



OUR MISSION

Cooke Center envisions a world in which all people with special needs are included as valued members of their communities, leading independent and purposeful lives. To realize this vision, our core mission is to educate students from early childhood through young adulthood, guided by these principles:

A curriculum that integrates academic, social and life skills with opportunities for learning that promote inclusion

Instruction that focuses on each student's strengths, interests and individual needs

The incorporation of inclusive activities as a key instructional strategy to foster positive attitudes in the broader community towards Cooke students and others with special needs

Families as partners in their children's education and growth towards independence

Access to quality special education for all children who need it, regardless of their financial circumstances

Sharing our knowledge with other professionals and schools to improve the educational experience for all children

DEAR FRIENDS,

November 2013

If you asked us to describe our students, we would say that they are happy and very proud of what they are accomplishing at Cooke.

Parents often tell us that their children wake up eager to go to school. Their children see Cooke as a place where they are learning new things, making new friends, becoming independent with the help of our dedicated faculty.

For preschool children, the path to independence may start with learning how to dress themselves without help. For second grade children, it may be learning how to ride a bike. For high school children, it may mean having an internship and getting paid for it.

Just as our students have a right to feel happy and deservedly proud, so, too, do all of our supporters, both large and small. During the past year, your generous support allowed us to renovate our new Grammar School and to upgrade the electricity and IT infrastructure at our Academy. Your support also continues to help us provide our students with yoga instructors, music teachers, iPads, and many other necessary pedagogical tools and community inclusion opportunities. Your support allows for us to develop highly individualized programs for our 350 students in our preschool, grammar school, and high school.

As your read through this report, feel happy and deservedly proud for all that you make possible for our truly amazing students. Our heartfelt thank you for being a part of our community.

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Cooke Center for Learning and Development is a non-sectarian, non-profit private provider of special education services in New York City, offering preschool services, a school for students ages 5 through 21, and consulting and training services.

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PROGRAMS

At Cooke, we are driven by the belief that all children deserve an education that leads to an independent future – one in which they can be included as integral members of their community.











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COOKE CENTER PRESCHOOL SERVICES

HELPING YOUNG LEARNERS GROW TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

