A COLLABORATIVE MOVEMENT

Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) is a growing collaborative movement to change the trajectory of North Minneapolis.

We exist to permanently close the opportunity gap in education and end multigenerational poverty.

CUSTOMIZED SUPPORTS

Families are surrounded by a team.

Trained coaches, many from the Northside, provide connections each family needs to reach their goals.

OUR APPROACH

3,350 NORTHSIDERS
Northsiders are leading themselves out of poverty.

We partner with parents and scholars to overcome the racial and income gaps in housing, employment, healthcare, early childhood and K-12 education.

40+ PARTNERS
Aligned to support the same group of parents and children.

We are a collaborative of 33 Northside community-based organizations and 8 schools providing a critical component of family support, and making measurable change.

2 GENERATIONS
Two generations succeeding.

• Children building academic goals and supported in and out of school.
• Parents advocating for children, starting at birth.

1 DATABASE
Sharing a single source of info.

We constantly measure and share outcomes to ensure we’re building the most effective systems of support.

NAZ IS WORKING

This is the first year there was a statistically significant difference in math and reading proficiency across all grades (1-8), between NAZ and non-NAZ scholars.

STRONG RESULTS K-8
NAZ scholars are outperforming other comparable Northside students in every grade.

STRONG SCHOOL STRATEGIES
NAZ scholars in most anchor schools are outperforming those in other schools.

2X PROFICIENT
NAZ scholars are twice as likely to be proficient in math with two layers of support, compared to none.

STABILIZING FAMILIES
Families are stabilizing their housing, health, and employment.
The best advocate for a child is a deeply involved parent. NAZ works with more than 1,000 parents like Charise.

Charise came to NAZ determined to forge a path to success for her children. When she enrolled in 2013, she was living in a shelter and her family’s situation was far from stable. Since then, she’s sought out valuable opportunities for her children and herself. She:

- Stabilized housing with support from NAZ partner Urban Homeworks
- Enrolled her scholars in a NAZ anchor school where they meet with their coach up to three times per week
- Gained skills to support learning in her home and graduated from Family Academy
- Accessed high-quality, out-of-school time learning opportunities through NAZ partner Plymouth Christian Youth Center
- Was matched with a NAZ Career and Finance Specialist at EMERGE Community Development to achieve financial stability
- Charise is now focusing on her education and pursuing a long-held dream to go back to school

Each of Charise’s scholars can tell you what their goals are and how they’re working toward them.

- **Alieya** got straight A’s for the first time and is focused on reading comprehension this year. When you ask her, she will tell you exactly how she’s doing it—the techniques she is using to learn and how she seeks out help.
- **Arnez** excels in Math and wants to read 50 books this year (scary ones and mysteries).
- **Kenneth** is working closely with his coach to build and maintain positive relationships with his teachers and peers. He wants to control his anger.

The work isn’t simple, but they’re all focused on the end goal—College.

**Investing in the Northside**

There is a $6 return for every $1 invested in NAZ, according to a recent Wilder Research study. Economic benefits include:

- Increased lifetime earnings
- Better health
- Higher tax revenues
- Savings to the welfare system

An investment in NAZ represents a net-cost savings to taxpayers.

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