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Co-Op Summer Enrichment



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A Letter from Our Leadership Team



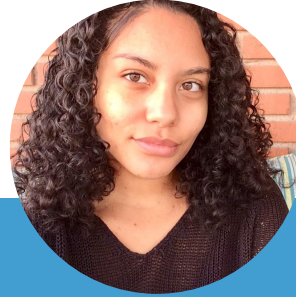
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Dear Co-Op Friends,

At Co-Op Summer Enrichment, our leadership team embraces one simple mantra as the foundation of our work: Equal access to quality programming, because summer matters.

The research is unequivocal about the multiple, positive outcomes of quality summer enrichment programs. It confirms what we intuitively know – children’s experiences outside of school are critically important to their social, emotional and academic growth.



Conversely, youth who lack access to summer enrichment experience not just slowed development, but an actual decline in skills over the summer months – “summer slide.”

Co-Op has a long, 40 year history. Now, under administrative guidance from the STEM Alliance of Larchmont-Mamaroneck, Co-Op is rising to new heights. The program serves 230 low-income, high-need children in grades 1 to 5 and an additional 35 children in our pilot middle school program. We offer project-based inquiry in STEM disciplines, organized swimming experiences, curriculum-based field trips, and much needed summer fun.

Moreover, Co-Op employs 40 young adults, offering targeted leadership training and ongoing mentorship to a highly diverse group drawn from our local community. Our professional educators use summer as a platform to explore new projects and extra professional development.

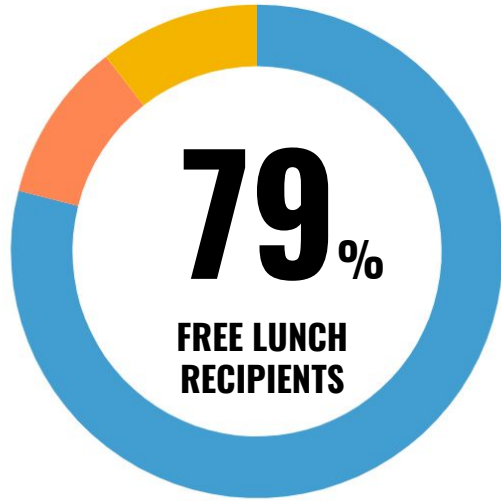
Together, we are working to leverage summer enrichment as a powerful platform to reinforce critical skills needed for academic success today and to give our neediest students access to cutting-edge STEM skills for expanded career opportunities in the future.

Summer matters and your support matters too. Thank you!

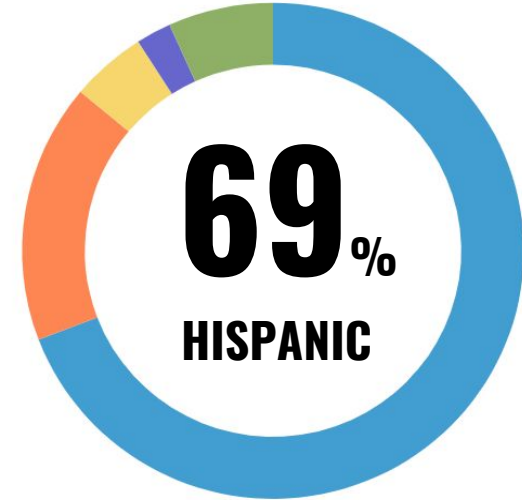
The Co-Op Leadership Team



Whom do we serve?



● FREE LUNCH ● REDUCED LUNCH ● NO FINANCIAL NEED



● Hispanic/Latino ● Undeclared ● Caucasian/White ● African
● Other - Multiracial



Provide Enrichment, Not Remediation

At Co-Op, we believe that summer is the time to explore alternative learning experiences. Children attend a weekly, rotating STEM “major” where they learn through project-based inquiry. These extended learning blocks provide generous resources and supplies for child-centered, hands-on, creative inquiry.



At Co-Op, STEM learning puts tools in kids hands – microscopes, dissection kits, sewing machines, power drills & more.



Staff Development For All Employees

Co-Op employs 40 young adults and a dozen professional educators. All staff participate in a week long orientation program receiving a minimum 40 hours of professional development over the summer. Written and discussion-based assessment creates an ongoing collaborative feedback loop making ours a tight-knit and supportive professional community.



