



## Participant Feedback

- *“Dogs sometimes have a rough start just like people but being with them helped them learn the golden rule.”*
- *“It surprised me that I was nice.”*
- *“It surprised me that the dogs listened to me.”*
- *“It made me feel like a leader. Someone who a dog will listen to or understand you.”*
- *“It surprised me that my voice got stronger when I worked with the dogs.”*
- *“I surprised myself because as I worked with the dogs because I was shy at the beginning and now they made me out there.”*
- *“It made me feel like I had a tiny family that I had so much fun with.”*
- *“It surprised me how calm and relaxed I am for the rest of the day and how I don’t worry about the challenges life has for me in the future.”*

## Staff Feedback

- *"I found the program to be so inspiring. It brought out the best in our kids, their leadership skills, their compassion for the dogs, for each other and for themselves. Life is an intense experience for our kids - they hold a lot of pain and suspicion, many live in transition, often in foster care, or in home environments that have let them down, school has always been a place of failure. The dogs gave them an opportunity to let go of the heaviness, to realize they could chill, be happy and let their guard down....Director of Admission -Broome Street Academy Charter High School*
- *“A Fair Shake addresses that elusive part of educating ‘the whole child’ that for some children is the essential missing ingredient. I happened to have two of the students who benefited from the program last year. They were both socially awkward and rarely participated in classes. We saw the program help them. This year they are, participating, interacting, and leading sometimes.”  
...Teacher and A Fair Shake liaison – IS 52*
- *“Today we are not teaching anything about empathy. But you have to live a concept like empathy to really understand it. The animals are empathetic and bring out empathy in the children. The kids are all sharing an experience in which they learn to accept others... the dogs make it safe.”  
... Director After School and Camp Programs- Henry Street Settlement*
- *“The dogs level the playing field. Kids that don’t succeed in the classroom were more confident and had a chance to be leaders.” Teacher M225*
- *“Now I don’t have any students who have to eat lunch alone. They have made friends in the program. These are kids who didn’t know how to approach another student.” Principal Washington Heights*