



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The 2017 - 2018 school year was filled with exciting new growth and organizational changes. In August of 2018, Michael Alstad, Music Center's Executive Director of 11 years, moved to Canada to be closer to family. Under his direction Music Center saw significant expansion both in size and scope. His dedication to the idea that everyone has the right and the ability to create music, allowed the Music Center community to grow and mature.

In the spring of 2018, Music Center's Board of Directors launched the Keys to the Future - Capital Campaign to purchase the building we have been renting since 1995. By the time I joined Music Center in October 2018, our community had already pledged over \$800,000 toward the \$2,000,000 goal. Creating a permanent space for Music Center will allow us to fulfill our mission to create exceptional musical opportunities for everyone in our community.



Over the past six months I have enjoyed getting to know the Music Center family. If I have not yet had the pleasure to meet with you, I am certain we will get the opportunity in the near future. In the coming months, you will continue to see more changes as we look to expand our programming and begin to settle in to what will be our home for many years to come.

The future is bright!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chas Arnold".

CHAS ARNOLD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2017-2018

BY THE NUMBERS

Class and lesson enrollment saw modest growth, with the most notable increase in the Music Together® Early Childhood program. We expanded Music Together® class offerings, which now include a "Babies" class, "Mixed Age" classes for 6 mo.- 5 yrs., "Rhythm Kids" for ages 4-8, and "Big Kids" for ages 5-7. Financial aid requests and awards increased to an all-time high this year, and our generous donors stepped up to meet the need.

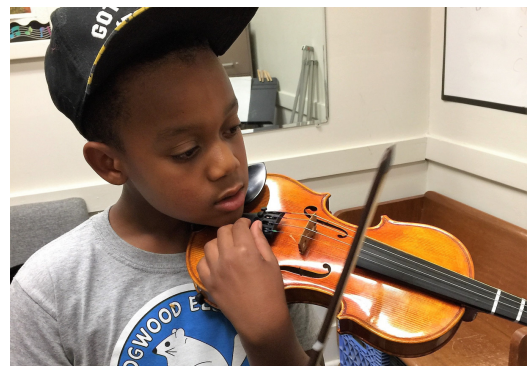
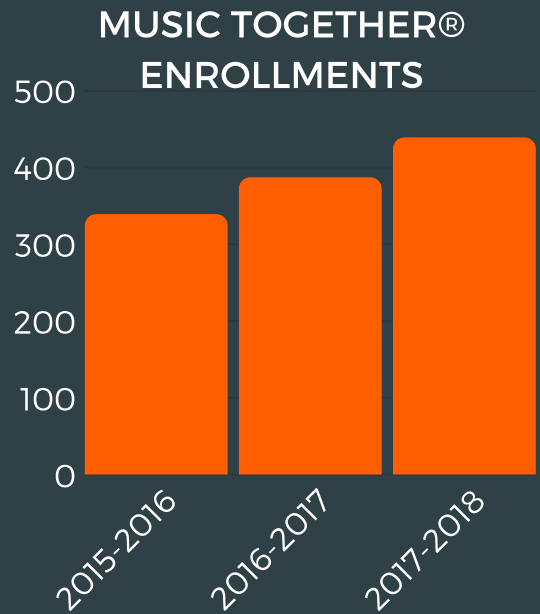
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private lesson students

