



**For Immediate Release**  
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**Harlem Children Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Science Fair Brings Science Education to the Streets**  
***Board of Ed's "Weekend of Science" in NYC Highlights Festival***  
***In Partnership with New York Academy of Sciences, American Chemical Society,***  
***Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society and Salem United Methodist Church***

New York, NY - **Harlem Children Society Second Annual Harlem Science Street Festival** will be held Saturday, October 1 from 11am -5pm at 129<sup>th</sup> St. and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Adam Clayton Powell BLVD.), as part of the **Board of Education's "Weekend of Science"**. The goal of the fair is to bring the sciences directly to the streets of urban neighborhoods and to promote the importance of access to knowledge and education in under-served and under-represented communities.

The fair will honor various outreach programs that aid youth in under-served and under-represented communities and school districts in New York City and New Jersey, and in our national venture. The event will take place in association with **Rockefeller University Chapter of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Salem United Methodist Church, American Chemical Society and New York Academy of Sciences**. Live entertainment will be featured with an all-star international line-up, including **King Clave**, Cuban and Latin jazz ensemble, **The Main Squeeze Orchestra**, all female German accordion orchestra, **Kibar**, Turkish ensemble and **Cheikh M'Baye & Sing Sing Rhythms**, Senegalese drum and dance troupe. Past honorees and participants at the HCS "Night of Stars" to celebrate Harlem Children's Society Science Project: *Experiment with a Dream*, include Harlem Chamber of Commerce President, **Lloyd Williams**, NYC Board of Education Chancellor **Joel Klein**, New York Academy of Sciences President, **Ellis Rubenstein**, Pulitzer Prize Winning author, **Frank McCourt**, Principal of Frederick Douglas Academy, **Dr. Gregory Hodge**, UNESCO Representative, **Susan Bilelo** and New York State Senator **Liz Krueger**.

**Harlem Children Society** is a nonprofit organization that aims to develop a society for a better humanity by creating awareness in scientific literacy and social issues. Harlem Children Society is a 5 year old summer "bridge program" that provides paid internships at leading scientific and medical institutions for select high school students (9-12) from low-income areas in New York City and the tri-state area and nationally. Students are paired with mentors, who are top professionals in their field, and train and work on specific projects. The program identifies under-resourced and under-served communities, targets at-risk children and youth in those communities and provides them an opportunity to explore the world and their future through science, thereby helping to revitalize the community as a whole.

Over the past 5 years, HCS has grown exponentially – **increasing enrollment from 3 students from 2 high schools guided by one mentor in 2000 to 105 students from 40 schools, guided by over 125 mentors in 45 institutions this year**. All students receive a stipend of \$1,500 or more. HCS's rate of success is exemplified in the number of former students who have gone on to top colleges, including **Rutgers, Dartmouth, Penn State, UMDNJ, Swarthmore and Cornell University**. In addition, Harlem Children Society has been honored for its level of accomplishment with many awards, including, a \$30,000 New York Times Scholarship, Four Year American Chemical Society Scholarships, Jersey Journal Betty Foley Memorial Award, Hudson Regional Health Commission Award, The United States Army, Navy & Air Force Certificate of Achievement Award and 1<sup>st</sup> place in New Jersey Biomedical Cancer Research Symposium at Rider University.

Harlem Children Society Founder, **Dr. Sat Bhattacharya**, who has earned his reputation as a sought after research scientist at the renowned Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, says that this fair "is keeping the dream alive in Harlem that science can be fun and exciting and that all children should have access to the knowledge that prepares them to be successful entrepreneurs and productive world citizens". Bhattacharya, an immigrant from India, started Harlem Children Society with Harlem in mind, as more than a geographical location; but as a symbol of the drive to succeed and to achieve your dreams. Harlem Children Society is keeping the dream alive and well, with its dedication to promoting an innovative science education program for children and youth living in under-resourced and under-served communities and school districts. It seeks to empower the youth of tomorrow with the skills to pursue higher education and career achievement and to give back to their communities by becoming innovate entrepreneurs and productive world citizens.