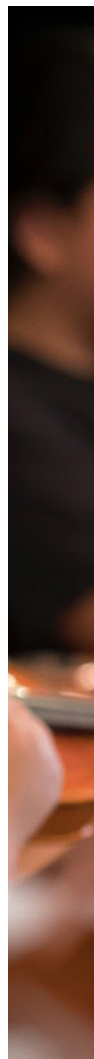
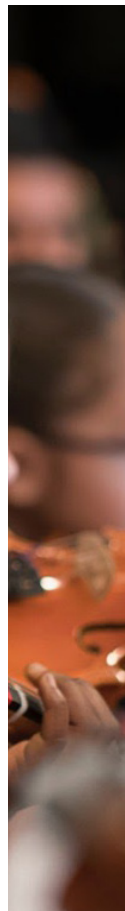
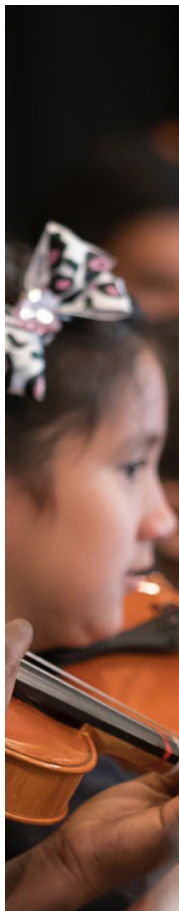
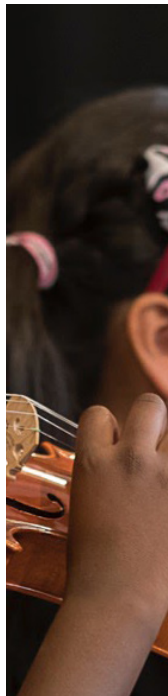
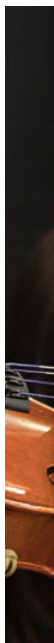
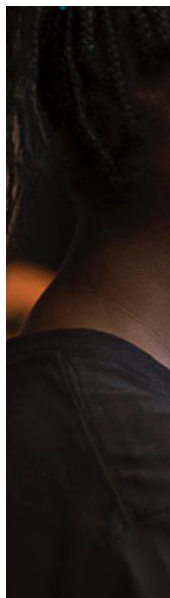
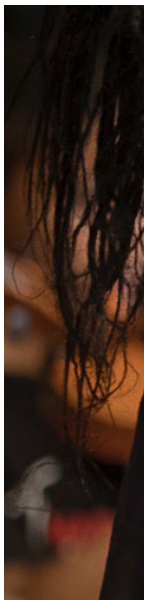




NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER



HARMONY PROJECT  KC

TRANSFORMING LIVES

MISSION:

The Northeast Community Center serves the educational, cultural, and social needs of the diverse Historic Northeast Kansas City community.



VISION:

Every family living in the diverse Historic Northeast Kansas City community will have opportunities to improve their quality of life.

The Northeast Community Center has been an anchor in Kansas City's Historic Northeast neighborhood for nearly 80 years. Founded as an extension of the Italian Mission by Reverend John Bisceglia and his wife Isabella, the center offered support to mostly immigrant families through childcare, educational programs and medical assistance. Throughout the years, The Honorable Charles Shangler, son-in-law of Bisceglia, continued the supportive programs for the changing families in a variety of ways. For 16 years he led a successful charter school on site, Scuola Vita Nuova. In 2015 NECC partnered with KC Housing Authority and United Way of KC to provide complete family educational and social services in our former.

"The Northeast Community Center restored the cultural and social preeminence that in earlier years defined the Historic Northeast section of Kansas City. Where it led, kindred organizations followed, and that mission continues in an even broader compass today with Harmony Project KC."

*The Honorable Charles Shangler,
Longtime NECC Leader.*



NEIGHBORHOOD FACTS:

This beautiful historic neighborhood has always benefited from rich diversity and active neighborhood associations.

CHALLENGES:

40%

*high school
dropout rates*

36%

*families living
below line of poverty*

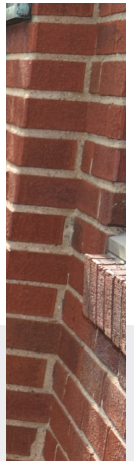
Designated by

KC Police Department

as one of the

HIGHEST CRIME

areas in the region





The academic achievement gap between economically disadvantaged children and their more-affluent peers continues to widen.

According to research, **Harmony Project KC (HPKC)** helps bridge that gap.

We commit to our students for their entire childhood (K-12), provided they maintain good attendance in the program and remain enrolled in school.

We provide an intense, year-round orchestral music program combined with character development - helping at-risk youth succeed.

- Free instruments and lessons
- Variety of ensembles (strings, woodwinds, and choir)
- Mentorship program
- College preparation and scholarship support
- Opportunity for parental involvement to build a strong sense of community
- Workshops with internationally accomplished artists.

