2022 Annual Report

Scaling Walls A Note At A Time

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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:

94 Children Served

35 Given Additional Private Lessons
30 Attended Summer Camp
8 Given Private Lessons at Camp
From **20** Schools in **7** Districts
+10-12 Weekly at Youth Intervention Center

1266 Music Lessons*

970 Given in Spring & Fall
296 Given in Summer Camp
At **11** Schools and **4** Music Studios
+60 Given at Youth Intervention Center

22 Performances

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

Program Highlights

Our partnership with the School District of Lancaster, Red Lion School District, and four private music studios allowed us to teach 1,266 music lessons to 94 students. Of the 94 students, 35 were given additional private lessons during the spring and fall. In the summer, 30 students participated in our 4-day, 5-week music camp, in which 8 students received daily private lessons in addition to 6 daily group lessons. On 22 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. Our partnership at the Youth Intervention Center allowed us to hold 60 classes with 10-12 children participating each week.

*group, private, and virtual

"I like that I get to be here and learn music from all the great teachers."

Camari, Student

"When I play the piano it makes me feel calm and relaxed. It makes me want to practice more." **Brooklyn, Student**

"SWAN has helped me overcome my fears" **Elyannie, Student**

"Glowing is the best word I can use to describe the beautiful faces I see singing and playing their instruments during their SWAN performances. I know that the social and emotional support these youngsters receive makes a difference in their lives, both at home and at school. Thank you for SWAN for dedicating time, resources, and love to these children and their families."

Dr. Damaris Rau, Former SDoL Superintendent

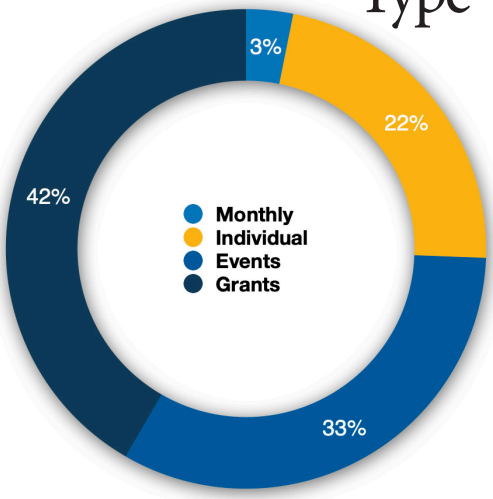
"It's more fun to play as a group, you can hear everything come together. It sounds really cool." **Jaymeir, Student**

"Logan didn't touch the ground for three days after his first performance! It was a significant turning point for Logan. He realized that he has something special, and people appreciated it. That was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that he will never forget. It instilled confidence in him and inspired him to continue playing the piano."

Wanda, Grandmother

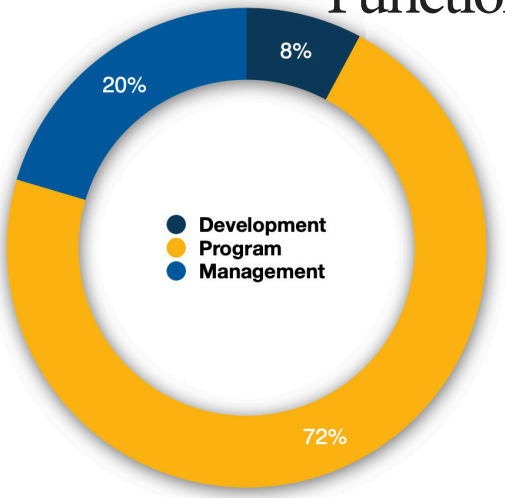
More NUMBERS:

Income by Type



Total $270,530

Expenses by Function



Total $212,119

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

EVENT Highlights:

Cruise 4 Kids

Motorcycles revved up and toured beautiful Lancaster County in June for our first charity ride. Our students enjoyed performing for participants and selecting the "coolest bike" award. We are grateful for meeting many new supporters and would like to acknowledge our volunteers Eric Weister, Sean and Deanna Riccardelli, along with our sponsors: CCS Building Group, Lezzer Lumber, GR Mitchell, Wacker Brewing Co, and Lancaster Harley Davidson.

