

2021 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:

232 Children Served

	Spring	Summer	Fall
School District of Lancaster	37	22	57
Red Lion School District	4	4	13
Ephrata Area School District	1	0	1
Hempfield School District	0	1	1
Youth Intervention Center	0	0	91

22 Schools & Centers

1,630 Music Lessons*

882	Spring (all private Zoom)
291	Summer
457	Fall
30	Youth Intervention Center
9	Instruments Learned
5	Performances

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 1,630 music lessons to 232 students. During the spring and most of the summer, our program consisted of **virtual** private lessons (due to pandemic restrictions), with some students receiving instruction twice a week. We began teaching group and private in-person classes in the fall while continuing virtual lessons with some students. On five different occasions, students performed for the community showcasing their progress. Our teachers noted that their students were focused, learned quickly, supported each other, and were diligent in practice. Students who received lessons twice a week especially excelled.

*group, private, and virtual

“When I play music I feel relaxed and get into my own rhythm.”

Zoe, Student



“I enjoyed being able to share and play for other people.”

Jayliana, Student

“I was super nervous about performing, but then I focused on my instrument so that I wouldn’t focus on anything else, and that helped. It was really cool and fun! The other students that performed were super good.”

Jason, Student

“Caplin, when you began playing, the whole room, including the other students, became still as they listened to you. That was really cool; it says a lot about your connection to music.”

George, Music Teacher



“I love it! I like putting together long rhythm patterns.”

Emma, Student

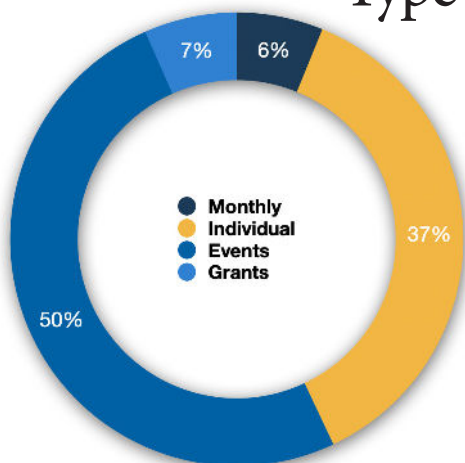
“I have seen his creativity thrive through music! It’s great seeing him get so excited about creating music! SWAN has given him a fantastic way to work out his sadness, anger, and even joy! He takes it to the piano and walks away refreshed! I am so grateful to the donors who have made this possible for my son and many other youths who otherwise would not have had these opportunities.”

Valerie, Parent



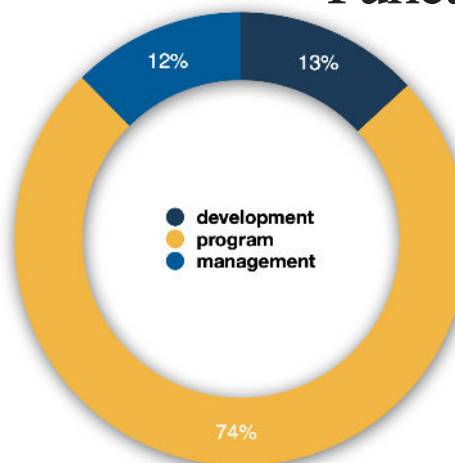
More NUMBERS:

Income by Type



Total \$158,556

Expenses by Function



Total \$156,655

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

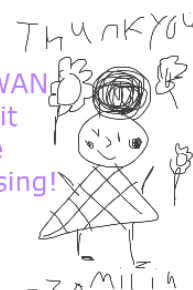
EVENT Highlights:



Extraordinary Give

Thanks to our supporters, SWAN raised **\$79,146** within 24-hours, placing us in the top 10% of the leaderboard amongst 500+ organizations. The funds will significantly support our mission throughout 2022. We are deeply grateful for each donation and would like to acknowledge our "Matching Gift" donors who collectively contributed \$25,000: Howard & Connie Livingston (20k); Trey & Danielle Little, Dan & Sandra Brooks (1k+); Bob & Betty Stevenson, John Folkomer, The Do-Gooders, Don & Ginnie Good, Anonymous (1).

