

2019 Annual Report

Scaling Walls A Note At A Time



Give Music Empower Dreams

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: _____

211 Children Served

15 Schools & Centers

579 Music Lessons*

8 Instruments Learned

11 Performances

12 Teachers

1820 Volunteer Hours

257 Donors

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

Program Highlights

Our partnership with the School District of Lancaster, Youth Intervention Center, and Red Lion School District allowed us to teach 579 music lessons to 211 students. Our teachers collaborated and brought students together from various schools to perform pieces as one choir and band during spring and fall performances.

Our second 5-week camp was held during the summer with 30 students receiving 80 hours of music instruction, 60 hours of enrichment classes, meals, mentoring, and 3 performances.

*group, private, and camp

"Why can't we have SWAN class every day?" **Student**

"Music takes me to a magical place where I can have fun with my friends and meet new ones. I love to perform because it makes me feel confident. Afterwards I feel happy and have a wonderful memory." **Willow, Student**



"Music can change your mood and help you think about things. If you are sad, music can brighten your day." **Anny, Student**

"This is one thing they look forward to all week, I don't want this taken from them. My boys who struggle with anxiety and anger are noticeably calmer because of SWAN class." **Parent**



"Music helps me study. I work to play the drum beats and keep them together with everybody."

Tyrell, Student

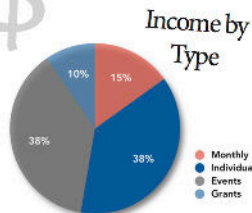
"It's an honor to be part of this organization.

My students and I have a lot of fun after school making music and learning about each other. The class provides the children with time to talk about their struggles and successes. One thing we have in common is that every day we have a SWAN class, we have joy in making music together."

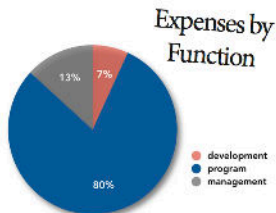
Matt, Music Teacher



More NUMBERS:



Total \$119,553



Total \$130,834

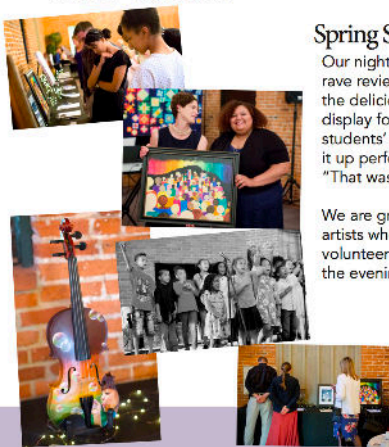
*Our complete financial statement and independent report can be found at <http://www.swan4kids.org/about/>

EVENT Highlights:

Spring Soiree

Our night of Art, Music & Impact received rave reviews all around. Everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner, the masterpieces on display for our silent auction, and our students' performance. One child summed it up perfectly as he walked off-stage saying, "That was awesome!"

We are grateful to all who came, for the artists who donated their talent, and for the volunteers who invested their time to make the evening a success.



Summer Celebration

The pristine Farm at Eagles Ridge was the setting for a more intimate celebration of our summer campers' success. Donors, community members, and staff enjoyed the children's lively and energetic performance which was the culmination of their 5-week camp experience.

A highlight for the children that evening was surprising our Founder and Executive Director, Diana Vuolo, with a birthday song, tribute, and flowers. Guests and campers left that night feeling more connected. Our audience gave each child high-five's as they filed down the aisle after their performance and then enjoyed elegant dinner fare in the beautiful Carriage House.



Extraordinary Give

The 2019 Extraordinary Give was the biggest per capita giving day in the world! It was so "Extra" that the giving platform crashed in the final hours. Thanks to our amazing supporters, we raised \$54,652 in 24-hours and ranked 48th among the 500+ community benefiting organizations. That's impressive and we are humbled and grateful for the extraordinary support.

We'd like to give a shout-out to the Lancaster Bar Association, YDOP, and The Arts at MU for hosting SWAN throughout the day. Our students enjoyed being part of the festivities with their performance at The Ware Center.



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 serve more than 200 children in 2019. We were able to run a full-day summer music camp for 5 weeks and in the fall begin a SWAN branch in the Red Lion Area School District.

Since SWAN began in 2011, we have accomplished our yearly goals with minimal staff, focusing on the establishment of the program. We responsibly used 80% of our 2019 donated dollars towards our program costs. Our team of teachers, a branch director, administrative assistant, and volunteers have all worked part-time hours. As the executive director, I have volunteered my full-time hours since founding SWAN and began receiving some part-time remuneration in 2017. It took the dedication and care of every one of our team members to create our excellent program for some of Lancaster city's most traumatized children. The children's progress and the reports we receive from parents and guardians keep us in the work and compel us to reach more children.

We have much to celebrate as we review 2019. We are grateful for our students and their progress and every supporter, staff member, and volunteer!

SWAN's goal is to become a strong program in Lancaster, serving hundreds of children

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each year and increasing the amount of class time and performances for each child within the year. We also want to serve more children during the 5-week summer camp. The School Districts of Lancaster and Red Lion regard SWAN as a critically needed intervention program. Because programs like ours are needed in counties across our nation, it is our overarching goal to be a model program for non-profit organizations in other counties to replicate.

To make this a reality, our priority in 2020 will be to find the financial support for our executive director and administrative assistant to be paid full-time and increase our branch director's hours. With this goal in mind, there will be an increase in our development vs our program expenditure for 2020. This will place us in a better position to enroll more children, serve more schools, and become the model for other community benefitting groups.

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 allow many more children to heal and thrive.

Diana Vuolo
Founder, Executive Director



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