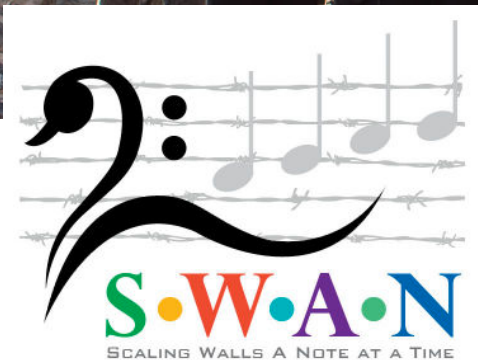


2023 Annual Report

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: —

116 Children Served

- 48** Given Additional Private Lessons
- 27** Attended Summer Camp
- 27** Given Private Lessons at Camp
- From **23** Schools in **7** Districts
- +10-12** Weekly at Youth Intervention Center

2163 Music Lessons*

- 1415** Given in Spring & Fall
- 748** Given in Summer Camp
- At **11** Schools and **9** Music Studios
- +73** Given at Youth Intervention Center

25 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 nine private music studios allowed us to teach 2,163 music lessons to 116 students. Of the 116 students, 48 were given additional private lessons during the spring and fall. In the summer, 27 students participated in our 4-day, 6-week music camp, in which students received daily private lessons, 7 daily group lessons, and access to mental health counselors. Students at camp participated in a mental health social-emotional learning class in which 70% increased their personal assessment scores. On 25 different occasions, students performed for the community, showcasing their progress. Our partnership at the Youth Intervention Center allowed us to hold 73 classes with 10-12 children participating each week.

*group, private, and virtual

“It was cool to perform.

When everyone claps, it makes me feel like a superhero.” **Chanric, Student**



“The teachers are very nice they help us make music and control our feelings. I have a lot of fun.” **Marciel, Student**

“I felt like I was in my place, and I felt good”
Noah, Student

“I am so grateful that Nate was given the opportunity to be apart of this. He loved his time with SWAN and has taken a huge interest in learning how to play the piano. I love this for him.” **Tabby, Mother**



“I liked performing for the old people because we brightened their faces. I am proud of making people smile.” **Emma, Student**

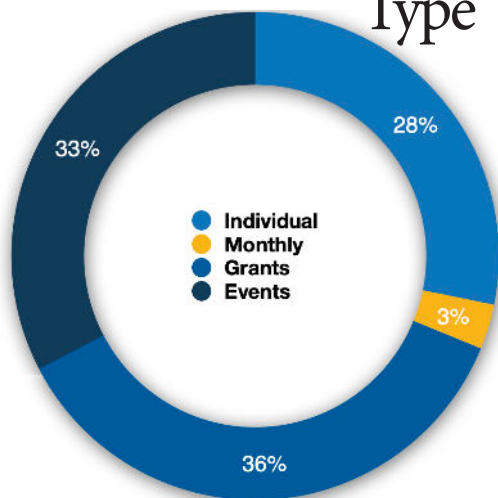
“Our students learned so much this summer! Their performances were inspiring and impressive. SWAN4KIDS changes lives. I’m proud of the commitment and compassion our teachers, assistants and staff show as they work with the students.”

Brooke, Program Director



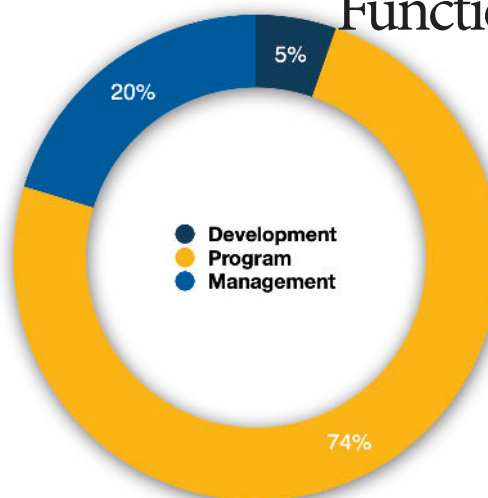
More NUMBERS:

Income by Type



Total \$287,993

Expenses by Function



Total \$296,052

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

EVENT Highlights:

Golf 4 Kids

Golf enthusiasts joined us at the beautiful Lancaster County Country Club in September for our first charity tournament. We are grateful for meeting many new supporters and would like to acknowledge our volunteers, Eric Korpics and Brian Tribbitt, along with our sponsors: CCS Building Group, Sight & Sound, YDOP, and Robin Ardinger CPA.