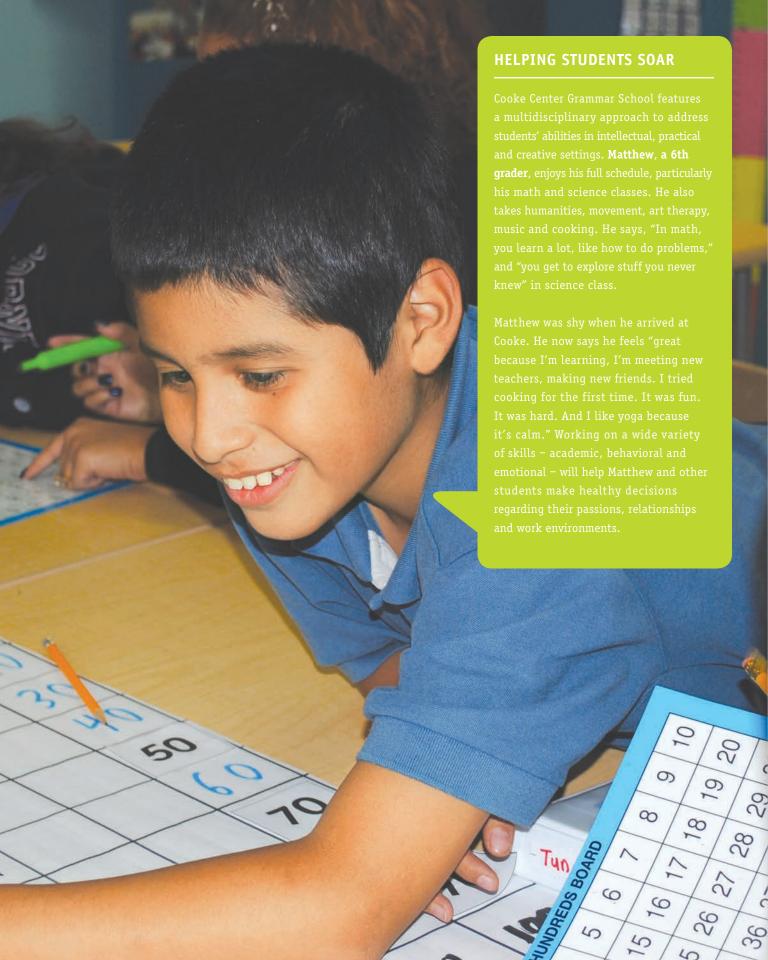


Teachers and early childhood professionals know how critical the early years are for the youngest of learners. That's why Cooke's Preschool offers a variety of programs to give youngsters every opportunity for academic success. From multidisciplinary child evaluations and one-on-one classroom support to integrated classrooms and school consultations, our faculty and administrators are sought out by preschools and parents throughout the city who want to address the general and special education needs of their young children.

Collaboration for Inclusion (C4I), Cooke's signature preschool program, brings skilled special educators into Head Start programs and other early childhood centers. Working with children, teachers and parents, they help create classrooms that include students with a wide range of developmental needs and abilities. Our consultant teachers provide parent support, teacher coaching, student observations, special education services and counseling, occupational therapy and speech therapy through long-term, sustained partnerships. The goal of C4I is to elevate the level of instruction school-wide, and prepare all students — those with and without special needs — for a bright academic future.

Collaboration for Inclusion is generously supported by the Bernard F. & Alva B. Gimbel Foundation, the Rose M. Badgeley Residuary Charitable Trust, and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.





Located on Manhattan's Lower East Side, the Cooke Center Grammar School features state-of-the-art classrooms outfitted with SMART Boards, a science lab, an art therapy studio, a technology lab, a playground and a movement space equipped with a traversing wall to aid in physical development.

Guided by a collaborative team of experienced faculty and related service providers, our K-8 program educates students in a multidisciplinary setting, allowing students to learn among peers of similar age and ability levels in small classes of 8 to 12. All students participate in yoga, adaptive physical education, music and off-site educational experiences around New York City to complement the traditional academics taught within the classroom.

By the time our students have completed the 8th grade, we have introduced them to the knowledge, social activities and real-world experience they need for the next step – a smooth transition to high school.

We are most grateful to Cooke's Trustees - in particular, Dag Folger, Eileen Caulfield Schwab and Arthur Skelskie for their ongoing support and vision in helping to create this extraordinary new space for our students and families.





COOKE CENTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ACADEMICS AND INTEGRATED THERAPIES FOR GRADES K-8







COOKE CENTER ACADEMY

A RICH HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE **MEETS TRANSITION TO LIFE**



TOOLS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Cooke Center Academy's preeminent Transition to Life program fosters the development of life skills through off-site education, travel training, community service and internships in some of New York City's most prestigious offices and institutions (among them are Moody's, the American Museum of Natural History, NYU Langone Medical Center and CVS). Our highly qualified Transition team offers individualized, ongoing support to every Academy family in formulating a comprehensive transition plan and accessing adult services.

We established Cooke Center Academy in 2005 to meet a critical need in New York City for a special education high school offering well-rounded academics, as well as instruction in social, vocational and adaptive living skills. A small student body and support from a collaborative team offer Academy students a stimulating and nurturing environment in which to prepare for an independent future from the day they enter as 9th graders.

An Academy education provides students with individualized, standards-based academics, integrated related services and community inclusion, along with all the typical high school activities - student government, a school newspaper and sports. Our small, multi-age groupings allow for the flexibility to address a range of cognitive, social and therapeutic needs. A Daily Living Lab (complete with a full working kitchen and laundry area), group therapy spaces, a science lab, an art studio, a tech center, a fitness room and two large spaces for student dining and social activities all serve to provide our students with the richest educational experience.











COOKE CENTER SKILLS

PREPARING 18- TO 21-YEAR OLDS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Through person-centered planning, we create opportunities for students to be actively involved in identifying their areas of interest and meeting their individual goals for life after school. A strong emphasis is placed on vocational training, recreational activities and daily living skills that foster the greatest level of independence for each student.

After successfully completing the SKILLS program, students are eligible for adult transition support programs, including the Cooke Center Academy Transition Career Office, the Cooke Alumni Program, and relevant New York State support services.