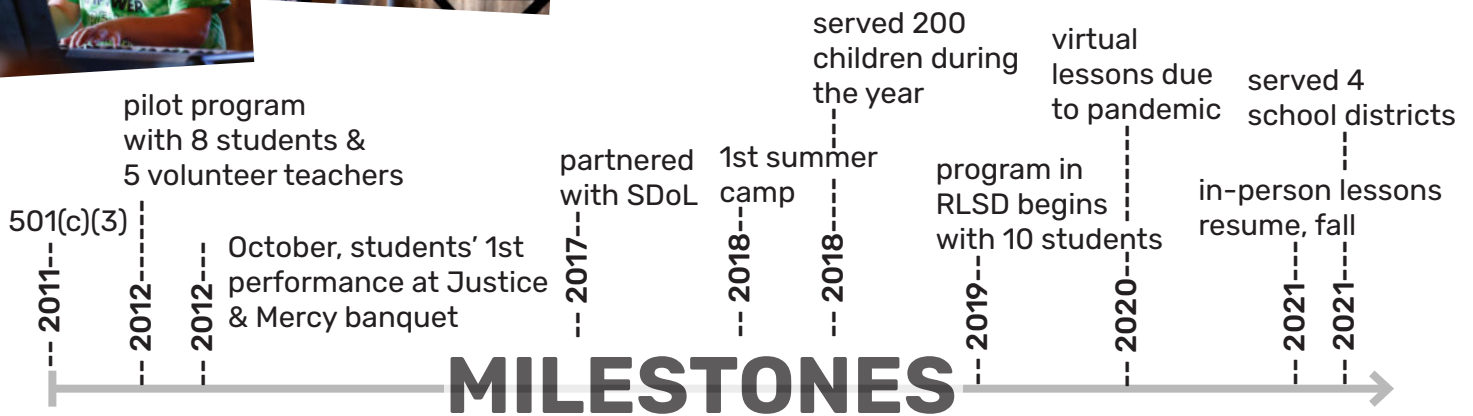
I love SWAN
because it
helps me
learn to sing!





Summer Celebration

SWAN Community members gathered at the pristine Farm at Eagles Ridge to celebrate our students' accomplishments in late August. After a long pandemic season, our students could finally gather in person and perform. The impact was encouraging for everyone, boosting our student's confidence and enthusiasm for lessons and deepening the commitment of our supporters to SWAN's mission.



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— What's NEXT: —

As we begin 2022, SWAN's vision, mission, and core values inspire us to dream big and press on with confidence, determined to make a difference in our students' lives.

Knowing that "We're Better Together," we are engaging our SWAN Community Members in group discussions and forming teams who are inspired to support SWAN and help us achieve **our top goals**:

- To improve our program by providing our students with **multiple** weekly music lessons, **additional** performance opportunities, performance attire, and transportation
- To run SWAN programs in additional locations allowing us to serve more students

SWAN's **Corporate Infrastructure and Team Members** are proven and ready to step up to the tasks. We are energized by our community's commitment to engage with us.

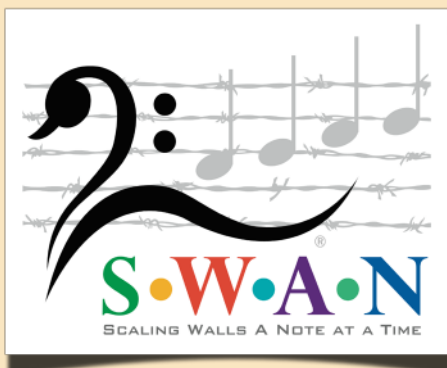
Our **Wish List** most importantly includes having the funds **to run a full-day summer music camp** and **to prepare our students for some exciting stages**. They have been invited to open for a concert at Longs Park with an expected audience of several thousand, as well as The Clipper Magazine Stadium, where they will appear on "the big screen" during the 7th inning stretch.

The Impact for our students is life-changing and, for some, life-saving. So, if you want to join a team that Empowers Dreams, don't hesitate to get in touch with us so that we can include you in our "We're Better Together" group discussions and plans.

We appreciate your continued financial support and optimistically look forward to celebrating our students' successes together!

Gratefully,

Diana Vuolo
Founder, Executive Director



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