Performance Highlight

Sharing music at Evergreen Estates Retirement Community



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

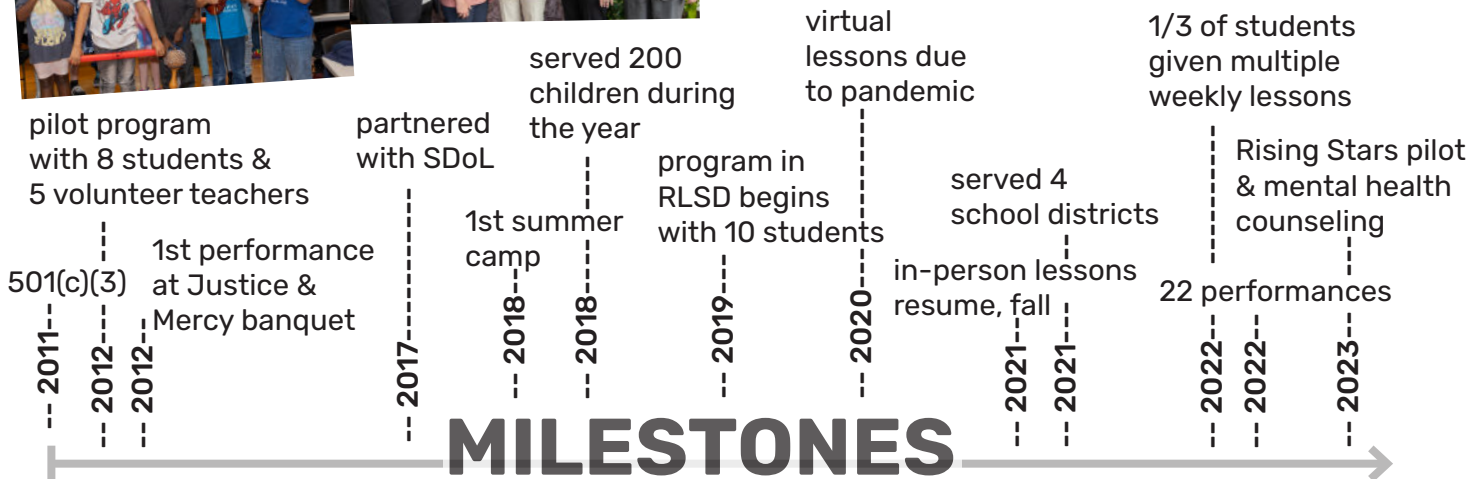
Thanks to our supporters, SWAN raised **\$49,490** within 24 hours. We are deeply grateful for each donation and would like to acknowledge our "Matching Gift" donors who collectively contributed \$19,400: Anonymous (\$10k+); Anonymous (\$5k+); Trey & Danielle Little, Brubaker, Inc. (\$1k+); Harry & Pam Middleton, Anonymous (\$500+); Anonymous (\$100+).

We are also grateful to Decades for inviting our team to celebrate and connect with the community during the give.



Performance Highlight

SWAN was honored to receive the Small Business Award from SCORE Lancaster-Lebanon where SWAN students performed for 200 community leaders.



Board of Directors

Executive Director: Diana Vuolo
 Chairman of the Board: Deanna Riccardelli
 Secretary: Robert McBride
 Treasurer: Sean Riccardelli
 Director: Steven Wolgemuth

Major Donors (\$15k+)

Howard & Connie Livingston
 Gregg & Courtney Raymundo
 Green Acres Outdoor Living
 The Duralia Family Charitable Fund

Grants

AmazonSmile Foundation
 Chubb Charitable Foundation
 Burkholder Family Foundation
 D'Addario Foundation
 Eden Bridge Foundation
 Kenneth Bankert Foundation Inc
 LMC Legacy Foundation
 Shady Maple Foundation
 The Feree Foundation
 The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
 United Way Lancaster

Community Sponsors

The Brooks Group, Inc.
 CCS Building Group LLC
 Chestnut Ridge Honey LLC
 Decades
 Dormie Network, LLC
 Infinity Capital
 Functional Freedom LLC
 Green Acres Outdoor Living
 Hope and Stead Corp.
 Henrietta Heisler Interiors Inc.
 Lancaster Central Market
 Lancaster Recreation Commission
 Lancaster Southern Market
 Rutter's Children's Charities, Inc.
 Robin Ardinger CPA
 St. Thomas Episcopal Church
 Middle Creek Church
 Mount Everest Moving Company
 Music For Everyone
 School District Of Lancaster
 Sight & Sound Ministries, Inc.
 Superior Walls of America, LTD
 The Life Financial Group, Inc.
 Thomas Trading, Inc.
 Trinity United Church of Christ
 Wacker Brewing Co.
 YDOP Digital Marketing

— What's NEXT: —

SWAN reached a significant goal in 2023 as we began our "Rising Stars" Pilot Program: a free, innovative, and unique Music/Mental Health Model serving children affected by parental incarceration and the resulting trauma.

Combining music-making's power, joy, and beauty with immediate access to mental health counseling and trauma management classes, our Rising Stars Summer Music Camp was an immediate success. We created a safe, loving place where our students could powerfully express their emotions without a word, stimulate their minds by learning, and enjoy the physical benefits of playing instruments, singing, and dancing. While the music helped them relax and regulate their emotions, they also received trauma management classes and had immediate access to mental health counselors that they knew and trusted. We were so proud when they shared their beautiful programs with the community by performing at multiple venues.

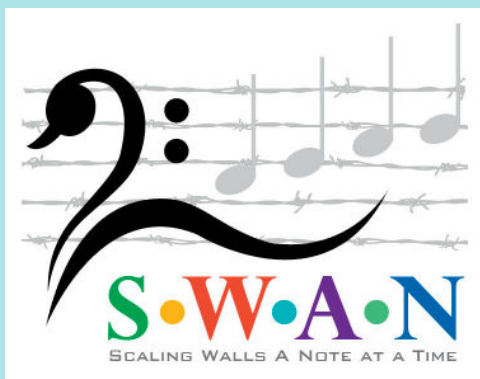
SWAN is excited to continue this power-packed program for School District of Lancaster students throughout the 2024 - 25 school year.

We invite you to check out our events, performances, and social media posts. If you want to join a team that Empowers Dreams, please 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



SWAN: Scaling Walls A Note At A Time
PO Box 249
Lyndell, PA, 19354
info@swan4kids.org

www.SWAN4kids.org