Performance Highlight
Singing the National Anthem at Lancaster Barnstormers Game

Summer Celebration

SWAN Community members gathered at the pristine Farm at Eagles Ridge to celebrate our camp students' accomplishments in late July. Our children's choir performed several songs accompanied by student instrumentalists. They incorporated dance movements and sign language to enhance the beauty and meaning of each piece. Ensembles that included drums, keys, violins, and violas added variety to their program. The impact was encouraging for everyone, boosting our students' confidence and enthusiasm for lessons and deepening the commitment of our supporters to SWAN's mission.

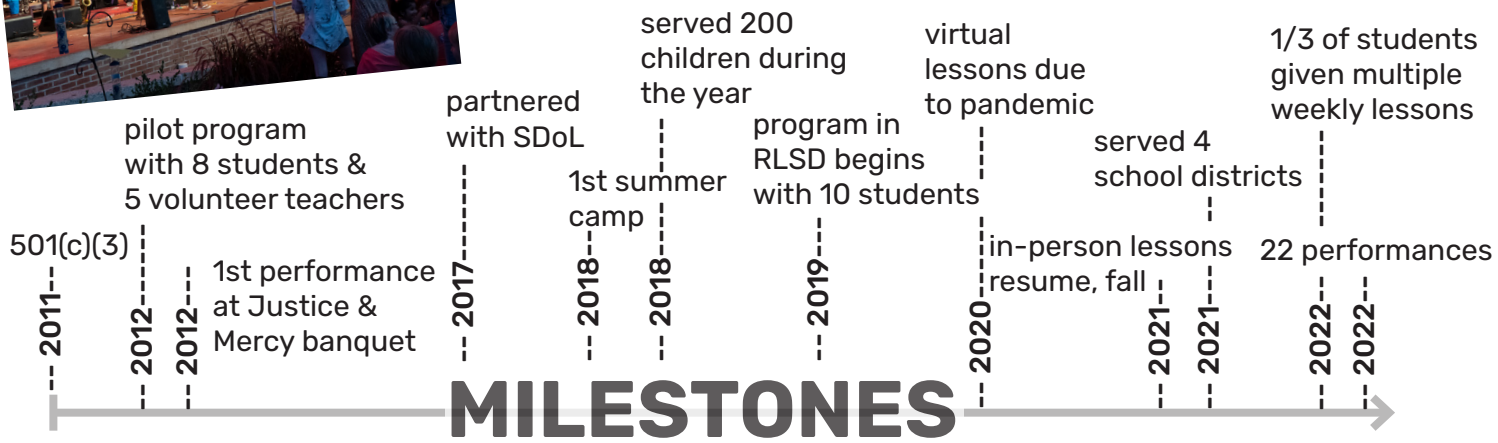
ExtraGive

Thanks to our supporters, SWAN raised **$79,332** within 24 hours. We are deeply grateful for each donation and would like to acknowledge our "Matching Gift" donors who collectively contributed $48,125: Green Acres Outdoor Living, Howard & Connie Livingston ($20k); Trey & Danielle Little, Dan & Sandra Brooks, CCS Building Group, Anonymous ($1k+); Bob & Betty Stevenson, Jeff & Sue Leubecker, Anonymous ($500+).

We are also grateful to United Way of Lancaster for inviting our students to perform at their "Give at the Garden" ExtraGive event.

Performance Highlight

Joining two-time grammy award-winning Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience on stage at Long's Park Summer Music Series for an audience of 2,500



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What's NEXT:

As we begin 2023, SWAN's vision, mission, and core values inspire us to dream big and press on confidently, determined to make a difference in our students' lives.

To make SWAN the most excellent program of its kind and more fully meet our students' needs, we are collaborating with mental health agencies to add trauma management and music therapy classes to our program. Our hours of operation will also be expanded beyond the after-school hours, transforming SWAN into the first Music School of its kind in our nation.

Our SWAN Music School will offer the following:

- Music Lessons, Ensemble Lessons, Performance Opportunities
- Spiritual Development
- Caring Mentors
- Transportation
- Mental Health Care: Music Therapy and Trauma Management

We will have a research team study this new model. Then, as the study's results underscore its effectiveness, we will publish them and hope to scale our program.

Our Wish List includes having the funds to run a full-day summer music camp, increase our hours of operation, and transport students to classes and performances.

Impact stories abound on our website and blogs. Please take a moment to read them, and if you want to join a team that Empowers Dreams, don't hesitate to contact us so we can include you in our 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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