Since 2012, City of Promise has developed strong ties in the community. These partnerships with organizations and individuals enable us to introduce our youth to unique experiences that expand their horizons. Attending a UVA basketball game is not just a fun piece of Charlottesville culture. It exposes children to a university setting which serves as inspiration for their academic futures. Similarly, when City of Promise parents are presented with options for securing work and health services, a new world of opportunity is opened for them.

This impact report offers a glimpse into the ways City of Promise is winning in its effort to close the achievement and opportunity gap in our neighborhood. We are grateful for our team of partners, our generous donors, and the incredible neighbors we serve for joining us in building a strong and thriving community.
What is the City of Promise Pathway?
It is individualized academic coaching paired with community-based resources and programs that break the cycle of generational poverty.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT
"The PB & J Fund provided cooking classes at City of Promise for 3rd-6th graders during the 2018-19 academic year. These weekly classes are intended to teach young people basic cooking skills, provide them nutrition lessons, and expose them to new foods and flavors. Recipes such as Thai Turkey Lettuce Wraps and Teriyaki Chicken taught participants how to make both new foods and familiar foods in a healthy way. Sometimes participants aren’t so enthusiastic about trying a new vegetable, but the opportunity to cook their own food turns a lot of “yucks” into “yums!”

— Alex London-Gross, Executive Director PB & J Fund

DONOR SPOTLIGHT
"Many years ago, our siblings decided to rethink our Christmas giving. Rather than giving each other gifts, we decided to choose organizations that we would like to receive donations. Our children and their adult cousins have joined this tradition and make donations rather than exchange gifts with each other.

John and I have asked our family to donate to City of Promise because of the positive impact they are having on Charlottesville's youth and families. We both have a passion for education and investing in the next generation, and we believe in City of Promise’s goal to increase student achievement and build a culture of high expectations through community and parent engagement."

— Cathy Meaney, Charlottesville Resident

CITY OF PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS
Burnley-Moran Elementary
Venable Elementary
Walker Upper Elementary
Buford Middle
Charlottesville High

EXPENSES $426,878
REVENUE $438,500
“I’ve been involved in Education Station tutoring, PB&J cooking class, Girls Group, and spring break camps. Two of my favorite activities were the college visit to Howard University and making our film at Lighthouse Studio. When I look into my future, I see myself at Yale University for four years, then having my own choreography studio. I believe that being involved with City of Promise will give me the resources I need to reach my school, personal, and life goals.”

— Nalaiah Branch
Buford Middle School Student

“The most rewarding part of my job is building relationships with students. I look forward to the smiles, hugs, and success stories I hear. It also means so much when a student is vulnerable and trusting enough to seek my advice and tell me their fears and concerns. Relationships are powerful! When someone feels they are loved, heard, and respected, you can push them to do what they thought was impossible, and challenge them to change their mindset and habits. They start to believe in themselves and tackle goals they never wanted to pursue.”

— Melissa Steppe
Program Supervisor and Pathway Coach, Grades 5-8

Our most important pathway is the sidewalk leading to our neighbor’s front door.

City of Promise students had a **24% increase in Reading SOL pass rates** over five school years.

COP students scored **27% higher** than black students as a group in SY 17-18.

**City of Promise Students**
**SOL Pass Rate**

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*Reading SOL pass rates are averaged across all students in all grades.

City of Promise students had a **10% increase in Math SOL pass rates** over five school years.

COP students scored **21% higher** than black students as a group in SY 17-18.

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