“Working at Co-Op has really been a life changing experience for me. I had the opportunity to work with wonderful people, staff and campers included.”

— Assistant Counselor



Summer Fun Blended With Academics

All children deserve the cornerstones of summer fun: water, recreation and time with friends. Co-Op intentionally breaks free from the norms of the school day while providing academic experiences embedded in pure summer fun. Morning Rallies, educational field trips, Color War rituals, sports, healthy snacks, parent volunteers and critical swim lessons are not extras. They are at the heart of what we do for kids and families.



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– Co-Op Parent



Going above & beyond: ESY & Swimming

Co-Op has two additional critical goals:

- 1) Collaborate with the Mamaroneck School District to provide integrated STEM learning experiences for Extended School Year (ESY) students – children with high level special needs – who are co-housed at our site
- 2) Work to make all Co-Op children independent swimmers through
 - a) a privately funded pre-season swim program for beginners
 - b) investment in a well-staffed, coordinated aquatics staff

FACT

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury or death in children aged 1–14 years.

FACT

Co-Op is this community’s only free access to our public swimming pool for ages 11 and younger.



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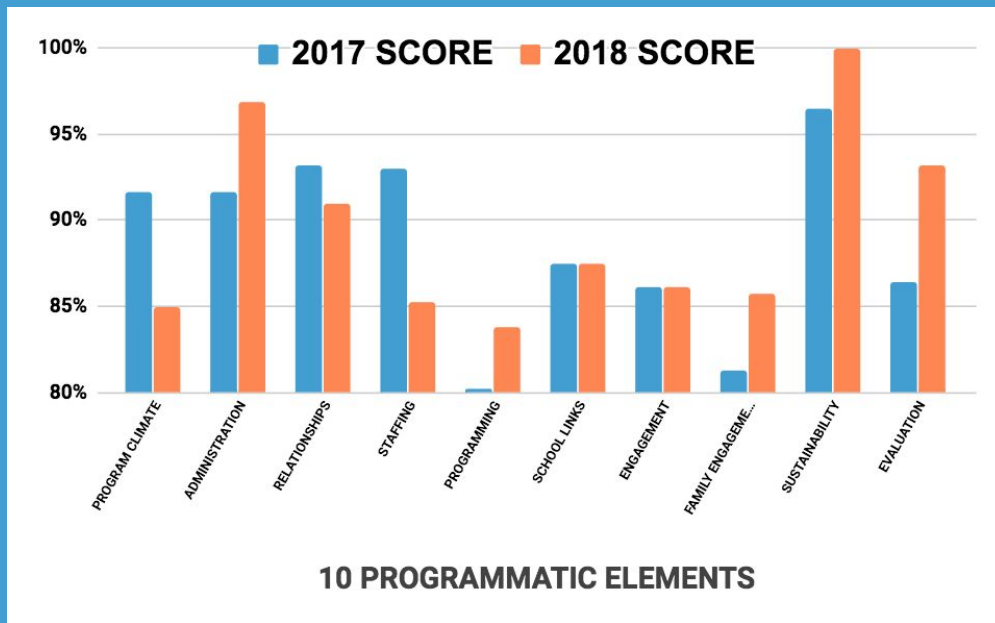
IMPACT: How do we measure up?

Quality Self Assessment

We measure our success based upon a Quality Self Assessment (QSA). The QSA is a nationally developed and tested instrument for enrichment programs to determine if they are providing “QUALITY” services.

Quality Programs are statistically proven to:

- Positively impact academic performance during the school year
- Produce multiple positive outcomes in other critical areas including: health, resilience, collaborative skills and decreased parental anxiety



89%



Our annual average score across all Quality Self-Assessment Elements



Parents, kids & counselors vote for us!

