



Promise Society

HORIZONS

Hosted at New Canaan Country School

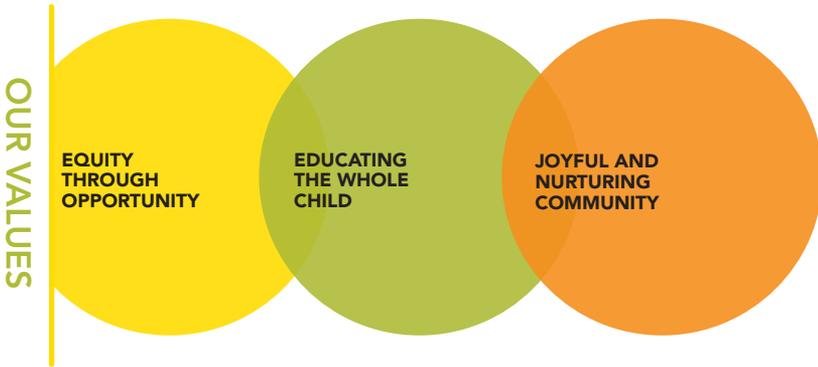


OUR VISION

Building a more just
and equitable society.

OUR MISSION

Transforming the lives of underserved children and youth through year-round academic and enrichment programs to inspire learning, encourage success, and close the opportunity gap.



THE PROMISE SOCIETY

OF HORIZONS AT NEW CANAAN COUNTRY SCHOOL

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Jennifer and David Barnard
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Dear Horizons at New Canaan Country School Supporters,

One of the strengths of the Horizons at NCCS Program is the long-term commitment we make to our students. Horizons at NCCS is more than a program, it is a family. It is that long-term commitment that inspired the name for the new legacy giving society we are launching – the **Promise Society**. The Promise Society will be recognized as a group of dedicated supporters who are helping Horizons at NCCS fulfill its promise to future generations of under-resourced students by making a **bequest** or **beneficiary designation**.

We are proud to serve as founding members and co-chairs of this important initiative, which allows you to make a lasting commitment to Horizons at NCCS and continue to transform the lives and futures of thousands of underserved students in Stamford and Norwalk.

Making a planned gift is a powerful way to support the legacy and mission of Horizons at NCCS, while meeting your personal financial goals. We have chosen to join the Promise Society because Horizons at NCCS has become like a family to us, and we want to ensure that generations to come will have access to the transformative opportunities that it has provided students for more than 55 years.

We warmly and enthusiastically invite you to join us as members of the Promise Society. Please read on and learn more about how you can include Horizons at NCCS in your estate plans.

Sincerely,

ANNIE R. COHEN

*Co-Chair & Founding Member
Promise Society*

LYDEE C. HUMMEL

*Co-Chair & Founding Member
Promise Society*



“Horizons has and always will be more than just a program to me. Horizons is the true definition of unconditional lifelong support. Horizons has helped me find my wings to fly, has given me roots to come back to, and most importantly has provided many reasons to stay. I am proud to be a Horizons “lifer.”

NEHEMIE MOISE

*Family & Program Director
Horizons at NCCS Alumna '07*



CLOSING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP

Fairfield County youth face one of the largest opportunity gaps in the nation.

Young people encounter barriers to success when they do not have access to well-resourced schools, enrichment opportunities, and exposure to a breadth of experiences and connections. When these students are not able to realize their enormous potential, we all lose.

That's why Horizons at New Canaan Country School is so important. Horizons at NCCS is nurturing the potential and inspiring the dreams of more than 400 students each year by providing academic support, exposure to new ideas and experiences, and connections to resources and support.

Horizons at NCCS invests in our students for the long-term, and that commitment is making a difference. All of our students are graduating from high school and close to 100% enroll in college each year.

Many of these students will be the first in their family to attend college, which has the potential to change the trajectory for future generations.

By electing to join the Promise Society, you ensure we can continue to fuel dreams and recognize the potential for generations to come.

“What I’ve learned at Horizons is how being dedicated and working hard will help my future. My favorite thing about the program is that they help you and stay with you on your journey through high school and college.”

BRENDA AMES-CASTILLO

9th grade Horizons at NCCS student



PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

There are many ways to make a planned gift to Horizons at New Canaan Country School, and your financial and/or legal advisor can help you evaluate which option is right for you.

Make a Bequest

Leave a gift of cash, securities or other assets, such as real property, by making a bequest in your will or trust. This allows you to make a generous gift that will not compromise your lifestyle.

Name Horizons at NCCS as a Beneficiary

One of the easiest ways to make a planned gift is to name Horizons at NCCS as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, or other retirement plan. You can allocate a specific percentage or a set amount to Horizons at NCCS.

Establish a Charitable Lead or Charitable Remainder Trust

Create a charitable trust, naming Horizons at NCCS as a beneficiary during your life (Lead) or in the future (Remainder). Charitable trusts can provide tax advantages for capital gains, gift and estate taxes.



JOIN US

SPEAK WITH US

We would be honored to speak with you about planned giving options and ways that you can leave a lasting legacy benefiting the students and families of Horizons at NCCS. There is no obligation and conversations are confidential.

MEET FELLOW MEMBERS

We are grateful for the deep commitment that our Promise Society members share. We will recognize Promise Society members for their commitment in our annual report, at our annual Leadership Celebration, and at our benefits and events.

Please reach out to Nancy von Euler, Executive Director for more information at nvoneuler@horizonskids.org or 203-972-7005.



I was never a student at Horizons, but having worked there for over 40 summers, I am very familiar with the mission and the work that we do. Even though I retired from my work as a full-time teacher during the year, I have continued my work with Horizons; it's one of the greatest passions in my life. The prospect of leaving even more of a legacy after I depart is very exciting to me. That's why I not only believe in the Promise Society, but it's also why I decided to join!

TIM RIVLIN

Senior Program Director

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Horizons at New Canaan Country School is a year-round academic and enrichment program serving 400 under-resourced K-12 students from Stamford and Norwalk each year. In addition to a six-week summer academic and enrichment program, we provide our students with year-round support, including tutoring, academic coaching, family programs, a winter program and college workshops. All of our programs are tuition-free.

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