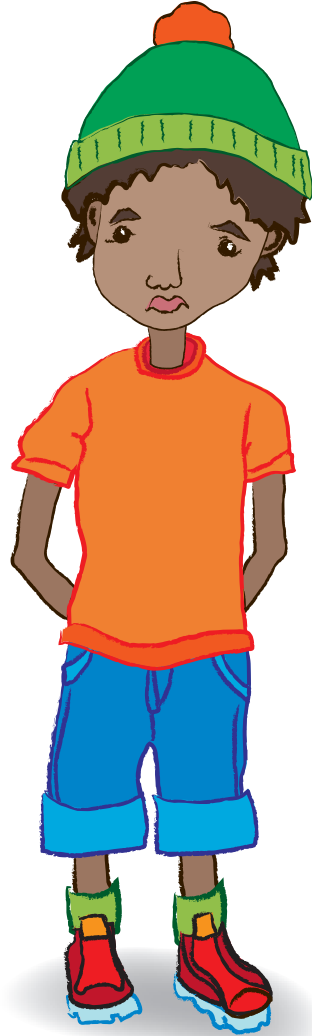


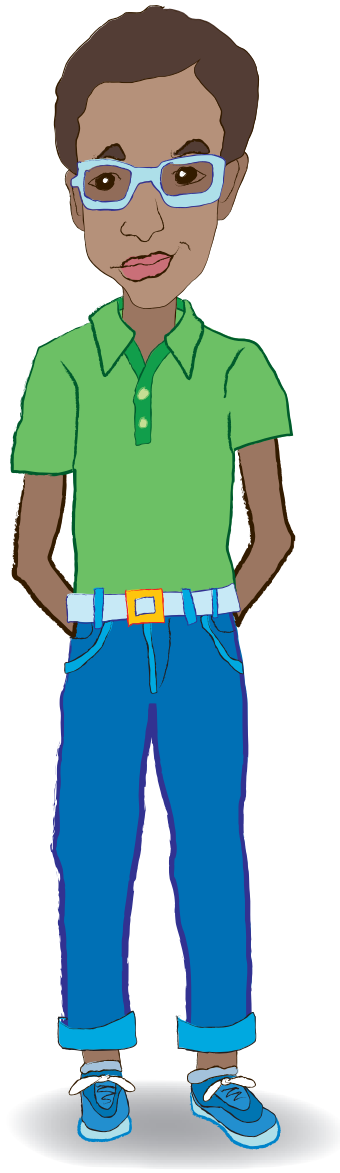
Sam Rides the Subway Train

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This is Sam. Sam had always walked to get where he wanted to go. Sometimes, he would ride the bus or the subway train with Dad. But not by himself.



Now there was a new subway train stop. It was very close to where Sam and Dad lived. Dad said, "Sam, do you want to ride the subway train alone?"

Sam was afraid. He was afraid he would not know when to get off the train. But he wanted to try it anyway. He would be brave.

Dad explained, "I will pay for a subway pass. Then you will get on the train. You will get off after two stops. I will walk to the train stop. You will wait for me. OK?"

Sam was still a little afraid. But he would be brave. He said it all again to Dad. "We will get a pass. Then I will get on the train. I will get off after two stops. Then I will wait for you." Sam was ready.

Sam and Dad walked to the subway train stop. Dad paid for a subway pass for Sam. "Two stops. Then get off and wait for me." "OK," said Sam. Dad left. Sam looked down at the subway rails and waited.



He felt like he was waiting for a long time. Then, the subway train came. He got on. One stop. Then at stop two, he got off. He walked up the stairs. He waited.



Dad walked up. "You did it, Sam! I will still help you for now. But in a little while, you will be able to ride with no help." Sam had a big grin on his face. *How do you think Sam felt?*

New Subway Train Stop Opens

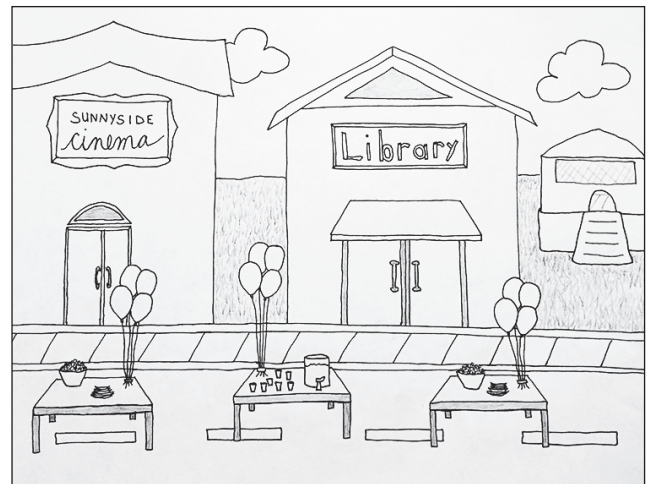
By Rita Reportalot

The Sunnyside neighborhood celebrated the reopening of the of subway station on 17th Street and Gardenside on Saturday.

For many years, the station was closed because the stairs and the subway platform were unsafe and the elevator did not work. Mayor Mack promised the residents of Sunnyside that she would work to reopen station if she was elected. When she became mayor, she raised money and was finally able to make the repairs.



The reopening of the Gardenside Station will give the residents of Sunnyside more options for transportation around the city.



Part of 17th Street was closed to traffic for the celebration. Residents enjoyed music and refreshments, provided by the Sunnyside Cinema. The Sunnyside Library set up a moonbounce and face painting for local children. A great time was had by all!