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ACCENT PONTIAC
2020–2021 Annual Report



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The pages of this 2020-2021 Annual Report tell a wonderful story of growth and accomplishment for Accent Pontiac in our fifth year of partnership with the Pontiac School District. In a year that presented the ongoing challenges of a global pandemic, Accent Pontiac's staff, volunteers, community partners, financial supporters, parents, and students continued to create a community of excellence, opportunity, and mutual support as we lived into our mission of social change through music.

With a passionate commitment to our Accent Pontiac families, our teachers provided innovative programming that nurtured our students' musical growth, academic skills, and social-emotional learning. Our broad network of friends and funders provided financial security, lesson sites, performance opportunities, meals, and the many things needed to engage our eager and talented young musicians.



Tina Rowan
Executive Director
Accent Pontiac



In a season that limited our hosting of large, in-person classes, Accent Pontiac intentionally focused on going deep with the students we were able to serve: individualized and intensive musical instruction; wrap-around support services; transportation; and full meals at programming each day. We have seen our children grow and blossom as musicians and as individuals in the strength of the relationships with their teachers and peers during the year.

We are proud and grateful for all that has been accomplished during the 2020-2021 program year. Most especially, we are grateful to our entire family of supporters for your continued confidence in Accent Pontiac and support of our work.



Barbara Littleton
President
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MISSION

Strengthening Pontiac's youth and community through equitable access to intensive and consistent music making.



100 students served



11 staff members



120 volunteers



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Social Change Through Music in Pontiac, MI

General Music *Virtual classes with our Pontiac partner schools*

Percussion *Bucket Band, Drumming & Keyboard Instruments*

Brass *Trumpet, Trombone & Euphonium*

Woodwinds *Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone*

Music Production *Beatmaking & Songwriting*

Community Time *Homework Help & Leadership Development*

All programs are free of charge.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

20

Weeks of small-group
in-person music
programming

14

Weeks of porch
lessons: outdoor,
socially-distanced
music lessons

9

Weeks of virtual
music programming

19

Student performances

6

Field trips

1

Guest artist event



SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Hosted porch lessons along with food deliveries and other wrap-around support thanks to partnerships with Micah 6 and Pontiac's My COVID Response Network.



NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Hosted the 3rd annual Green Bucket Run at Kirk in the Hills, with all proceeds benefiting Accent Pontiac's music programs.



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Awarded funding from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and CultureSource through a competitive grant process, used to fund the relaunch of porch lessons in spring and summer.

Launched during-school virtual music classes serving students at Pontiac School District elementary schools.

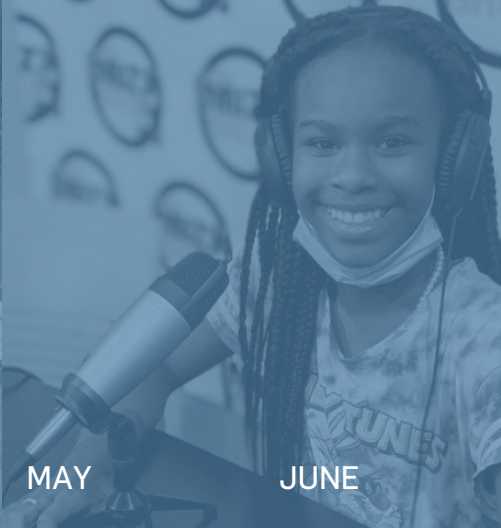
Launched in-person small-group programming at Kirk in the Hills with homework help, a hot meal, and transportation in addition to music instruction.



MARCH

APRIL

Presented a virtual showcase, highlighting the progress of our student musicians.



MAY

JUNE

Launched outdoor music programming at Center for Success - Pontiac.



JULY

AUGUST

Hosted 6 field trips for Accent Pontiac students, including attending outdoor concerts and visiting a waterpark.

Hosted a one-week intensive outdoor summer program, culminating in a parent showcase.



IMPACT

88% of student participants reached musical growth goals on brass and percussion instruments.

97% of student participants showed growth in at least one of the following social-emotional skill areas: Self-Awareness, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness, Decision Making, and Self-Management.

You can tell what organizations are truly in it for the community, and Accent Pontiac is one of those organizations. Accent Pontiac meets students exactly where they are and continues to deepen their commitment to their students and families.

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- Andrea Meyer, Community Partner

2020 - 2021 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Audited financial statements available at www.accentpontiac.org/financials

Total Revenue: \$456,248



- *Grants: \$287,583
- Fundraising Events: \$36,635
- Individual and Corporate Donations: \$112,139
- In-Kind: \$19,380
- Investment Income: \$511

**Includes multi-year contributions restricted to future years*

Total Expenses: \$359,454



- Program: \$252,453
- Development: \$68,908
- Administrative: \$38,093

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