

“ BPN illustrates what can happen when dollars are matched with a concrete plan and sustained commitment. ”

ROD WATSON | BUFFALO NEWS REPORTER

“ Buffalo Promise Neighborhood and M&T Bank have meant a great deal to this neighborhood. There is more vibrancy. We have more community involvement in meetings. The future looks bright. ”

PASTOR GARMAN | COMMUNITY LEADER



“ Westminster Community Charter School has a family atmosphere and believes in helping the whole family, which has been a true asset. ”

TINA L. WELCH | WCCS PARENT

“ With the help of the entire PAZ team, I was able to graduate from nursing school—with distinction. I also recently bought my own home. I could not have done it without the PAZ team, I owe so much to them. ”

KENDRA CAMPBELL | PAZ PARENT



# SEEING PROMISE THROUGH

Buffalo Promise Neighborhood sees hope in all kinds of places. We see it in strong families, with parents pursuing fulfilling careers. We see it in kids with strong supports at home and at school. These are the things that provide the foundation for better futures. This is where strong starts, and it's why our work goes beyond the classroom to empower families, students, and our communities.

# STRONG STARTS HERE

With the support of dedicated parents, passionate teachers, and invested volunteers, our students, families, and schools are growing stronger every day. To get involved, visit [BuffaloPromiseNeighborhood.org](http://BuffaloPromiseNeighborhood.org).



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## STRONG FAMILIES



Academic success starts with strong families, and families thrive when parents and children both have the opportunities and resources to be their best. That's what makes our **Parent Achievement Zone (PAZ)** so important.

This innovative program provides one-on-one coaching for parents on subjects like financial stability, continuing education, career advancement, and family well-being. It builds a strong connection between a family and their school community, helping parents establish an environment that will prepare their kids for success in kindergarten and beyond.

## STRONG STUDENTS

By aligning teachers, parents, and the community, our schools meet the individual needs of each student while creating a culture of learning and achievement. Students get a rigorous, engaging education, complemented by access to the latest learning technology.

Our extended school day makes room for art, music, and drama, and after-school programs include everything from basketball to cooking and crafts. Finally, **Kaleida Health Clinics** and our **Saturday Academy** program help keep our kids strong, busy, and happy.



## STRONG SCHOOLS

Each Buffalo Promise Neighborhood school is dedicated to academic achievement and healthy development for all of our students. They're part of a unique public/private partnership and essential to our community's future.

### CHILDREN'S ACADEMIES

Buffalo Promise Neighborhood partners with EduKids to power two Children's Academies—one on Bailey Avenue and one at Gerard Place—to provide tuition-free early childhood education for more than 230 students from 6 weeks old through pre-K.

### WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

WCCS is a K-8 Buffalo Charter School with 550 students enrolled in unique programs, learning to love school and become their best selves.

### HIGHGATE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

A pre-K-8 school with 440 students, Highgate Heights Elementary (Buffalo Public School #80) provides rigorous and adaptable programming that supports a range of student needs.

## STRONG COMMUNITIES

In 1993, the late M&T Bank CEO Robert Wilmers envisioned the transformation of Buffalo Public School 68 into Westminster Community Charter School. While our programs have expanded over the years, our purpose has remained the same—to help build strong families, strong students, strong schools, and strong communities.

Since then more than \$50 million in resources has been invested in the community and Buffalo Promise Neighborhood has emerged. Together we've done a lot, from establishing a farmers market, to engaging more than 12 block clubs, to welcoming more than 400 M&T Bank volunteers annually.

We are proud of our results so far. There's still plenty to do, though, and we're more committed to the mission than ever.

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