Cooke Center Academy, Transition to Life and SKILLS are generously supported by The Moody's Foundation, the Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation, Heckscher Foundation for Children, HSBC, and the American Express Foundation.

SKILLS (Skills & Knowledge for Independent Learning and Living), a program of the Cooke Center Academy for students ages 18-21, is designed to help young adults with disabilities make the transition from high school to adulthood. Our space in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan is close to mass transit and other community resources such as libraries, museums and a recreation center, offering students numerous opportunities to make independent choices and hone their daily living skills.



COOKE CENTER INSTITUTE

SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE WITH PARTNERS THROUGHOUT NYC



Each day, teachers across the city are tasked with educating students with an extraordinarily broad range of abilities and diverse needs. Sharing our knowledge is a key component of Cooke's mission, and so we created the Cooke Center Institute to support teachers and administrators in meeting this challenge. During weekly consultations in literacy, math and special education throughout the school year, our consultants draw upon years of professional experience and a wealth of Cooke resources to support partner schools in creating a rich learning environment for all students.

Whether modeling research-based teaching practices, coaching individual teachers through units of study, meeting with administrators, or facilitating school-wide trainings, our consultants are deeply committed to equipping schools with tools and strategies that meet the diverse needs of all students and improve student achievement.

For our corporate partners, Cooke's ACCESS Project offers free workshops for employees on a range of topics of interest to parents, such as the stages of child development and specific special needs issues. Presentations are led by Cooke faculty and therapists who are experts in child development and have years of experience working with children of all age groups.

"My Cooke consultant taught me how to reflect and build upon my lessons for my class. I am so on target with what I wanted to do for this class this year. In some areas I am ahead of where I planned to be."

- NYC Teacher



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

CHEFS' TASTING RAISES MORE THAN \$500,000

Last May, Cooke Center supporters celebrated with a Food for Thought chefs' tasting event at the Metropolitan Pavilion in Manhattan. We honored Cooke Board Chair **Eileen**Caulfield Schwab with the Founders Award.

Karen and David Waltuck, of Chanterelle and Ark Restaurant Group, also parents of a Cooke alumnus, once again provided their talent and support for this fantastic culinary event.

Food for Thought was co-chaired by Wendy Banner (a current Cooke parent and Board member) and Karen Waltuck. Generous Leadership-level support for this event came from the parents of a Cooke Center Academy student, the parents of a Cooke Center Grammar School student and Moody's Corporation.















The event featured over 19 chefs, pastry chefs and purveyors of fine foods, including:

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FINANCIAL **HIGHLIGHTS**

Since Cooke's founding in 1987, we have been committed to serving any child who needs us. Funding for Cooke families is available through an often lengthy legal process. We need the support of friends to help sustain our organization through these increasingly prolonged payment delays.

A Cooke Center School education is designed to nourish passions, focus on natural talents, build self-confidence and ultimately equip each student with the practical skills necessary to navigate everyday life and be productive adults. Our faculty provides a level of support for our students above what is typically found in local public schools.

Moreover, Cooke is committed to improving special education for those beyond our school walls. Your generous donation also supports Cooke Center Preschool Services and Cooke Center **Institute** – programs that serve thousands more children each year and strengthen school communities across New York City.

REVENUE Year ending June 30th, 2013		EXPENSES Year ending June 30th, 2013	
90% Education Fees	\$16,360,000	85% Education Services and Programs	\$15,441,000
7% Contributions and Special Events	\$1,215,000	12% Administration	\$2,242,000
3% Consultation and Training Fees	\$664,000	3% Fundraising	\$467,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$18,239,000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,150,000

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The following list acknowledges with sincere gratitude those individuals, foundations and corporations who contributed to the Cooke Center Annual Fund, the spring Food for Thought benefit, Campaign for the Future or made a grant during the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. We thank all of our longtime supporters and welcome new contributors to the Cooke family.

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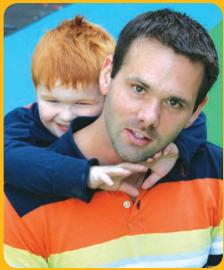
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