Horizons of SWFL successfully changes the lives of under-resourced students by providing tutoring, mentoring and character-building programs at its trusted neighborhood clubs.



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