"I have been privileged to be involved with the renewal of the Northeast Community Center , our partnerships with KC Housing Authority and United Way and to help launch Harmony Project KC. We believe that every child, no matter what their zip code, deserves equal access to quality education. The life-changing benefits that result from our Harmony Project KC music/mentoring program are stunning and real."

Laura Shultz, Executive Director



Since the launch of our program in Kansas City in January 2015, our students have performed at the Kauffman Stadium for the Kansas City Royals, played side-by-side with musicians of the Kansas City Symphony through the Link-Up! Program, at Helzberg Hall through Future Stages at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Locally they have played at the KC Museum, the GEM Theater and many more venues!

As a research-based program, we are constantly tracking our effort to outcomes through report cards, parents and teacher assessments, bi-annual juries that measure our students' musical skill level, and our attendance records.

HPKC MISSION:

To promote the healthy growth and development of the children through the study, practice, and performance of music.

To build healthier communities by investing in the positive development of children through music.

To develop children as musical ambassadors of peace, hope, and understanding amongst people of diverse cultures, background, and beliefs.



THE RESEARCH

According to the published study by neurobiologist Nina Kraus, PH.D at Northwestern University on Harmony students, music learning shapes the development of the brain and nervous system in a way that improves students' language learning and acquisition, and also improves a student's ability to listen and to hear through noise.

A 10-year study at Brown University determined that arts-based programs more than sports or community service programs produced the most powerful and enduring pro-social impact on young people. The effect was particularly striking for students in underserved communities.

"I am proud to stand with and celebrate Harmony Project KC. It is one of the most inspired, important and transformational things to happen to the musical, cultural and educational landscape of Kansas City in a long time."

Michael Stern, Music Director, Kansas City Symphony

"This day with Yo-Yo Ma was the most exciting time in my life!"

HPKC student cellist

"Harmony Project KC is reshaping the lives of our students and their families in Northeast Kansas City. As a product of a similar music program in my native Paraguay, I am living proof that music is the most powerful tool to create a better future, even against all odds."

Gloria Brites-Scolari, Harmony Project KC Program Manager

"When we launched HPKC in 2015, we never imagined the extent of its success and transformation. It's been truly rewarding to watch our students become caring individuals and accomplished musicians in such a short time."

Carmen Eppright, Harmony Project KC Founding Program Manager

OUR KANSAS CITY RESULTS

100%

*of our students
remain in school*

65%

*of our students increased their
grade in either English, Language
Arts, or Math by one letter grade.*

**ALL OUR STUDENTS
ADVANCED TO THE
NEXT GRADE LEVEL**

In **3 YEARS** ^{we} have
more than

QUADRUPLED

our student enrollment,
while maintaining a wait list

90%+

*of students attend
our program at least*

*All students passed the character
building assessment, which is*

90%+

*of the
time*

50%

*of their
program grade*



HPKC LONG-TERM GOALS

Develop accountability, responsibility and teamwork through daily practicing, rehearsing, mentoring and performing of music within small ensembles and large orchestras

Develop confidence and courage by performing music publicly in regular scheduled performances

Retrain developing brains through music education to improve the skills of language, math, effective listening, patience, persistence, and focus.

Foster social inclusion by uniting students across barriers of class, culture, and ethnicity

Reduce exposure to negative influences by engaging youth during afterschool hours when they are at greatest risk of abuse, criminal activity, and drug and alcohol use.

Encourage and foster school success and college readiness.

HARMONY PROJECT FACTS

OUR MODEL - NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

Harmony Project KC is the 5th affiliate of Harmony Project LA

Harmony Project National Division serves 5,300 children and youth nationwide.

In 2009, the President's Committee on the Arts & Humanities presented Harmony Project Los Angeles with the nation's highest honor for an arts-based youth intervention program

WHAT WE DO IN KANSAS CITY

Up to 5 hours per week of music education year-round

Musicianship classes for beginner students in music notation, rhythm, and pitch

Leadership seminars for middle and high school students

Field trips to live musical performances throughout the city

Frequent student performances in the community





"We love Harmony Project and are thrilled to have our children participating. More than that, however, we are thankful for the incredible impact it is having on our neighborhood and community! Thank you, HPKC!"

Harmony Project KC Parent

NECC's many programs are made possible thanks to the generous giving of people like you!

Because of your support of the Northeast Community Center, we can:

- Contract with the best teaching artists the area has to offer,
- Provide instruments, sheet music, and materials at no cost,
- Maintain a safe, beautiful campus for our students,
- Offer multiple performance opportunities at various venues around the city
- Partner with wraparound services, including: case management, translation services, literacy classes, and early childhood intervention.

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To support the deserving children and families in the Northeast, please call 816-231-7738 or visit our website at necc-kc.org.

For information on upcoming concerts and events, visit harmonyprojectkc.org. Donation checks made payable to: **Northeast Community Center.**

GET INVOLVED!

- Attend concerts
- Donate gently used instrument
- Volunteer

