For over 30 years, Horton’s Kids has worked to remove systemic barriers to opportunity for children and families in Southeast DC’s most under-resourced neighborhoods. Each year our comprehensive programs and services support the physical, educational, and social-emotional development of over 600 children and families.

Over the course of our 30-year history, 4,200 volunteers have provided over 400,000 hours of service to support more than 1,700 children. We have served nearly 200,000 meals, distributed more than 15,000 books, hosted more than 2,000 nights of tutoring, and taken children on more than 1,200 field trips.

Securing Futures for Southeast supports Horton’s Kids’ next phase of growth — a 9,000 sq ft Central Community Resource Hub in the heart of Southeast DC. The new Horton’s Hub will be a dynamic, multi-purpose space that will accommodate the wide-ranging needs of students, their caregivers, and community members. Horton’s Hub will enhance our current programmatic offerings and expand our reach to serve more children and families in need of our support.
Expanding Our Reach, Deepening Our Roots

Neighborhoods in Southeast DC are home to children with ambitious dreams and all the potential needed to achieve them. Still, many families in these communities face a persistent and debilitating equity gap; 33% of families live below the poverty line, over 13,000 children are enrolled in SNAP, and the high school graduation rate is 59%. Decades of systemic disinvestment and racism have severely limited the opportunities, resources and support to ensure that children can achieve their goals and thrive later in life.

In response, we must reaffirm our collective commitment to Southeast DC’s children and their right to a safe, happy, and hopeful future.

In 2021, Horton’s Kids purchased a large church in the heart of Southeast DC. Rooted within the local community, this church will be transformed into Horton’s Hub.

The new Hub is strategically located between our two place-based Community Resource Centers and within a half mile radius of 16 additional housing complexes - extending our reach to over 1,000 new community members.

Horton’s Hub will feature:

- 19,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor space for Horton’s Kids and community partners programming located in the heart of Southeast DC.
- A health and wellness distribution center with a storefront for ease of access.
- A state-of-the-art media lab with studio quality sound recording technology and capabilities.
- 3 large multipurpose spaces with the capability to grow our academic, youth development, and family engagement services to new community members.
- Meeting space for community partners to provide services like job training, mental health assistance, resource fairs, and other supports.

Owning and operating the Hub positions Horton’s Kids as a true Southeast DC-based nonprofit and demonstrates our permanent commitment to the neighborhood. The building will not only be a home for our vital programs and services, but our operational hub – cementing our success for decades to come.