320
adult class enrollments

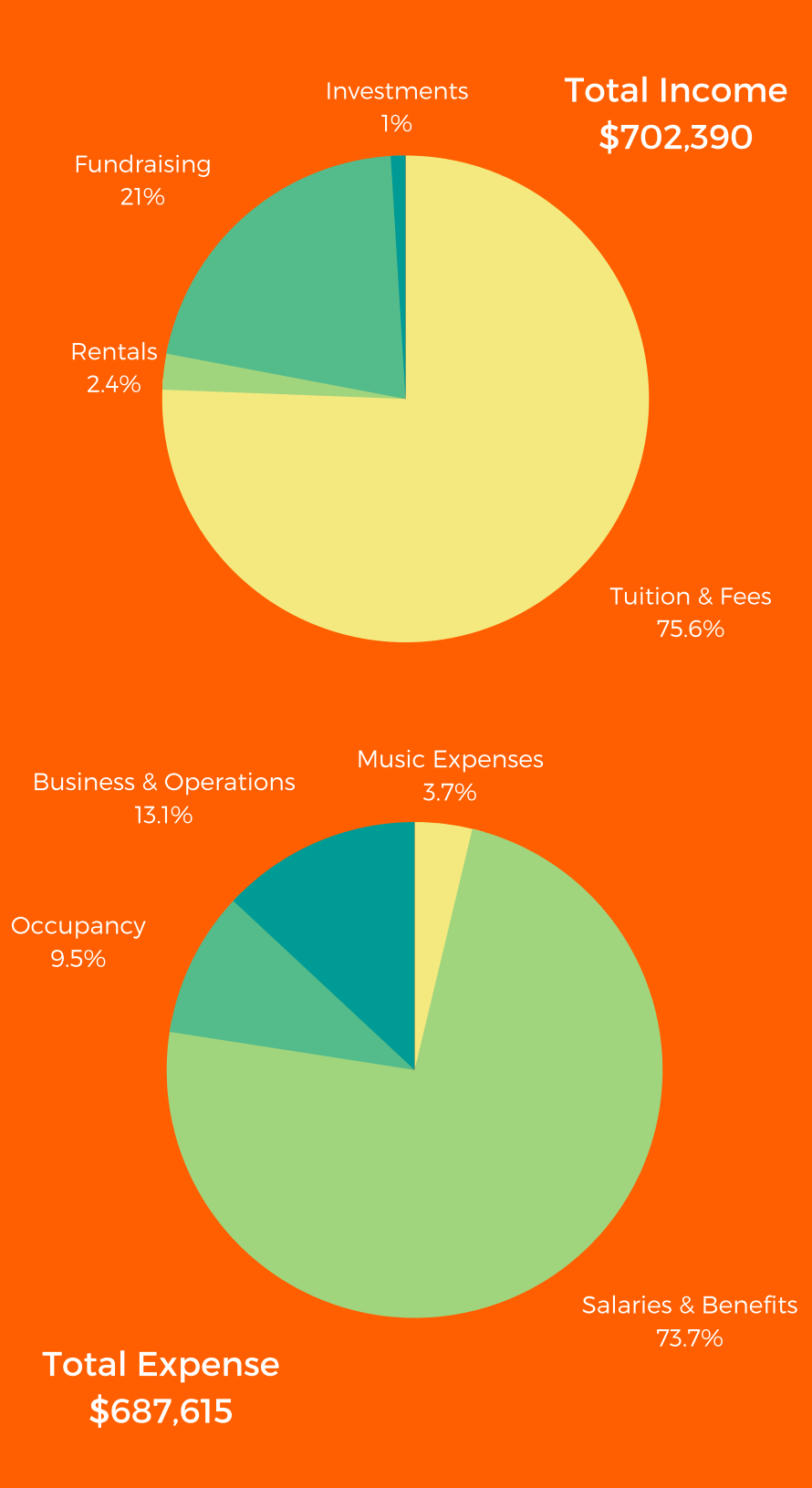
300+
individuals from 7 partner organizations share our space

\$35,305
need-based financial aid awarded to 60 students

"TEACHER MONICA AND THE WHOLE PROGRAM GAVE HENRY A DEEP LOVE FOR MUSIC AND PLANTED A SEED. I'M SO PROUD TO WATCH HIM GROW AS A YOUNG MUSICIAN AND LOOK FORWARD TO FINDING WAYS TO HELP CULTIVATE THAT LOVE. I CAN'T RECOMMEND MUSIC TOGETHER AT MUSIC CENTER OF THE NORTHWEST MORE HIGHLY."
-Dale, Music Together Parent



Income & Expenses



"WE HAVE ALWAYS CHERISHED QUALITY MUSIC EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN. HOWEVER, WE FOUND THE WAS COST PROHIBITIVE UNTIL WE FOUND MUSIC CENTER. NOT ONLY ARE THEIR FACULTY TOP NOTCH, BUT THEY HAVE PROVIDED TUITION ASSISTANCE SINCE WE BEGAN LESSONS. MY CHILDREN'S PERSONAL GROWTH AND MUSIC GROWTH HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!"

-Emily Harkey, parent to Seth, 15, viola and Evelyn, 10, violin



After school music at Northgate Elementary, in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH INITIATIVE

Music and the arts play a pivotal role in completing a well-rounded education. It is widely acknowledged that school programs such as these are on the front line of budget cuts, with music classes constantly stripped down or cut entirely. In 2017-2018 we continued to build on our outreach partnerships with Broadview Thomson K-8 and Northgate Elementary, both Title I schools, by providing over 120 hours of classroom hours of instrumental instruction at no cost to the school or students.

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