



REDEMPTION CHURCH ADOPT-A-SCHOOL INITIATIVE

In 2018 Redemption Church adopted PS676/Harbor School as a means to connect with families in meaningful ways, serve real needs of the school and community, and provide a platform for Church members to be on Mission. At the time the school was under State review due to its underperforming record. 12% of students were reading at grade level and 8% of students were at grade level in Math.

When Redemption adopted the school, they began providing programming that meet the needs of the school and the larger community of Red Hook. They launched the EXODUS Project, which was an 8-week Job Readiness Program for parents of the students at the school. In this program, participants learned how to make a resume, interview skills, job search, and basis work skills such as time and money management. 4 out of the 12 participants were placed in meaningful employment positions.

Since 2018, Redemption Church runs Arise2Read, which is a 2nd & 3rd Grade literacy program that serves to get underperforming students to become proficient readers by the 3rd grade. A major focus in this project is to ensure our Black and Brown children have a fighting chance at a better future. Statistics show that 3rd Grade reading scores project graduation rates for children, incarceration rates, and financial independence for the future. This program also allows our Church members (who are our primary volunteers) the opportunities to mentors these children as well as connect with families.

In additional to these impactful programs, Redemption has also developed a Food Pantry that serves 300 local families weekly as well as providing Food to an additional 8-10 Churches and Organization, expanding our reach to about 2000 families a week.

Lastly, in partnership with the school PTA and Parent Coordinator, Redemption Church sponsors a monthly Family engagement event for the school. At these events, Church Volunteers serve and connect with families and share what Redemption Church is doing through its Adopt-A-School Initiative. These events change each month from Movie Nights to Game Nights, to Sip-&-Paint (non-alcoholic), to End-of-Year Carnivals. These events are possible through the partnerships Redemption Church has with other SCB/NAMB churches throughout the US.