

2018 Annual Report

Scaling Walls A Note At A Time



Music Makes a Change

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Our Mission: To be dedicated advocates for children affected by parental incarceration by providing life-changing intervention through music.

Our Vision: To give America's most vulnerable children hope and a life-changing experience thus improving their lives, our communities, economy, and culture.

The NUMBERS:

200 Children Served

377 Music Lessons*

14 Schools & Centers

7 Instruments Learned

10 Performances

7 Teachers

438 Donors

Music is transforming children's lives placing them on a course toward success.

Program Highlights

Our continued partnership with the School District of Lancaster and the Youth Intervention Center opened doors to double the number of children receiving music lessons. Ukuleles were added to the instruments being taught and quickly became a favorite of our students.

Our first 5-week camp was held during the summer with 30 students receiving 80 hours of instruction and mentoring as well as 3 performances.

*group, private, and camp

"I am grateful that SWAN serves my boys as a support group and also for the musical training that they are receiving. I see the influence of music affecting their everyday life experience. One of the things I saw right away was their love for music; they also became noticeably calmer. They have started expressing themselves through song and rhythm at home. The calmness that they are experiencing positively impacts them and our household."

Kathy, Parent



"I wasn't sure if I wanted to be here, I thought it would be boring, but I LOVE it! I had so much fun with Mr. George and the djembes. I can't wait for the next class!"

Kathleen, Student

"They thanked me and said they were less stressed as a result of the class."

George, Music Teacher



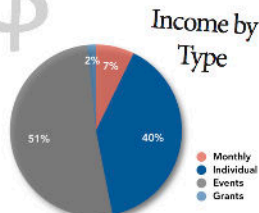
"You found the music in me.
You drew it out of me."

Derek, Student

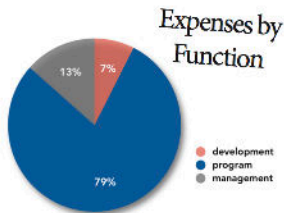
"Before SWAN, I never sang in public or even around friends. But in the seven years I've been with them, they've helped me to break down barriers, to reach goals and have brought me to places that back then seemed impossible to reach!"

Bryanna, Student

More NUMBERS:



Total \$119,128



Total \$97,065

*Our complete financial statement and independent report can be found at <http://www.swan4kids.org/about/>

EVENT Highlights:

BBQ Picnic & Performance

Our 2nd annual BBQ Picnic & Performance was a smashing success. Donors, friends, volunteers, and staff came together as a community to support our summer campers' performance and raise funds for fall lessons.

Spurred on by our generous matching donor Michelle Ann Duralia and the energetic delightful performance of our campers, over \$15k was raised.

A special thank you to Michelle and our team of volunteers. We could not have done this without you!

Gala & Extraordinary Give

Within 48 hours, our supporters, volunteers, and staff raised over \$40,000 during our 3rd annual "Make An Extraordinary Difference Gala" and Lancaster's "Extraordinary Give".

We are grateful for all who purposed to join us at our annual gala and are thankful for the safety of those who were able to come in spite of the storm. We enjoyed a memorable night together. William Zee, Esquire, Barley Snyder, was our keynote speaker and had an inspiring message to share giving insight into how trauma affects children and ways to help them succeed despite the challenges they face.

SWAN student, Bryanna, confidently carried the torch for her fellow students who could not attend and perform due to the inclement weather. She sang beautifully and shared how music and the program have impacted her life.

Special thank you's go to Danielle McKeown, owner of Dani's Cakepop Shoppe, who graciously donated favors for the gala, to our special guests Jeremy, Jinger & Felicity Vuolo, and to our generous matching donors for the Extraordinary Give: Michelle Ann Duralia, and The Brooks Group, Inc. We are grateful as well for the amazing team of volunteers who pulled together at the event to step in for those who could not be at the Gala due to the weather.

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Grants

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— What's NEXT: —

If you are reading this note then you have likely been one of our students' silent heroes! Your support of SWAN has touched vulnerable children's lives giving them life-changing and empowering skills. We value your contributions and extend to you our deepest gratitude.

As a SWAN partner, you have made it possible for us to more than double our impact in 2018. This year it is our desire to follow more of our students as they move up into middle school within the SDoL as well as increase our overall enrollment. We have plans to run a summer music camp for 5 weeks that will provide 120 hours of instruction and include several performances. But that's not all. We are aiming to begin a SWAN branch in the Red Lion Area School District starting in September that would initially serve 60 children.

To fulfill these plans we will need the continued generous support of our SWAN community members and to increase SWAN awareness so that others can join our mission. Would you help us spread the word and share our mission with your friends? If each of our community members inspired one more supporter, that would double our impact and give to many more children an opportunity to heal and thrive.

Diana Vuolo
Founder, Executive Director



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