

WHO WE ARE

Founders Jodie Moore and Rev. Thomas Johnson's commitment to Pittsburgh's youth began in 1993, in some of the city's most economically depressed neighborhoods, with a summer program designed to build basic academic skills. Inspired by the success of the program and the amazing potential of these young people, an assembly of community, individual, and foundation supporters came together in 2001 to launch The Neighborhood Academy (The Academy) as a year-round, extended-day school. Since this beginning, The Neighborhood Academy has grown into a respected educational choice in our community.

The Academy is a non-sectarian, faith-based college preparatory high school for students in grade 8-12 who come from families that demonstrate financial need.

The Academy is dedicated to developing the minds, bodies and spirits of our students so that they become fully productive members of our society.

By so doing, our students will break the cycle of generational poverty that has held them captive and deprived society of the value of their lives.

OUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS

Because of the Neighborhood Academy's unique and holistic approach to education:

- 100% of our graduates are accepted into multiple colleges each.
- 90% have completed college in four years or are currently matriculated.
- 84% of our first three graduating classes are still in school or are working full time.
- The 2012 graduating seniors were accepted into more than 100 4 year colleges and universities.
- This fall our first alumna went off to medical school.



MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to break the cycle of generational poverty by preparing youth for higher education. The Neighborhood Academy (TNA) exists to provide a holistic college-preparatory education for students in grades 8-12 who come from families who demonstrate financial need. The Academy is dedicated to developing the minds, bodies and spirits of our student so that they might become fully productive members of our society. By so doing our students will break the cycle of generational poverty that has held them captive and deprived society of the full value of their lives.



The Neighborhood Academy

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NEIGHBORHOOD NUTRITION PARTNER PROGRAM

Nourishing the mind and body



NUTRITION + EDUCATION =

Success

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WHO WE SERVE

While the academic backgrounds of our students vary, the vast majority arrive with serious deficits in reading and math skills. Most bring with them to school the challenges of poverty - family histories of abuse and addiction, and daily struggles with basic needs such as food, housing and clothing. A significant number of students require counseling for mental health issues ranging from normal adolescent adjustment to stress caused by abuse, domestic violence or addiction in the family.

Our students come from nearly 20 neighborhoods across Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities, these include: Northside, West End, Hill District, Oakland, East Liberty, Homewood, Garfield, Stanton Heights, Mt. Oliver, Hazelwood, Wilkinsburg, Verona, Penn Hills, Swissvale, North Versailles, Homestead, Braddock, and Duquesne.

OTHER STATISTICS INCLUDE:

- 100% are African-American or biracial
- 69 % have a taxable family income of less than \$20,000
- 50% live in families with a history of drug/alcohol abuse
- 46% live in families with a history of domestic violence
- 18% have an incarcerated parent
- 66% live in a single parent household.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

"At the Neighborhood Academy, we consider providing our students with meals as a core need.

Nutritionally fit students are far more likely to have the energy, stamina and self-esteem that enhance their ability to learn and be active. In addition, we see meal time as a time to build relationships and develop a sense of community and responsibility."



Reverend Tom Johnson,
Head of School and Co-founder of The Neighborhood Academy



WE HAVE A LOT ON OUR PLATE!

We provide three meals a day and two snacks to all students.

2012 - 13 MEAL BUDGET \$90,272.00 | 3 MEALS/DAY x 155 DAYS x 128 STUDENTS & STAFF = 59,520 MEALS

Meals are one of the schools largest expenses but one of the most important in the education of our students.

We are seeking [churches, companies, civic groups and organizations](#) to provide lunch or dinner. By becoming a NNP you will help us to:

- Provide as many homemade meals to students as possible
- Increase nutritional value of lunches and dinners
- Educate students about the importance of a nutritious lifestyle
- Significantly reduce our annual food budget
- Increase our students exposure to individuals and groups within the community
- Continue to place importance on mealtime as part of our holistic approach to build habits that shape and transform lives.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A NNP?

"It is a joy to hear the students coming to the cafeteria with excitement, and leaving with the same excitement after receiving a filling lunch." *Elder Grimes, Eastminster Presbyterian Church.*

The true rewards that each partner receives are immeasurable for ensuring that often at-risk students receive a healthy meal. A few highlights include:

- Opportunity for missions in the inner-city
- Outreach and service to at-risk youth and their families
- Recognition at mealtime in our cafeteria
- Certificate of Appreciation for display at your place of worship or business
- Acknowledgment in The Neighborhood Newsletter and Annual Report sent to our entire constituency
- Tax deduction for your contribution
- Praise and admiration from 93 very appreciative students!

YES! WE WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A NEIGHBORHOOD NUTRITION PARTNER IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, _____ STATE, _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE _____

NUTRITION PARTNER PROGRAM PREFERENCE:

OPTION 1

Provide a meal for 128 students and staff,
 _____ 1 day/month for _____ months
 _____ 1 day/week for _____ weeks
 _____ 1 time

PREFERRED MEAL:

_____ Lunch _____ Dinner

PREFERRED DATE/S:

_____ 1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE

(You will receive a phone call to confirm your date)

OPTION 2

Sponsor a meal at a cost of \$582.40 per meal. Please make tax-deductible donation checks payable to:

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Thank You

The Neighborhood Academy is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.