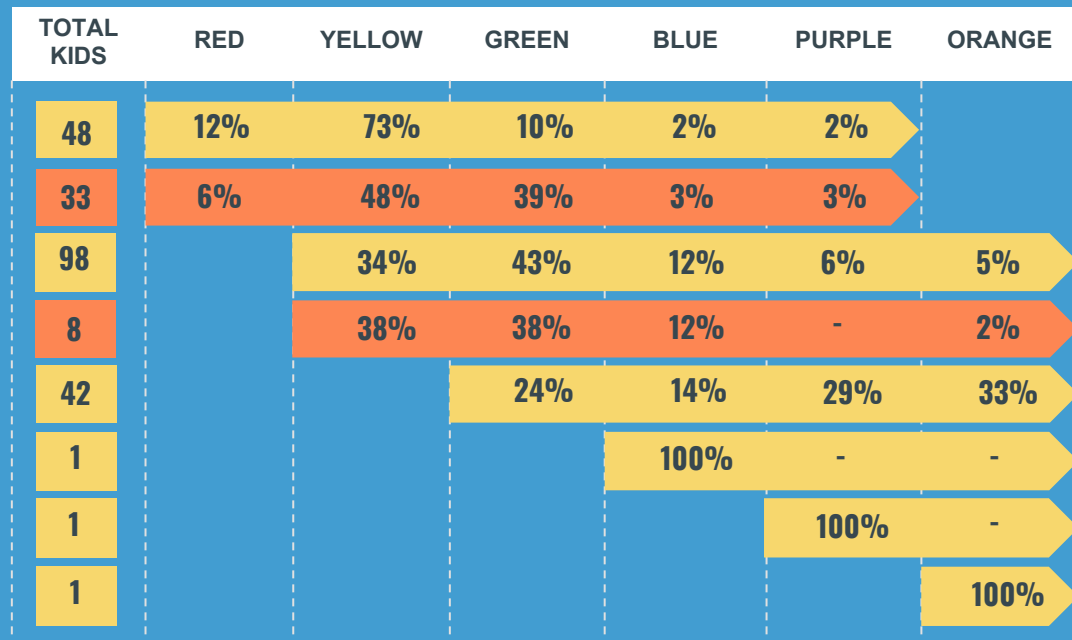
90% of Co-Op parents surveyed indicated that they are very likely to enroll their child(ren) next summer

81% of Co-Op kids surveyed say that they want to come back next summer

88% of young adult employees are considering working at Co-Op again in the future



PROGRESS BY SWIM LEVEL



- Co-Op Swim Only
- 6 Extra Pre-Season Lessons

Only **20%** of elementary Co-Op kids can swim independently at the start of the summer

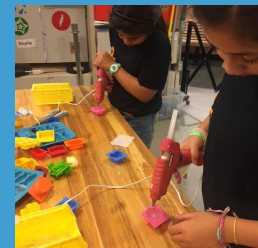
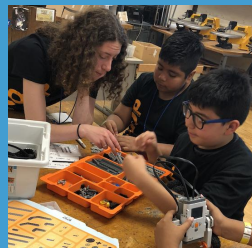
59% of all Co-Op kids can swim independently by the end of the summer

Children who receive pre-season swim lessons are

3 times as likely to be independent swimmers by the end of the summer



Testimonials: Our Impact, Their Words



“ The structure of time is the single greatest opportunity I have received in this Co-Op summer experience. Here at Co-Op, I have 1.5 hours with all children in a small class setting. ”

– EDUCATOR

“ Co-op is a camp where you can improve your skills with kids and also connect with them and kind of be a role model for them. ”

– CO-OP ASSISTANT COUNSELOR

“ I am a single mother to a child who is very bright and loves learning. Were it not for Co-Op Summer Camp, my daughter will not be able to attend a camp where they offer such a wide variety of STEM based activities which I believe are fundamental nowadays. ”

– PARENT

“ I learned how to make a cardboard building. I also learned how to make a cannonball at the pool. ”

– CO-OP CAMPER



VISION: Our Next Steps

Our Reach Goals

Increased Focus on Language Development

- Integrate literacy objectives with each “major”
- Increase use of culturally relevant connections

Expand STEM for Special Needs

- Hire a curriculum developer to write differentiated curriculum specifically for special needs students
- Create STEM kits to share during the school year

Focus on Emotional Intelligence Skills

- Train all staff in conflict resolution techniques
- Implement a program-wide shared conflict resolution program

