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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Dear Horizons Atlanta Community,

Reflecting on 2025, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude. This past year has been a testament to what we can achieve when a community comes together with a shared vision: a future in which every child in Atlanta thrives and has access to summer education opportunities.

Our 2025 Impact at a Glance tells a story of mission-focused and deepened impact. This past summer, our scholars achieved remarkable academic gains, an average of 7 to 8 weeks of progress in literacy and math. In a world where the 'summer slide' often widens the opportunity gap, our scholars are not just maintaining their ground; they are leaping forward.

Beyond the numbers, 2025 was defined by milestones that remind us why this work matters:

- **Milestone Anniversaries:** Holy Innocents' Episcopal School celebrated 26 years, and Woodward Academy marked 13 years of Horizons summer learning. Collectively, these 39 years of partnership have impacted hundreds of students and families, opening doors to brighter futures.
- **Holistic Growth:** Our Scholars didn't just study; they swam, they created, and they explored. By pairing high-quality, rigorous academics with essential life skills like water safety and STEAM enrichment, we continue to nurture the 'whole child'.
- **Deepened Engagement:** Our carnival in Sandy Spring, through our nearly 10-year partnership with Creating Connected Communities, brought together hundreds of Horizons Atlanta scholars across multiple sites for special enrichment time, fostering a sense of belonging and joy that is central to the Horizons experience.

The path wasn't always easy. This past year, we navigated the complexities of sustaining revenue while major shifts in public funding occurred. We faced the ongoing reality of educational inequities that require us to be more innovative and intentional than ever.

The true heroes of this story are our staff and educators. With a staff retention rate of 80%, their resiliency is nothing short of incredible. They showed up every day, not just as teachers, but as mentors and champions for our scholars and their families. They adapted to new challenges with grace, ensuring that every scholar felt seen, supported, and capable of greatness.

As we look toward 2026, our mission remains clear: to close the education opportunity gap for children in Metro Atlanta. We are committed to building a resilient, sustainable, mission-focused Horizons Atlanta. We are grateful for this past year and excited about the future.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Your continued support of Horizons Atlanta is what fuels our mission. We are not simply a summer learning program; we are a vessel for a brighter, more equitable future for all of Atlanta.

With gratitude,



Ann Marie Bedtke
Executive Director, Horizons Atlanta

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2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Closing the opportunity gap.



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**312 Dedicated
Staff Members**



1,301

K-8

**Scholars
Served**

**19,709
Volunteer
Hours**



**524 Hours
Swim
Instruction**

**75 Field
Trips**

**927 Hours
Social-
Emotional
Learning**

11 Sites Across Metro Atlanta

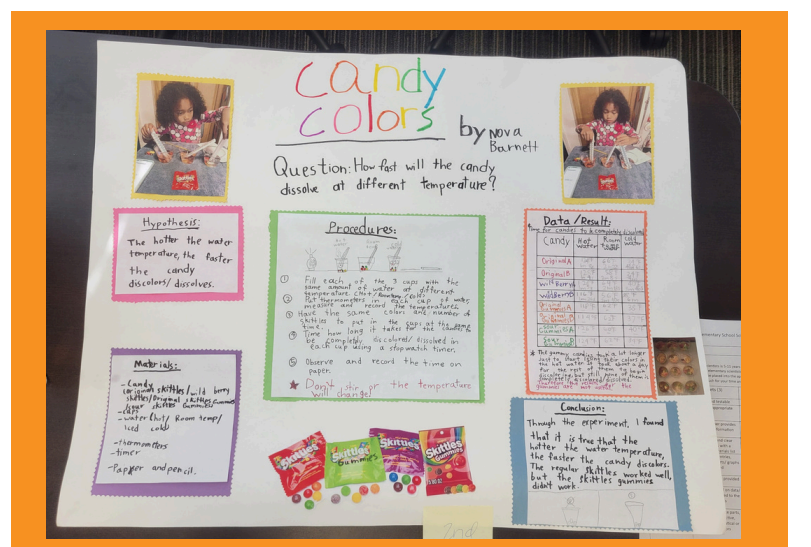


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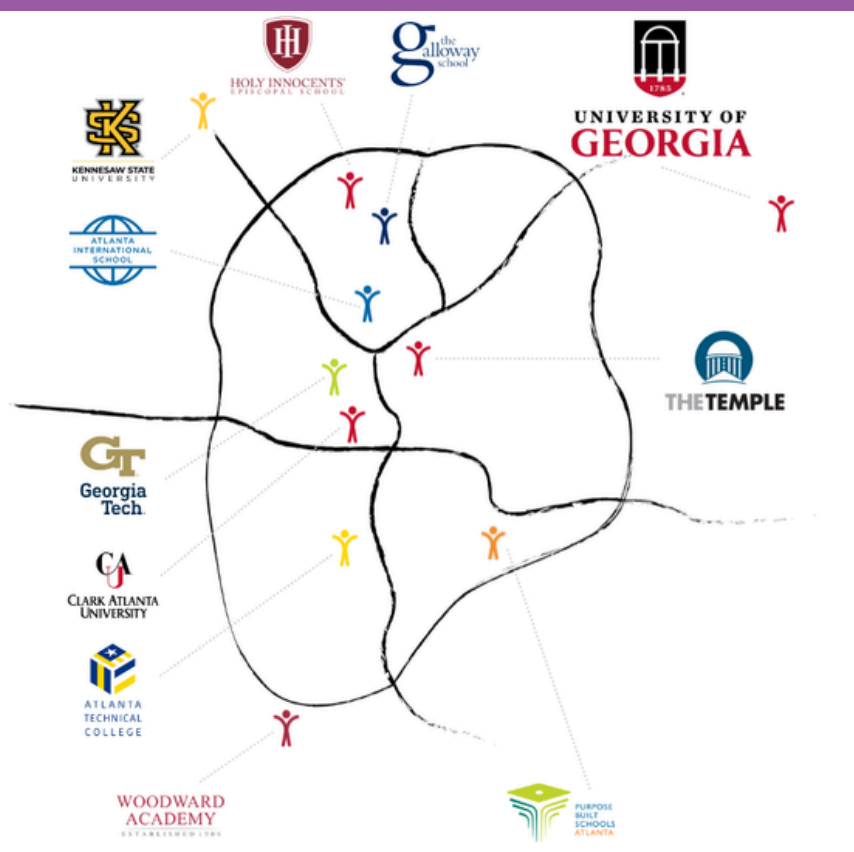
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SITE LOCATIONS



Mission

The mission of Horizons Atlanta is to close the opportunity gap through high-quality academics in an engaging and enriching summer learning program.

2025 Regional Staff and Site Leadership

Ann Marie Bedtke, Executive Director
LaVasia Bullard, Director of Regional Programs
Chris Pearson, Director of Development
Luz Baqueiro, Enrollment and Records Manager
Morayo Oshode, Donor Relations and Administrative Coordinator
Kelsey Bunker, Atlanta International School
Sharron McIntyre, MEd, Atlanta Technical College

Dr. Rebecca Dashiell-Mitchell, Clark Atlanta University
Dr. Sirocus Barnes, Georgia Tech
Ebony Minter, Georgia Tech
Kate Kratovil, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School
Annette Watts, Kennesaw State University
Kevin Wright, Purpose Built Schools

Takisha Johnson, The Galloway School
Latifah Williams, The Galloway School
Douna Hunter, The Temple
Susan Cardin, University of Georgia
Kristin Jackson, Woodward Academy

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