Expand Middle School Pilot

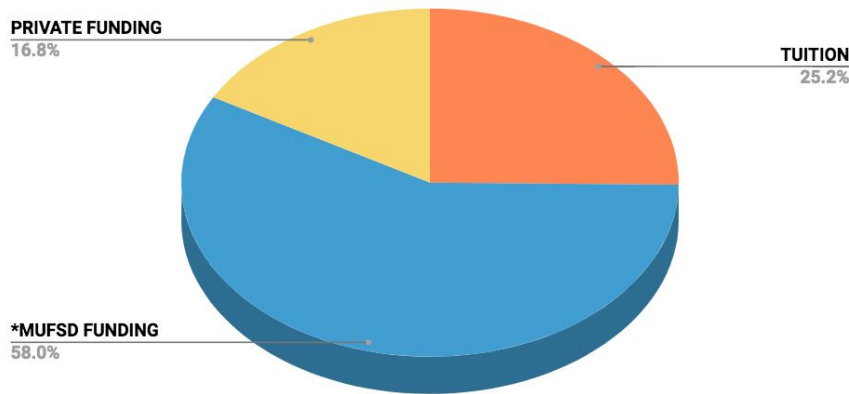
- Serve 2 cohorts of students for 2 weeks each
- Open program to include diversity & cross-cultural exchange



A CO-OPerative

Co-Op has returned to its original cooperative roots leveraging shared resources to realize our vision. Thanks to the engagement of the STEM Alliance – a local non-profit – the program is now funded by a blend of school district investment and private donations. The STEM Alliance leverages core District and municipal monies to raise \$60,000 annually from private donors, foundations, community groups and grants. Families also make a tuition contribution based upon their determined financial ability.

CO-OP SUMMER 2018 FUNDING SOURCES



**MUFSD funding includes monies from the Village of Mamaroneck & the Town of Mamaroneck*

FACT

Due to extreme financial duress, up to 25 families can not pay the minimum tuition contribution of \$225 each summer.

Financial Report

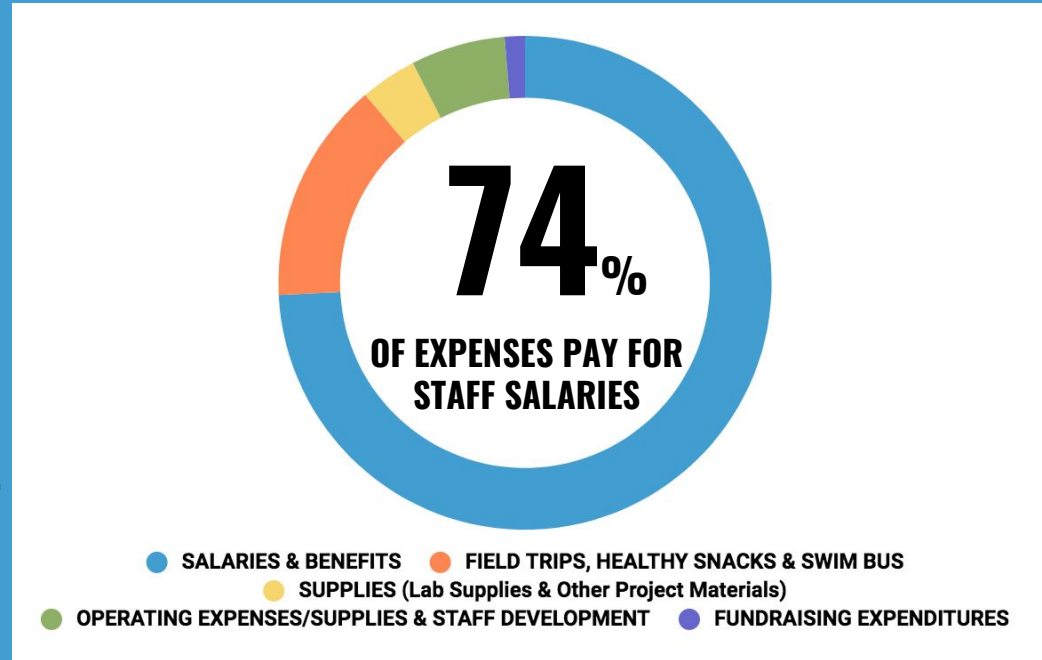
Expense Priorities

INVESTING IN STAFF:

Primary investment is in staffing for improved programming & relationships

INVESTING IN SUMMER:

Private funding covers all of the extra experiences which make summer, summer – trips, snacks & swimming



Our Partners

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Chatsworth Avenue School PTA
Community Resource Center
Harborview Properties

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Larchmont Avenue Church
Mamaroneck Avenue School PTA

MHS Social Work Department
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